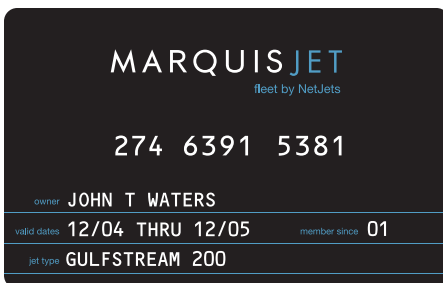


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Finally, there's the perfect gift for the person who has, well, almost everything. The Marquis Jet Card grants the holder the use of a private jet for 25 hours of flying time within one year. Think of it as a phone debit card that zaps air travel time instead of minutes. Prices vary depending on which jet model you choose to give (or keep for yourself).

The budget-conscious buyer can sign up for the use of a Citation V Ultra, which seats up to seven passengers and costs \$109,900 for 25 hours of flight time. That should easily get you and your group from Atlanta to Los Angeles in relative comfort.

Those who prefer to splurge might want to spring for the Gulfstream IV-SP, which accommodates up to 13 passengers and comes with flight attendant service. This will set you back \$299,900. However, you easily can make several jaunts to Europe and back for the price.

Marquis Jet Card is in alliance with NetJets, which operates a large fleet of private jets. Lisa Senters, vice president of sales for the Southeast, says her Atlanta-based office has been busy.

"Many people in the Atlanta area have bought these cards. It's been a good market," she says. It sure beats standing in an airport line waiting to get frisked.

"You just call and say you want a jet at Peachtree-DeKalb Airport, and it'll be waiting for you," Senters says.

Customers have included CEOs, celebrities and sports figures, as well as people who are buying the cards so they can fly in their children and grandchildren for visits, Senters says.

For information: 404-885-1325, www.marquisjet.com