

The Concierge

TIPS FOR TOURING HERE AND ABROAD



LUGGAGEHERO

LuggageHero founder Jannik Lawaetz in Copenhagen.

Hassle-free storage for luggage

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Copenhagen entrepreneur Jannik Lawaetz, 32, hatched LuggageHero, his luggage-storing service, from personal experience.

"When I stayed at an Airbnb in London two years ago, I had no options for leaving my luggage anywhere after checking out, so I had to lug it around London," said Lawaetz. On the flip side, as an Airbnb host in his home city, more than half his guests ask for a place to leave their bags on check-out day.

LuggageHero, which takes reservations online, connects travelers with local businesses that will hold onto their bags for hours or even days. Many of the storage sites are retail shops and cafes, though Lawaetz also contracts with some hotels, a boon because they're open 24/7.

Since LuggageHero debuted last year, it's grown to offer 45 drop-off points in Copenhagen and 70 in London (the service is recommended by both cities' official tourist offices), and Lawaetz expects to expand into the United States later this year, hopefully to New York City.

To protect travelers, LuggageHero certifies its drop-off locations, covers bags with a security seal, and insures luggage up to \$765 against damage, loss, and theft. Charges include a 2 euro (\$2.30) start-up fee, 1 euro (\$1.15) per hour rate and 10 euro (\$11.50) max per day per bag the first day and 5 euros (\$5.75) thereafter. The shops take a percentage of the fee and also become known to potential customers.

"It's a great feeling to make a concept that really helps people," Lawaetz said. "Being left with your luggage can really ruin an arrival or departure day."

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AMELIA ISLAND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

HAVE APP, WILL TOUR

Self-guided sightseeing is hot in Sunshine State

Sure, when you visit Key West, you can easily find the top Ernest Hemingway stops on your own. But Florida Stories, a free app-based walking tour series sponsored and co-produced by the Florida Humanities Council, will point you to a wealth of other historic sights there — and in nearly a dozen other spots around the state. In Key West, additional points of interest include the Custom House, once the center of the shipwreck salvage business; and the 1869 Curry Mansion Inn, former home to William Curry, considered to be the

state's first self-made millionaire and a prominent figure in the southernmost city.

The insightful strolls, which are up to 1.5 miles long and include 10 or so significant locations, can be downloaded for free. The narration at each stop lasts around five minutes and features historical, architectural, and cultural snapshots, all intended to preserve communities' stories.

Tours are written by the communities themselves, then co-produced by the Humanities Council. They're already available for St. Augustine, Ybor City in Tampa, Bartow, Lake Wales, DeLand, Pensacola, Tarpon Springs, Fort Pierce, and Fernandina Beach. In the fall, tours in Tallahassee, Ormond Beach, and St. Petersburg will be re-

leased, to be followed by a series focusing on historic African-American communities, such as Eatonville and Lincolnville.

"We're getting great feedback on the apps," said Lisa Lennox, program coordinator. "People love the history, and it works for the whole family because you can set your own pace."

Communities are equally enthusiastic to tell their stories, she said, with several towns lining up to create more than one tour, including St. Augustine and Fort Pierce.

Lennox said the program will continue as long as visitors and communities support it. The apps, available for both iPhones and Androids, can be downloaded at www.flstories.org.

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WEST VOLUSIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The historic train depot (top) in Fernandina, Fla., and the DeLand House (left) are stops along the "Florida Stories" walking tour.

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NEW HOCKEY SUITE CELEBRATES ORR Immerse yourself in the world of hockey in the new Bobby Orr Suite at the Ames Hotel Boston. Designed as an ultimate overnight escape for Bruins devotees, the large 14th floor corner suite celebrates the legendary player's career in Boston. The suite features Orr's retired banner from his personal collection; series of hockey sticks; gallery of framed photos featuring Orr with coaches and players; two seats from the original Boston Garden; custom flooring made from woven white vinyl to invoke the look of a rink, complete with face off circles and blue

line; Orr's personal Prince of Wales trophies; and replica scoreboard with the time and score halted at the exact moment Orr scored the winning goal during overtime on May 10, 1970, clinching the Stanley Cup for the Boston Bruins. The bedroom closet, a wooden locker modeled after those found at the original Boston Garden, houses replica skates provided by Orr's museum in Ontario. Seasonal rates from \$500-\$1,500 per night. 617-979-8100, www.ameshotel.com/boston-hotel-accommodations/bobby-orr-suite/

