

SNAPSHOTS

TRAVEL NEWS, EVENTS AND TRENDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



THE LITTLE BOATS OF FOGO ISLAND

Learn about one of the most fundamental skills you need to live on “The Rock” – boat building – at Fogo Island Inn, on the northeast coast of Newfoundland. The hotel-cum-retreat offers a unique opportunity to learn from its local fishing and boating community with the little boats getaway, an all-inclusive two night cultural package. Among other things, you learn the art of traditional wooden punt boat building, how fish are split and dried along with the 300--year history of wooden boat building in Newfoundland.

While you're there check out the wood-fired Northern European style rooftop sauna, peruse the art gallery and visit the cinema to see “Cranky” featuring the punts of Fogo Island. As part of the package you're also treated to the award-winning dining room that prides itself on sourcing local ingredients like skunk current, caribou moss and the freshest seafood imaginable.

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LINE POSTERS – GRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Travelling to most major cities usually means a trip on public transit. Whether it be the underground in London or Paris, Chicago's El system or the high-speed trains around Tokyo, these experiences can leave an indelible mark on any traveller. Inspired by some of the most famous public transit systems in the world, these minimalist t-shirts and posters can make a pretty cool souvenir.

SAN FRANCISCO



By the time you realise you are sunburnt it's already too late. So avoid the lobster look this summer and wear **JUNE** by Netatmo, a bracelet that measures sun exposure. **JUNE** will tell you via its accompanying app when to apply sunscreen, what SPF to use, when to stay out of the sun and when you've simply had enough.

↓ LONDON LED THE WAY

Learn about London's role as a perpetrator of human trafficking and as a leader in the abolition movement on From Empire To Emancipation, London's Role in the Slave Trade, a new guided walking tour by Context. This tour looks at the historical, social and economic story of this delicate process of change at a number of central locations before heading to the docklands and the West India Quay. Group walks cost £70 per person. Private tours cost £270 per party.



↑ HONEYMOON CAVES

Want a really, we mean really, unforgettable honeymoon? Check into Argos In Cappadocia, a luxury cave hotel. Their Luxury Honeymoon Escape package includes four nights stay in a Splendid Suite, wine tasting in an underground wine chapel, services of a romance concierge, horse back riding and a hot air balloon ride. The Argos Luxury Honeymoon Escape starts at US \$4,390 for two and is available for travel through December 31.

HOTEL TREND

↓ INDUSTRIAL CHIC

Depressing and abandoned warehouses and manufacturing sites are now being snapped-up and converted into ultra-glam and modern boutique hotels. They don't shy away from their industrial past, they celebrate it, making it part of their unique charm. Why? Well it might have something to do with high ceilings and huge open spaces. Two of the most recent converts to embrace industrial chic are the Hotel Fabric and the Paper Factory.

The Hotel Fabric, a former textile factory in Paris takes its inspiration from its colourful past with luxurious textiles and rich fabrics softening the industrial metallic framework, huge multi-paneled windows and exposed brick-built walls. The overall feel of the hotel is bright, colourful and modern with just a little pinch of quirky.

Closer to home is the uber-trendy Paper Factory, set in Long Island, New York. The converted, paper factory embraces its industrial past and more recently its growing art community, mixing original industrial pieces with local art pieces. It also supports the arts community by hosting galleries and workshops.



OCEAN STAY IN OMAN →

The Salalah Rotana Hotel is a 5-star resort, recently opened on south coast of Oman on the Arabian Sea. The hotel, tailored for couples and families, offers traditional Omani hospitality in 400 rooms and suites. The contrast between the desert and ocean is striking and the design of this resort, with its manmade lagoons, canals and waterways, only adds to the visual appeal.



MUST HAVE

↖ TRAVEL THE GLOBE

The latest collection from m0851 of Montreal, the Globetrotter is a beautiful slouchy calfskin leather bag with an aniline glossy finish. It has convertible side corners and a secret hiding place for valuables and is carry-on approved. Practical and not over fussy this unisex bag is a must have for the seasoned traveller, and like a great port it only gets better with age. Available in black and brown \$465 to \$515.



