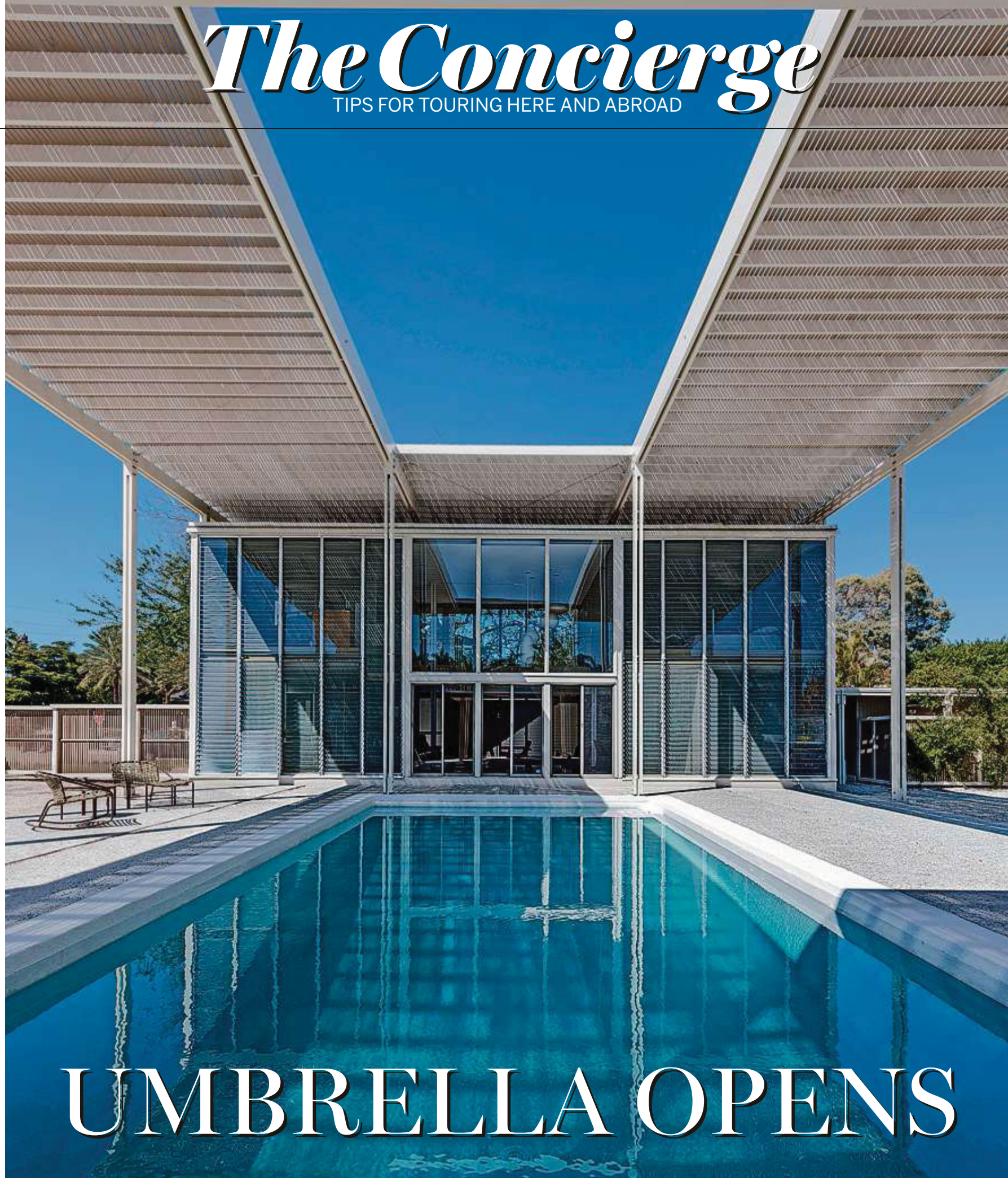


# The Concierge

TIPS FOR TOURING HERE AND ABROAD



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## UMBRELLA OPENS

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The iconic midcentury modern Umbrella House in Sarasota is now open for monthly tours. The Sarasota Architectural Foundation, as part of a yearlong celebration of architect Paul Rudolph's centennial birth year (he died in 1997), is offering the first-ever regular tours of the private home. (It's not yet known if the visits will continue in 2019.)

Once described by Architectural Digest as "one of the five most remarkable houses of the mid-20th century," the boxy home with floor-to-ceiling windows home has been under a renewed spotlight since the new owners restored the shading structure that gives the building its name. The original version was knocked down by a storm in the 1960s and was partially rebuilt in 2012. Current owners Bob and Anne Essner (he was chairman and chief executive of Wyeth Pharmaceutical) had the trellis-like structure finished in

2015. Until now, the Umbrella House has been open only occasionally or by appointment.

The Essners have completed the modern look with midcentury furnishings throughout the two-level home, which also is included in the book "The American House: A Guide to 100 Iconic American Houses." Designed in 1953, it was one of the first homes built in the Lido Shores section of Sarasota. The small, upscale neighborhood, which sits just beyond popular shopping spot St. Armands Circle, remains one of the best areas in the country in which to view a high concentration of midcentury-modern homes.

Tours, which begin at the house at 1300 Westway Drive, will be

held the third Saturday of the month and require reservations, which can be made at [www.sarasotaarchitecturalfoundation.org](http://www.sarasotaarchitecturalfoundation.org). Cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for students with valid ID.

