

News, Arts, Deals, and Getting from New England and Beyond

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MOTHER'S DAY MINI GETAWAYS IN BOSTON



Treat mom extra special this Mother's Day (May 12) aboard one of Entertainment Cruises Boston's dining and entertainment vessels: the festive Spirit of Boston or the luxury Odyssey. Celebrate with a brunch, lunch, or dinner cruise on Boston Harbor that includes — depending on the voyage you choose — entertainment, an ice cream sundae bar, goodie bags, a balloon artist for the kids, a flower for mom, and views of the city skyline. From \$59.90 for adults and \$35.95 for children. 866-836-3463, <http://www.entertainmentcruises.com/city/Boston/metro>

DEBUT WITH A VIEW IN MAINE

Escape to Kennebunkport and take advantage of the grand opening package offered by the Boathouse Hotel & Marina, a 12-guest-room property located on the harbor side of the Kennebunk River just steps from Dock Square in central Kennebunkport. The Summer Ahoy package (May 15-July 15) includes two nights' accommodations, a Boathouse bag filled with goodies, a one-hour golf cart tour of Kennebunkport (weather dependent), and cocktails for two at David's Kennebunkport, Portland chef and restaurateur David Turin's new 200-seat restaurant. \$399 double occupancy. 877-266-1304, www.boathouseme.com

HIP-HOP AND HUEVOS

Commemorate Cinco de Mayo (May 5) at Farmstead's first Sunday of the month brunch, in Providence. Enjoy dishes such as housemade corned beef hash with eggs; cider doughnuts with Nutella or Fluff; and poutine with polenta frites, peppercorn chicken liver gravy, fried egg, and fresh curds. In memory of the late rapper Notorious B.I.G., the Farmstead crew will play hip-hop tunes throughout brunch service. Reservations welcomed but not required. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. \$7.50-\$15. 401-274-7177, www.farmsteadinc.com



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MEET THE POPE PACKAGE

Join the celebration of the newest bishop of Rome, Pope Francis, on the six-day, five-night Meet Pope Francis package from Perillo's Italy Vacations. The itinerary features a visit to St. Peter's Square, participation in a papal audience at St. Peter's Basilica, a Vatican museums tour (including the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's "The Last Judgment"), a day trip to Assisi to learn about St. Francis and visit the basilica, a guided tour of Orvieto, and more. Departure dates: May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 17, 24. From \$879 per person, based on double occupancy. Airfare can be added for additional cost. 800-482-5925, www.italyvacations.com/vacation/meet-pope-francis/

BIKES, BEER, AND OOMPAAH BANDS

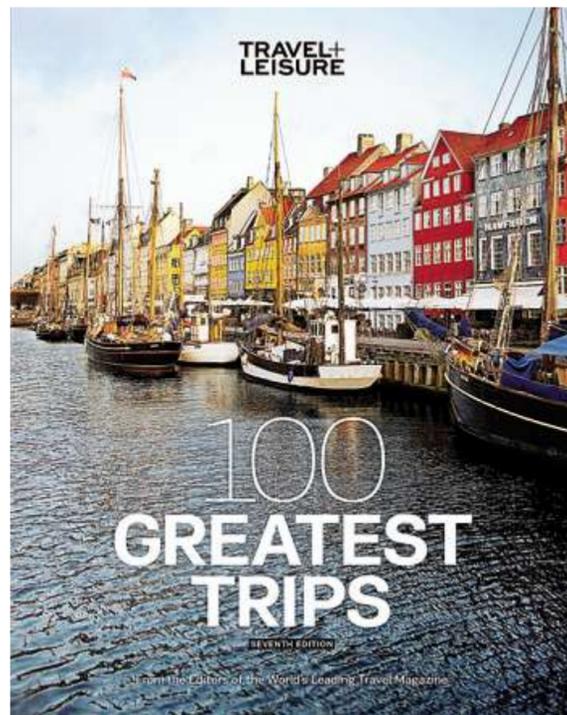
Celebrate the 180th Munich Oktoberfest next fall on a five-night trip sponsored by the Boston Ski & Sports Club (Sept. 26-Oct.2). The fun begins with biking and touring in Amsterdam, home of the Amstel brewery, followed by a short flight to Munich, a city that welcomes more than 6 million people to its annual festivities. Enjoy beer, food, Bavarian oompah bands, live music, dancing, costume parades, and more. \$2,499 (nonmembers add \$40), includes round-trip airfare, ground transfers, hotels, and a BSSC group escort. Book by June 15 and save \$100 with code: GLOBE100. 617-789-4070, ext. 229, www.bssc.com



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COFFEE TABLE TRAVELS

Visit 100 destinations from the comfort of home with Travel + Leisure magazine's newest offering, 100 Greatest Trips, 2013 Edition, featuring the year's most memorable destinations culled from the magazine and its five international editions. Includes affordable itineraries in Mississippi, Mexico, Zanzibar, and Vietnam; culinary tours of Hawaii, Paris, Singapore, and Tasmania; shopping expeditions in Brooklyn, N.Y., Brussels, Melbourne, and Seoul; and more. The guide also offers insider tips covering hotels, resorts, restaurants, shops, galleries, museums, and tour operators, plus more than 300 color photographs. Hardcover \$34.95 at <http://www.travelandleisure.com/books>. Soft cover \$19.95 at online retailers.



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