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New Airline Routes Head to Eastern Europe, Wisconsin, and Even Baghdad

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Sometimes it's hard to stay on top of all the new route announcements that come our way, so we've compiled a little bit of a rundown below. As long as you can afford the fares, this should definitely help add to your passport stamp collection.

· Finnair:

If you're looking for a different European experience this summer, maybe Finland is worth a visit. Finnair is bringing back its nonstop service between **Toronto and Helsinki**, beginning on May 26, five days a week through the beginning of September. Even if Finland isn't your final destination, the flight is timed so that you can connect to around 50 other destinations in Europe. For those located in the nifty fifty, don't forget that American Airlines is launching a **Helsinki option from Chicago** beginning this May—they're buddies with Finnair in the oneworld airline alliance.

· Delta:

Summer is just around the corner, or at least that's what we keep telling ourselves. Delta is getting right to start-up all kinds of seasonal service starting on June 1, so we wanted to pass along just a few of the destinations that are accessible from New York-JFK. **Budapest, Zurich, and Kiev all become nonstop options** at the beginning of June, but act quickly, as service wraps up on October 29. There's similar season service from the Big Apple to Reykjavik and Malaga, Spain as well.

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· **Austrian Airlines:**

It's probably not the ultimate tourist destination just yet, but slowly and surely **Baghdad is starting to get daily nonstop service**. The latest airline to start-up commercial service to Iraq is Austrian Airlines, as they're starting up flights between Vienna and Baghdad three times per week. It has been around 20 years since Austrian Airlines has served Baghdad, so they must think 2011 is the right time to do so. Flights will begin on June 8 thanks to a little help from Airbus A320 aircraft, so if you're looking for a weekend trip from Vienna...think Baghdad. Or not.

· **Frontier:**

Furry animals and free cookies are coming to **Rhineland, Wisconsin as well as Manistee, Michigan** thanks to Frontier Airlines. Flights will head to each city to and from Milwaukee where Frontier has plenty of other flights, so you'll be able to escape the Midwest for a beach vacation or beyond. The flights started up earlier this week, and assuming that passengers fill up the Embraer 135s, they should stick around for quite some time.

· **Virgin America:**

Alright this one is just a new route rumor at this point, but when it comes to Virgin America we can't help but share the latest news. Fresh off their debut at SFO's freshly renovated Terminal 2, the airline is looking to expand to **Newark-Liberty and Washington-Reagan National at some point in 2011**. The airline's CEO seems to be most interested in these two spots, but it depends on a lot of other factors. If things don't work out, he said there's always places like Austin and Atlanta—we'll keep you posted!

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