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Newark Airport ranked second from the bottom in an amenities survey of 15 international airports. (John O'Boyle/The Star-Ledger)

Newark Liberty, NYC airports at bottom of list for amenities, survey finds

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An airport in Hong Kong has an 18-hole golf course near Terminal 2.

Another airport in Seoul has an ice rink and one in Paris provides free strollers for passengers to wheel their children through the terminal.

When it comes to even common amenities such as an on-site post office or free public Wi-Fi, Newark Liberty International Airport and other Port Authority of New York and New Jersey airports are at the bottom of the list, according to **a ranking of 15 international airports** released today by the Global Gateway Alliance in New York.

Newark and JFK airports had just four of the 11 amenities on the survey, and LaGuardia had only two.

The New York region airports were the only three American airports in the analysis.

A trio of airports — Tokyo Haneda, Munich and Incheon in South Korea — had all 11 reviewed amenities (day spas,

museums/exhibits, airport hotels, post offices, free Wi-Fi, conference rooms, one-seat ride, short-stay hotels/nap facilities, outdoor areas/observation decks and showers).

Amsterdam Schiphol, Dubai and Hong Kong had all but one of the amenities.

Newark has day spas, museums/exhibits, airport hotels and shoe shine, while JFK has day spas, museums/exhibits, shoe shine and outdoor areas/observation decks and LaGuardia has just museums/exhibits and shoe shine, according to the analysis.

"With new terminals at JFK and Newark, our airports have taken strides to provide passengers with a better experience," Global Gateway Alliance chairman Joe Sitt said in a news release. "But our analysis demonstrates New York still has a long way to go to catch our international competition."

The alliance noted that the Grand Central Oyster Bar in Newark Airport's Terminal C was on CNN's list of "Best Eats at 20 Busiest U.S. Airports" and lauded the airport for its holiday season showing of "New Work: Newark in 3D," a 3D video short (the airport handed out glasses) that "showed black and white images of Newark with readings and musical interludes from local artists."