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Zac Posen

ver the past three years, famed fashion couturier Zac Posen shadowed Delta Air Lines' 64,000 employees in a mission to create the Fly Me to the Moon, Shaping the Sky, and Glamour Take Off uniform collections. The three lines are tailored to each position, from baggage handlers to pilots to stewards. Life on the tarmac is the norm for this New York native who, beyond jetting around the globe, has also called London and Paris home. We caught up with Posen on the fly while he was in Los Angeles for the unveiling of Delta's new uniforms. -Bekah Wright

What inspired your designs for Delta's new uniforms?

I spent a lot of time looking at different uniforms from the past and present. I love aviation design, so I incorporated winginspired collars on women's blouses and special pockets for passports and pens. The thought and innovation behind the fabrics separate the new Delta uniforms apart from past uniforms. It's a style that's functional, glamorous, and timeless.

As an airplane passenger, what are your go-tos for comfortable travel?

I always pack a Brooks Brothers cashmere sweater, because you never know what the plane temperature will be. I also like to bring my own blanket and warm socks if it's a long flight.

Travel item you always pack?

A good face mask, which keeps me looking fresh.

Snack you eat when traveling?

Gummy Bears and a lot of water.

What's your favorite restaurant?

I love eating at Matsuhisa Beverly Hills. The last couple of times I've been, I've gotten to eat with Mr. Nobu [Matsuhisa] himself, which is always such a fantastic experience.

Where do you connect with

nature? My parents' country house in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. I spend a lot of time gardening there.

