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The Lufthansa Patient Transport Compartment.

In Transit

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Our weekday morning digest that includes consumer news, deals, tips and anything else that travelers may want to know.

AN LGBT GUIDE FROM LONELY PLANET

The guidebook series Lonely Planet has released a free digital book for LGBT travelers. The 46-page "[Lonely Planet's Guide to Pride: 20 Cities & Their Celebrations](#)" is available exclusively on

iBooks and covers cities around the world including London, New York, San Francisco, Sydney and Toronto.

For each destination, the brand's correspondents, many of whom are part of the LGBT community themselves, cover gay-friendly restaurants, bars and hotels as well as Gay Pride celebrations like parades and marches.

AN IN-FLIGHT I.C.U.

As of this month, all [Lufthansa](#) long-haul flights (defined as routes flown on either a Boeing 747-8 or Airbus A380 plane) leaving from Munich or Frankfurt are equipped with an intensive care unit called the Patient Transport Compartment (PTC). The space, in the rear of the aircraft, must be booked in advance and was created for sick passengers who have to travel. The \$40,000 to \$50,000 price tag for a one-way journey is hefty, but it comes with a doctor and a paramedic trained in intensive care and has a patient's bed, seats for the two staff members and medical equipment found in a hospital I.C.U. like infusion pumps, ventilators and [defibrillators](#).

AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE IN BATH

The ancient Roman city of Bath in England is famous for its healing thermal waters, and when the Gainsborough Bath Spa opens on July 1, it will be the only hotel in the country where travelers can immerse themselves — literally — in this attraction.

The 99-room property, in a 19th-century Georgian building in the center of town, has a pipe that connects to the springs with the mineral-rich thermal waters. They are in three pools heated to between 93 and 104 degrees in the 14,000-square-foot bi-level spa. Only hotel guests or those with spa memberships will be able to soak in them for no charge and also use the other facilities like the traditional and infrared saunas, steam room and ice alcove.

Apart from the spa, the property also has a suite and two guest rooms that have access to the thermal waters through taps at the bathtubs and, with regard to design, it sticks to the building's architectural aesthetic: The New York City firm Champalimaud has given the hotel a classic Georgian feel with light hues and period furniture along with modern touches like artwork by students from the Bath School of Art and Design.

Prices, from \$440 a night, include the use of the spa facilities including the thermal pools.

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