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DELTA

FEATURING

MILAN
LOS ANGELES
BEIJING
VANCOUVER
PARIS

THE DETROIT TIGERS'
MIGUEL CABRERA:
INSPIRING THE CITY
HE CALLS HOME

EXPLORING THE
BEST OF **MOTOWN:**
1 CITY/5 WAYS

SEEKING ADVENTURE
AMONG **SYDNEY'S**
URBAN CHARMS

SEIZING
OPPORTUNITY
IN AMERICA'S
MOTOR CITY

GAME ON, DETROIT

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The Center

Delta's 400,000-square-foot flight attendant training center in Atlanta is equipped with a live fire training pit, a ditching pool and a simulation plane that shakes, spews smoke and has a blown-up evacuation slide.



By the Numbers

There are currently more than 21,000 flight attendants working for Delta. Of those, 190 are also instructors who are on loan to the training department during flight attendant training.

Sky-high Training

During the program, trainees get hands-on experience by spending several days assisting flight attendants in the air.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Flight Attendant Training

With Delta flight attendants, what you see is *not* what you get. "Ninety-five percent of their training should be invisible most of the time," says an instructor at Delta's flight attendant training center in Atlanta. Customer service is extremely important—helping stow baggage, answering questions, serving meals and beverages, etc.—but even more crucial is the role that flight attendants play in keeping each flight safe. This year, 100,000 people applied to become a Delta flight attendant, but only 1,500 made the cut, an acceptance rate even lower than that of Harvard's (5.8 percent in 2013). During the 7½-week training program—which runs six days a week, sometimes 12 to 14 hours a day—prospective flight attendants learn about the airline industry and get practice securing doors from various planes in the airline's fleet, putting out fires, evacuating planes, administering first aid, operating safety equipment and preparing for any and all types of emergencies. Trainees who score at least 90 percent on both classwork and the final exam earn their wings—and the opportunity to join the more than 21,000 men and women in the Delta uniform who help ensure the safety of millions of passengers every year.



MEDALLION PICK

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, ATLANTA

When staying in Atlanta, Diamond Medallion member Douglas Wano of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, opts for this luxurious hotel in the Midtown district. "[It] has excellent meeting facilities and a great bar," he says. "Its Park 75 restaurant is also a great place to have lunch."

HOT LIST

Travel Accessories

MOD NOTEBOOK

Fill up this hardbound notebook with handwritten jottings and sketches, then Mod will digitize it for viewing on its app. \$29



INTELLIGENT NUTRIENTS SUPERNATURAL SKIN TRAVEL SET

Rejuvenate skin with this quintet that includes certified-organic cleanser, moisturizer, eye gel, a serum and a tonic. \$95



COACH LARGE TRAVEL COSMETIC CASE

Made of saffiano leather, this fabric-lined bag holds cosmetic brushes, jewelry and makeup and comes in two colors. \$118

