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Feature Destination:

This month's feature destination is Houston, Texas. Houston has placed significant thought into accessible activities for people with disabilities to participate in. If you love the outdoors, Houston has you covered and you can find it all at [AbilityTrip](#). Also, check out the transportation system - it's robust on all levels - from accessible cabs to mass transit. To learn more and obtain helpful links, visit our [Houston destination page](#).

Traveler of the Month:

AbilityTrip member Reveca is an avid traveler and has visited Guadalajara several times. She reports that Guadalajara is a challenging city to get around in a wheelchair as many of the buildings have steps. However, she still loves to visit the city and writes, "People in Guadalajara are very friendly and eager to help you in/out of their store or accommodating you at a restaurant." To read more, visit our [Guadalajara destination page](#).

Like what you have read? Then share your travel experiences! Please take a little time to complete [this basic template of information](#) found on our website for any destination.

Picture of the Month:

Reveca at Instituto Cabanas -
Guadalajara, Mexico



AbilityTip of the month:

Who would think that an electric wheelchair could not possibly fit in a belly of a plane? Well, here are a few important tips to hopefully avoid breakages and other chair mishaps:

1. Ask the ticket agent what type of aircraft you will be flying - some not large enough for an electric wheelchair.
2. Be vocal about how to handle your chair.
3. Have instructions on how to handle your chair laminated and hang from your chair before flight. Also include your cell phone.

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4. Remove the headrest, rojo cushion, and side supports - place them in a carry on bag.
5. When getting your chair back from flight, check over your chair thoroughly to inspect for broken parts. If your chair happened to be damaged go directly to customer service and have it documented. Usually the airline will replace damaged parts, but it must be documented immediately.

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