Also in Sarasota, the Center for Architecture gives trolley tours of historical neighborhoods and significant architecture, much of it by Rudolph and other contemporaries who were part of the Sarasota School of Architecture. The regional style is characterized by modern lines and forward-looking sustainable practices. The trolley tours run every Thursday and the cost is \$35. Reservations can be made at [www.cfasrq.org](http://www.cfasrq.org)

In Massachusetts, Rudolph, one of the country's leading architects in the 1950s and '60s, designed the brutalist Government Service Center as well as the main campus of UMass Dartmouth.

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## HERE

### COOKBOOK CELEBRATES NEW HAMPSHIRE FLAVORS

Calling all foodies! Those who seek great culinary experiences when traveling will want to check out "The Flavor of the Grand North," a new online recipe book with nearly 35 contributions from businesses and attractions throughout northern New Hampshire. Each entry includes a spectacular photo, recipe, and information about the venue. Peruse the pages to find your favorite dish at a familiar vacation spot, or discover a new foodie destination. Includes recipes for breakfast, beverages, breads, soups, main dishes, and desserts, including curried maple pumpkin soup offered at the Riverfire event in Berlin, smoked grouse crostini at Lopstick Lodge in Pittsburg, and the lobster special at Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa in Whitefield. Free. [www.nhgrand.com/recipe-book/](http://www.nhgrand.com/recipe-book/).

### SPRING AND SUMMER DEALS BLOOM ON THE VINEYARD

Winnetu Oceanside Resort in Martha's Vineyard has reopened for the season with family friendly spring deals and new summertime amenities. Styled after the traditional New England seaside resorts, the Winnetu features 58 suites, studios, and private cottages, each with kitchenettes, and separate living areas. Set beside the natural dunes at South Beach, at the head of hiking and biking trails, the resort is three miles from Edgartown's charming restaurants and shops. Spring and early summer specials include stay three nights and get an additional



night free. (Available through June 28, includes Mother's and Father's Day weekends.) Just in time for summer, the property will debut a new expanded pool and deck with eight poolside cabanas, hot tub and kiddie pool area, food and beverage service, hot tub for cooler nights, and upgraded poolside grill. Spring rates from \$175. 508-310-1733, [www.winnetu.com](http://www.winnetu.com).

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### EUROSTAR EXPANDS HIGH SPEED ROUTES

Traveling from London to Amsterdam and Rotterdam just got easier — and faster — with the April launch of new Eurostar rail routes. For the first time, passengers will be able to travel in stylish comfort from St Pancras in the heart of London direct to the Netherlands at a speed of 186 mph in just three hours on high-speed trains designed by Italian design firm Pininfarina. Eurostar is also promoting the environmental bene-

fits of high speed rail, boasting its journey from London to Amsterdam emits 80-percent less carbon than the equivalent short haul flight. One-way fares from \$48. [www.eurostar.com/us-en](http://www.eurostar.com/us-en).

### TEACHER APPRECIATION DEALS

National Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 6, and three hotels are honoring educators with special deals that extend beyond the one week celebration. At Hilton Orlando, teachers are rewarded with 20 percent off best available rate plus daily \$50 resort credit. Additional offers include free and reduced admission to nearby Sea-



World, Crayola Experience, Legoland Florida, Orlando Science Center, and more. Available through August. To reserve by phone, ask for the TEA rate code. 888-353-2013, [thehiltonorlando.com/teachers](http://thehiltonorlando.com/teachers). Rather head to New Orleans? At the Windsor Court Hotel, teachers can save 20 percent off room rates, and 15 percent off all hotel outlets, including restaurant, bar, parking, spa, and café. Available through Dec. 30. This deal can only be booked online; use code MKTEDU. [www.windsorcourthotel.com](http://www.windsorcourthotel.com). AC Hotel Miami Aventura's Just for Teachers Package offers up to 25 percent off room rates, two welcome cocktails, \$25 gift card toward a relaxation treatment, European breakfast for two, upgrade to Premium King, free parking and 4 p.m. late check out. Book from May 6 through Sept. 30. 786-590-5100, [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com).

## EVERYWHERE

### HIGH TECH GEAR FOR BABY

Traveling with infants and toddlers can be challenging. Since most hotels and other accommodations don't offer in-room facilities for boiling water, finding a way to sterilize pacifiers and bottle parts can be nearly impossible. To solve this dilemma, bbluv introduces Üvi, a four-in-one portable sterilizer that eliminates germs from pacifiers, bottle nipples, and sippy cup spouts without the use of harsh chemicals. By utilizing ultraviolet sterilization (UV-C), Üvi eliminates 99 percent of pathogens. Can also be used for teething toys and toothbrush heads. At less than four inches high and wide, the unit is

easy to pack. \$25.99. [bbluvgroup.com/product/bbluv-uvi-sterilizer](http://bbluvgroup.com/product/bbluv-uvi-sterilizer).



### SEAT COVERS PROTECT FROM GERMS

Germaphobes can take protection to a new level with Seat Savers, reusable seat covers for airplanes, trains, or even movie theater seats. To insulate yourself from the flu, MRSA, eColi, and other pesky germs you might encounter while traveling, simply unfold the seat cover and stretch it over the top of the seat. Then sit down and relax. The lightweight black fabric is washable and reusable. The Original package includes two sanitary wipes for arm rests and tray table, one allergy mask, and one disposable tray table cover. Also recommended to minimize risks for those flying with severe peanut or tree nut allergies. \$14.99. Wedding seat covers are available with pink or white embroidered text saying Just Married, Bride, Groom, Bridesmaid, and other options. \$19.99. [seatsitters.com](http://seatsitters.com).

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