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-Federal traveler, via [FedRooms.com website usability survey](#)

LIQUIDS RESTRICTIONS LIKELY TO BE LIFTED IN 2009



The TSA is likely to ease restrictions and enable airline passengers to once again carry large bottles of liquids sometime next year.

As the restrictions are eased, passengers will likely still be required to remove liquids from carry-on bags at airport checkpoints and put them through X-ray machines separately. However, if all goes well, travelers may be able to keep liquids in carry-on baggage as they proceed through checkpoints by the end of 2010.

Similar restrictions are likely to be eased in airports in other countries as well.

The reason for the change is the introduction of more advanced technology, which will enable checkpoint X-ray machines to identify dangerous liquids.

Source: USA Today

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PREPARING FOR UPCOMING AIRLINE CAPACITY CUTS

As widely reported by North American media, many airlines will reduce capacity in the next several months, including the number of flights and size of planes on certain routes. Reductions will vary by airline, market, and other factors, but travelers should be aware of the situation and consider the following actions to ensure travel is minimally impacted:

- Plan trips and book flights as far in advance as possible. While 7-14 day advance purchase typically results in significant savings, travelers would be well served to book their travel 14-21 days before departure if possible, as they will be vying with other business and leisure travelers for fewer available seats.
- Taking flights early in the day continues to be optimal, as delays will not yet have spread across the network. If delays do occur, travelers will have more chances to be re-routed on another flight later in the day.
- Travelers should continue to book travel in accordance to Federal Travel Regulations, which includes the City Pair Program and FedRooms. In a climate where the cost of travel services is increasing, this practice provides agencies the data needed to maintain current discount levels or negotiate minimal increases or even price decreases.

Source: CWT Traveler, Dallas Morning News, USA Today

DID YOU KNOW?

American Airlines spent approximately \$425 million on in-flight meals in 2001
 Source: www.arcamax.com/travel

FEDROOMS® FAQs

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Q:** Can I book FedRooms Hotels for leisure travel?
A: Yes. The FedRooms Rate is available to government employees on leisure travel at approximately 60% of the more than 6,500 participating properties. To access the FedRooms Rate, simply visit www.fedrooms.com, enter your search criteria, and select "leisure" in the "Filter Search Results" section.
- Q:** Can I book rooms for 2009 on FedRooms.com?
A: FedRooms has already added a number of hotels for 2009, and will continue adding more in the coming weeks. As these hotels are added into the system, 2009 rates are made available immediately through FedRooms.com.

- There are currently more than 6,500 hotels in the FedRooms® program from around the world.
- Travelers can recommend specific hotels for inclusion in the FedRooms program through the "[Nominate a Hotel](#)" link on FedRooms.com.
- FedRooms® is the official government-wide lodging program managed by the U.S. General Services Administration. (GSA).

