

Lufthansa invites iPhone 'loser' to Germany

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Lufthansa said on Friday that it has invited the Apple software engineer [who left an iPhone prototype](#) in a German-style beer garden in California a free trip to "pick up where you last left off."

In a letter to Gray Powell published on the Internet, the German airline said it had "noted with great interest your passion for German beer and culture."

"We thought you could use a break soon -- and therefore would like to offer you complimentary business class transportation to Munich, where you can literally pick up where you last left off," the letter added.

A Lufthansa spokesman told AFP on Friday the letter was genuine.

Technology blog Gizmodo published this week photos of the next-generation phone, saying it had bought the gadget from an unnamed person also at the bar the night that Powell was celebrating his 27th birthday.

Gizmodo then identified the loser as Powell, saying he had left the phone on a bar stool when he left the establishment in Redwood City, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) from [Apple](#) headquarters in Cupertino.

It cited his latest [Facebook](#) update as saying: "I underestimated how good German beer is."

It was unclear if he had accepted Lufthansa's invitation to the southern

Germany city of Munich, home to a world-famous annual beer festival as well as numerous beer halls.

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