

Make Your Next Road Trip An Enjoyable One

(NAPSA)—To avoid drowsy driving, get a good night's rest before starting your trip and stop often. Stop at trusted locations, such as travel plazas managed by HMSHost. The company offers dining and retail opportunities at more than 100 highway service rest stops from the Midwest to Mid-Atlantic, Northeast and Ontario, Canada.

The newest of these rest stops, the Delaware Welcome Center Travel Plaza, is now open on Interstate 95, near Wilmington, Del. Among the delicious food offered at the light-filled travel plaza are Baja Fresh, an innovative blend of Southwestern and Mexican cuisine serving freshly prepared tacos and burritos: Brioche Dorée, a French bakery and café featuring sandwiches and salads: as well as Starbucks Coffee, Popeyes, Cinnabon, Carvel, Famous Famiglia Pizza and Burger King.

Travelers can also take advantage of tax-free shopping, with merchandise offered at four new retail shops. Z Market, an upscale convenience store, offers travel essentials, newspapers, magazines and gourmet prepackaged food to go. Postcards from Delaware, which sells products that highlight the state's distinctive heritage and culture, joins Bijoux Terner and IShades.

Photographs of Delaware attractions and scenery, representing every county of the state, grace the center's interior walls.

Wherever you go on your next road trip or family vacation, you may want to avoid some common



New choices in dining, shopping and fueling are open and serving motorists at the Delaware Welcome Center Travel Plaza.

roadblocks to a pleasant trip. Here are a few pointers on preventing breakdowns and driver fatigue:

- Do you need that? Make a list before packing the car.
- Check your tires and your tire pressure. Tires can lose pressure quickly, and proper inflation helps prevent blowouts. It also helps to improve fuel economy.
- Check your car's fluids and wiper blades. Have your oil changed. Also, check the coolant/antifreeze mixture in your vehicle's radiator. Inspect the wiper blades. Also, check the windshield washer fluid reservoir. Don't forget your car's battery. If it is more than three years old, have it tested at a certified automotive repair facility.
- Prepare for roadside emergencies. Create a kit that contains a flashlight, flares and first-aid basics. Bring along jumper cables, a mat or blanket and some basic tools to help change a tire. Also, add some water and nonperishable food in case of a breakdown.