

Travel Watch

Snaring a Spot on a Private Jet

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A new search engine, dubbed Empty Legs, lets passengers find deep discounts on typical private-jet rates by hooking them up with empty jets that are already in use. Most available flights have either just delivered a customer or are en route to pick up a customer. The search engine is offered by **OneSky Jets**, a private jet company, at www.onesky.com. Of the nearly 2,700 private jets flown every day, an estimated 40% fly empty, according to OneSky. While a typical charter for eight passengers from Seattle to Las Vegas might cost \$20,000, a recent flight on Empty Legs went for just over \$6,000. A one-way first-class ticket for the same route runs close to \$400.