

# STYLE RADAR

## TAP THAT APP

### LoungeBuddy

Famed for well-worn chairs, screaming children and, most recently, the death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's brother, airport departure gates are known to be hellish.

The solution? Hit your nearest airport lounge!

Considered a holy land for frequent flyers, these premium waiting rooms are exclusive and free entry is usually granted only to those with first-class tickets, airline memberships or flashy credit cards. For the rest of us, payment is almost always necessary.

Enter LoungeBuddy: your mobile guide to gaining lounge entry on the cheap. Available on both iOS and Android, this handy app assesses your travel itinerary to determine which lounges you can access during your next departure wait or layover.

Here's how it works: click the 'trip' option and then select 'create.' Next, enter your airline, flight number and travel date. Once you have found and selected your flight, the app will give you your lounge options at each airport you'll visit on your trip and whether your ticket grants you access.

If your economy class flight to Bangkok does not allow you access to any of the lounges in, say, Hong Kong International Airport, LoungeBuddy will inform you how much extra you have to pay to enter – provided that's an option.

If, for whatever reason, you don't want to enter your flight information, you can simply click 'purchase access' and browse the app's extensive list of airports until you find the departure, arrival or layover destination that applies to you.

When we browsed the list, we selected Chiang Mai International Airport's Coral Executive Lounge and were able to buy entry for only RMB150. This deal included free beer and wine, a kids' room, Internet terminals, 'premium food,' TVs, snacks and access to showers, among other perks.

If you, valued reader, are a regular flyer, consider this app an essential travel tool.

LoungeBuddy is available on both iOS and Android devices.



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## CHEAP CHIC VS LUX LABEL

### Frost Yourself

An 'ingenius' line for a diamonds campaign developed by Matthew McConaughey's character in the 2003 rom-com *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, "frost yourself" intended to show that women don't need men to give them diamonds – they can get them on their own. Shocking, right?

Profound truths of romantic comedies aside, spring is blossoming here in the PRD, giving you a fair excuse to expose those sexy, er, ears and invest in a timeless pair of diamond studs.

For our high-rollers, we've selected Pamela Love's signature gold handmade earrings. Featuring a glistening diamond in the center surrounded by five protruding arrows, these have a vintage, art deco feel that'll work just as well with a bridesmaid dress as they do with a t-shirt and ripped jeans.

On the cheaper end is an asymmetrical pair from French brand APM Monaco. Though heavier on the bling, these jewels won't let you get very far without turning some heads.

## INSPECT-A-GADGET

### Robot Vacuum

Autonomous robot vacuum cleaner is a mouthful, so I call mine Jeffery. Jeffery is a Midea R3 and comes with a floor-level docking station, or home, where he charges up, waiting for the push of a remote's button before lurching into a pattern of concentric circles as he spins his dual bristles. Jeffery collects a surprising amount of dirt and hair, but something as thin as a yoga mat or an errant wire will leave him beeping helplessly until you notice.

Irregular shaped apartments aren't ideal for Jeffery, who seems to require a clean line of sight home for the promised 'auto-return' to work. Over about two months Jeffery made it home once, and we had ice cream to celebrate.

Jeffery is a lower-range model, with his cousins sporting extra sensors and pre-



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mium room-analyzing features that make them more expensive (and less hands-on). Whether or not you spring for a more expensive model like the Roomba 980 (RMB4,500), a robot vacuum will put a dent in your sweeping duties, just don't throw out the broom and dustbin.