

## Travel via the Moon

You have just passed the hardest part of your journey, TSA, and now the fun part starts.

The next area on the way to your departing gate for American Airlines is their **Admiral's Club**, if you're going to United or Delta, you'll be looking for their private lounges enroute to your gate. Membership cost is around \$450 per year. Whoa.a.a.—way too much for their standard use of free Wi-Fi, selected free, or lower priced, drinks at the bar, choice of free nuts, cookies, sandwiches, cheese and dips and even the free telephones spread around the room. Oh sure, the surroundings are far better than sitting around your airline gate for a couple of hours waiting for your flight to load and be gone from the terminal, but not for \$400-\$500.

And **YES** you can get into the lounge for less. Most of these lounges are available for \$50 for the day you're traveling, but is that cost worth it. Well, how about if the availability of that lounge is at your departing airport and also at your **arriving airport**. Of course, when you arrive at your destination, why would you want to go to an airport lounge? You want to get to whatever destination brought you to this city. Oh, you're changing flights and getting on another plane, headed to another city or country. Well, if you have a couple hours layover at this second airport, it's been a long "day" getting here – wouldn't a quick shower be a huge comfort, and no, you don't need your suitcase that is somewhere in the belly of an airplane or baggage area. Those shower areas will give you **free** toiletries and towels. Now, not every airport lounge will offer you the shower on your stop-over, but with American you can shower up at JFK, ORD, DFW, BOS, MIA, or LAX. Does that make the \$50 sound better?

One more option: travel **first class** and those lounge areas are yours **free**, just remind the airline agent when you check in!