

# A last minute detour

Swiss operator Global Jet Concept had reason to be thankful for the resourcefulness of its crew recently when its Airbus ACJ was flying extra-long range from the east coast of the US to Asia, calling at Alaska for a fuel stop.

The aircraft landed at Anchorage in the middle of the night, only for the crew to be informed that the onward flight would be delayed by eight hours due to extreme weather on route. The clients would then face further delays to their trip due to duty time and rest period requirements for the crew.

An eight-hour delay could have passed slowly but the lead flight attendant had the idea of taking the passengers on a night tour of the city. This would not only keep them amused but would allow the remaining crew sufficient rest for the mission to continue smoothly.

VIP flight attendant and inflight instructor Mallory Mortier says: “There were few resources to hand but the lead flight attendant borrowed a car from our handling agent, did a few quick online searches

on what to see and do in Anchorage, then took our clients on an unforgettable improvised adventure.” They were taken for a drive along the coast, continued on to Chugach National Forest, past the fjords, and then enjoyed breakfast in a local diner.