SUMMER JAZZ EVENTS IN CAMBRIDGE

Snazzy cocktails, good food, and live jazz are on the menu this summer at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square. Every Wednesday Peter Cassino plays "Fresh & Honest Jazz" on the patio of the farm-to-table restaurant, Henrietta's Table. (Through the end of August; 7-8:30 p.m.) Every Monday and Friday in the Charles Hotel upper Courtyard, the Berklee Courtyard Series at Regattabar offers a variety of free performances, from world jazz to African and Portuguese folk. (Through Sept. 4; 6-8 p.m.) The Kids' Summer Music Series at the Regattabar features JoJo & The Pinecones (Aug. 13) and Elizabeth Mitchell (Aug. 20). The shows begin at 4:30 p.m. and tickets are \$12 each. Following the show, families are invited to enjoy supper at Henrietta's Table where kids get a free dessert. 617-661-5005, www.henriettatable.com/news-events/upcoming-events

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CHE GUEVARA BIKE TOUR

Start training now for the challenging new bike tour offered by Bike Odyssey, a recently launched company founded by Sam Wood, archeologist, adventure travel entrepreneur, and presenter of BBC documentary "On Hannibal's Trail." The 29-day "CHE: Bariloche to Santiago" tour covers 1,461 miles across Argentina and Chile as documented by Che Guevara's memoir and the 2004 film, "The Motorcycle Diaries." (Nov. 17-Dec. 18, 2018.) Highlights include triple crossing the Andes, the world's second highest mountain range; riding through the Reserva Nacional Radal Siete Tazas, famed for its rock formations, turquoise pools, and seven waterfalls; rolling through the Casablanca Valley wine region; witnessing the Volcan Villarica; and circumnavigating the national park Alerce Andino. Accommodations include National Park lodges, designer hotels on the Pacific coast, and hip wineries. Broken into two 14-day stages, prices start at \$6,486 per stage or \$12,637 for the entire tour. www.bikeodyssey.cc/tours/che

CANADIAN GOLF CRUISE DEBUTS

Golf vacation or cruise vacation? You can now experience the best of both on One Ocean Expeditions' newest offering, Fiddles & Sticks Golf Expedi-

tion Cruise. The seven-night journey takes travellers and golf enthusiasts to five world-class oceanfront golf courses in Canada's Maritime Provinces, including Cabot Links and Cabot Cliffs in Nova Scotia, and 5-star championship Crowbush on Prince Edward Island. Non-golfers can enjoy a range of activities including cruising in zodiacs, hikes and wildlife observation, cycle tours, and stand up paddle boarding. To celebrate the inaugural voyage, scheduled for July 27-Aug. 4, 2018, an introductory booking incentive of \$750 is available through Sept. 1, 2017. Rates from \$3,993 based on a triple-share cabin; includes golfing fees, accommodation, meals onboard, daily excursions and equipment, excluding golf equipment. 855-416-2326, www.oneoceanexpeditions.com/canadas-east-coast

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WEAR YOUR WALLET ON YOUR WRIST Runners, cyclists, climbers and all active people may want to check out the Banjees Wrist Wallet by Sprigs. The fun and stylish, one or two-pocket wrist wallet is an efficient way to carry your valuables without needing an additional waist bag or sling. Made of stretch mesh material, the no-zipper hooded pocket opens easily to fit smart phones and electronic devices. A secure zipper pocket on the back will hold your fitness tracker, keys, cash, and other valuables. Available in

15 striking designs and colors. \$19.95. sprigs.com/product-category/banjees-wrist-wallet

TRAVEL CLEANSING BRUSH

Keep your skin looking fabulous when you travel with LUNA go, a compact and lightweight cleansing brush — the size of a cotton pad — that provides deep cleaning for four varieties of skin types. Features 8,000 transdermal sonic pulsations per minute to remove dead skin cells, and unclog pores of makeup residue, dirt, and oil. The anti-aging mode firms skin while improving absorption of skincare products. The ultra-hygienic silicone design is quick drying and nonporous, to prevent bacteria buildup, and is 100 percent waterproof for use in the bath or shower. For added convenience when traveling, each charge allows for 30 uses. Includes a 2-year limited warranty and 10-year quality guarantee. \$88. www.foreo.com/luna-go

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