

PASSPORT



COLLABORATIONS

10 star years

The award-winning Star Alliance celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, not just as the first but also as the largest alliance of airlines in the world. Its 17 member airlines link 855

airports in 155 countries, with 16,000 departures per day and a combined fleet of more than 2,800 airplanes. Through the alliance, 413 million passengers – more than 27 per cent of the world's air travellers – enjoy enhanced frequent flyer programmes and a more consistent flying experience.

Singapore Airlines has been a member of Star Alliance (above) from as far back as 2000, allowing it to offer its customers more destination choices, better connections and a seamless travel experience.

[www.staralliance.com/en/travellers]



WORLDVIEW

pack mentality

Ease those travel annoyances – hauling luggage, waiting around for it, or finding that it's lost or delayed. A company called Personal Porter will collect your bags from almost anywhere in the world before a trip, and have them waiting for you at home or your hotel. Flylite, calling itself 'the world's only remote wardrobe manager for frequent fliers', will pack, dry-clean and store your luggage between trips, while Tiny Tots Away (right) will deliver children's necessities – including diapers and baby food – to your holiday destination.

[www.personalporter.com.au]

[Flylite, Tel: 888 435 9548]

[www.tinytotsaway.com]



KIDS

junior suites

Themed hotel rooms are kids' dreams come true. Ramada Resort Karon Beach in Phuket, Thailand, has specially designed kids rooms planned around three themes

– Castle, Outer Space and Underwater. Attached to parents' rooms, they feature accessories, like submarine periscopes and fish tanks, along with Playstations, DVD players, movies, 32" LCD TV and KidzClub toy boxes. Young ones have even more choices at

Canad Inns' properties in Manitoba, Canada. Themes include Under the Sea, Outer Space, Jungle, Wizards, Super Heroes, Bear Forest, Mouse Town, and Fairy Tale Princess. For futuristic themes, it's Kids Sphere

Hotel (left) in Belgium, with its sci-fi exhibitions and hands-on events that keep kids busy.

[www.ramadaphuket.com]

[www.canadinns.com]

[www.atomiurn.be]

