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THE COMPANY CARVING A NEW BACKCOUNTRY SKI DESTINATION—IN ASIA

"Kyrgyzstan is like Colorado on steroids," says Ryan Koupal, founder of **40 Tribes**, a yurt camp in the Kyrgyz wilderness geared toward die-hard skiers who crave untouched backcountry in a location more exotic than the Alps. And the culture may surprise you. "Kyrgyzstan is very different from the other 'Stans—the people have opened themselves to the world in a way that's unique for Central Asia," he says. Expect incredible Kyrgyz hospitality—traditional dishes prepped by a local chef and a steady stream of tea and vodka—plus yurts with immediate slope access and views of Issyk-Kul, the second-largest alpine lake in the world. But most unforgettable? Koupal says swooping down the slopes, surrounded by 20,000-foot peaks, glaciated terrain, and spruce forests, "feels like you're skiing on the edge of the earth." —A.G.

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The Bag That Will Reform Your Inner Packrat

JACK SPADE'S **PEBBLE-LEATHER DOPP KITS** (\$98) WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE IN A TINY BUT IMPORTANT WAY. THEY ARE HALF THE STANDARD SIZE, SO YOU'RE FORCED TO PACK ONLY WHAT YOU NEED, NOT THE EXTRA HAIR GOOP OR THIRD LIP GLOSS.



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GETTING MAROONED AT THE AIRPORT? NO LONGER THE WORST!

CATCH A CONCERT DURING YOUR CONNECTION

This month, the iconic Seattle music label **Sub Pop** opens a retail space in Sea-Tac International's Central Terminal. It's not just a store, though: It will also host live rock shows. In the airport.

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DOWNRIGHT ADDICTIVE BREAKFAST SANDWICHES

The light at the end of the red-eye is restaurateur Danny Meyer's JFK-only addition to his new Shake Shack at Terminal 4: **A Niman Ranch egg, sausage, and cheese sammy** that rivals the Shack's renowned burger.

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DELAYED DEPARTURE? CONFIRMED SWEDISH MASSAGE

Qatar Airways' premium terminals at Doha International now offer all the **perks of a top-of-the-line resort**: plush beds for cat naps; a spa with saunas, Jacuzzis, and a massage menu; and bellhops who will pick up your bags and keep an eye on them while you relax.

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GO FOR THE SCENE, STAY FOR THE FLIGHT

Toronto's Porter Airlines terminal is a **boogie traveler's dream**: free refreshments, free computers with Wi-Fi, and free newspapers. Plus, the seats are so comfortable. Locals sometimes arrive early to hang out because you always see someone you know—or meet someone new.

—Sanford Riley,
Toronto-based architect