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### Volcanic disruption aftermath: Parking fees

After being stranded by the Icelandic volcano eruption and getting hit by additional expenses for hotel stays, airline tickets and surging taxi fares in Europe, fliers are returning to U.S. airports to find another hefty charge: parking fees.

By Roger Yu  
USA TODAY  
But several major U.S. airports are offering some relief. New York JFK, Newark Liberty, Las Vegas and Denver all say they plan to waive additional charges accrued by travelers who parked their cars at those airports before departing for Europe.

At JFK and Newark, the refund applies to people who flew out before the volcano erupted on April 14 and were scheduled to return on April 15 or after. They'll have to pay the full price upon departure but can submit a refund request for the extra days along with records showing they were stranded by the air travel shutdown.

Denver International is also offering partial refunds. Travelers must pay the entire amount to exit the airport and provide proof later — showing travel dates — to be reimbursed for the difference.

Las Vegas McCarran spokesman Chris Jones says the airport hasn't had anyone request a refund but will not charge customers "for any unplanned parking fees incurred during periods in which a traveler was unable to return to Las Vegas due to volcano-related cancellations."

Meanwhile, Philadelphia International says it's been offering free Wi-Fi to stranded travelers. They



NCR 27000 kiosk  
NCR: Is installing download kiosks at airports.



Open for business: The O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg has a new Central Terminal.

can access the Internet, which is normally free on weekdays only to students, by requesting a password at the airport's information counters. To accommodate stranded travelers, the local transportation authority has also waived the \$7 fee for rail rides to downtown from the airport.

► **The trend** of airports offering valet parking has a new wrinkle. Indianapolis International has started selling simple car maintenance service to travelers using its valet parking for more than 24 hours. Among the services available: car wash (\$9), "interior detailing" (\$67) and oil change (\$32).

► **Technology company** NCR plans to install

kiosks at airports that will sell and rent digital downloads of movies, music and TV shows.

Kiosks will be placed starting next month at In-Motion Entertainment stores in 35 airports. Customers can download the files to their memory cards or USB sticks for play on laptops and other media devices.

Renting a movie costs \$3.99, while a music track is about \$1. Customers have 30 days to watch a rented movie. Once it starts, a movie will be available for 48 hours.

► **Detroit Metro** began testing six wind turbines, a \$75,000 effort to supplement the airport's power supply. Made in Michigan, the turbines can

"harness wind energy at lower wind speeds," the airport says. Boston Logan also has wind turbines.

► **Travel + Leisure** names the 10 "best airport hot spots" in its latest issue. Two domestic sites made the list: Houston InterContinental's Le Grand

Comptoir, a wine snack bar, and Miami's Britto, a shop that sells items designed by Brazilian artist Romero Britto.

► **Alaska Airlines** is adding more flights to warm-weather destinations. Daily service between San Diego and Maui, Hawaii, launches on Oct. 1. On Nov. 12, seasonal flights begin between Portland, Ore., and Kona, Hawaii, and between San Diego and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Horizon Air, a sister carrier to Alaska Airlines, will launch four daily round-trip flights between San Jose and Los Angeles starting Aug. 23.

► **Frontier Airlines** launched service last week to five new cities from its main hubs in Denver and Milwaukee. From Denver, the airline added flights to Louisville; Green Bay, Wis.; and Branson, Mo. From Milwaukee, Frontier is offering seasonal service to San Francisco and San Diego.

Testing: A Windspire Energy wind turbine.

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