↑ PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM EXHIBITION: TOSHIO SHIBATA, CONSTRUCTED LANDSCAPES

Toshio Shibata is one of the world's foremost landscape photographers, making his name by finding a balance between the manmade structures in the world and the natural features around us. This exhibition of 28 large-format works is his first solo show in an American museum since 1995 and the first time his colour pictures will be shown in America. The exhibit runs until the end of August.



↑ LIGHT IT UP

Next time you find yourself in the north of France, in Saint-Omer, look down. Pavegen, a company that converts kinetic energy into electricity that can be stored and used for a variety of applications, has announced its first permanent installation outside a busy train station in Saint-Omer. Fourteen tiles transform the kinetic energy from travellers' footsteps into a sustainable energy source that powers the lights in the station.



↑ AMAZON LUXURY

Rainforest Cruises, a boutique travel company specializing in traditional and authentic Amazon River cruises and riverboat tours launches the *M/V Cattleya*, an eight-passenger boutique vessel that is an architectural gem. Luxury touches like king-size beds, fine linens and gourmet dining complement four and five-day itineraries to the remote Pacaya-Samiria Reserve in the Loreto region of the Peruvian Amazon.

EAT. TORONTO



KAISEKI YU-ZEN HASHIMOTO

We spoke to Mark Hashimoto manager of Kaiseki Yu-zen Hashimoto one of Toronto's hottest and most respected restaurants.

What is Kaiseki cuisine? Kaiseki is a Japanese multi-course meal served in a particular order using different cooking methods and seasonal ingredients to depict the season and events at the time. It is a tradition that dates back approximately 500 years.

I've heard that there are no menus to choose from, tell us about the Kaiseki Yu-zen Hashimoto experience? Yes, that is correct. We have no menu but guests choose either the \$200 lunch course or \$300 dinner course. Each day the eight-course dinner menu and the lunch menu is created by the chef taking into consideration the season, weather, Japanese events, customer preferences and the intention of delighting our guests. Everything, not only the food, but the interior/décor, was hand-made and built by the chef and his family, who currently run Kaiseki Yu-zen Hashimoto. The intimate dining experience, we only serve six diners at a time, ends with a tea ceremony in our tea room. Our aim is to make our customers feel special and at home, creating a warm and comfortable atmosphere to enjoy the quiet moment together.

What can we expect from your summer menu? In June, we will be featuring "Ayu" and "Unagi" (eel), freshwater fish; in July, a Kyoto delicacy, "Hamo" (pike eel), will be featured.

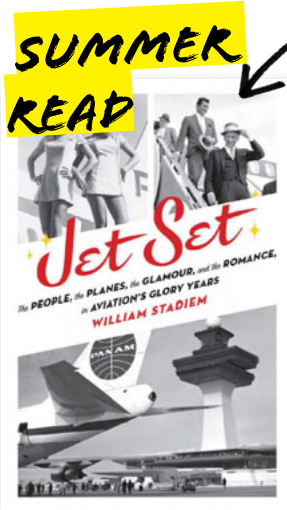


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↑ GLAMPING IN CAMBODIA

Enjoy a close-up view of an ancient civilization at Khiri Travel's luxury tented camp alongside the Banteay Chhmar temples, the last great Angkorian temple complex in Cambodia. The two custom-designed tents are high quality Gore-Tex, sleep two people and comforts include toilet facilities. You can also sample the local culture. Villagers cook on site using as many local ingredients as possible.



Jet Set: The People, The Planes, The Glamour, And The Romance In Aviation's Glory Years by William Stadiem

A juicy look at the "Golden Age" of air travel and the creation of the "Jet Set", when men wore hats, stewardesses showed plenty of leg and the beach at Saint-Tropez was just a seven-hour flight away.

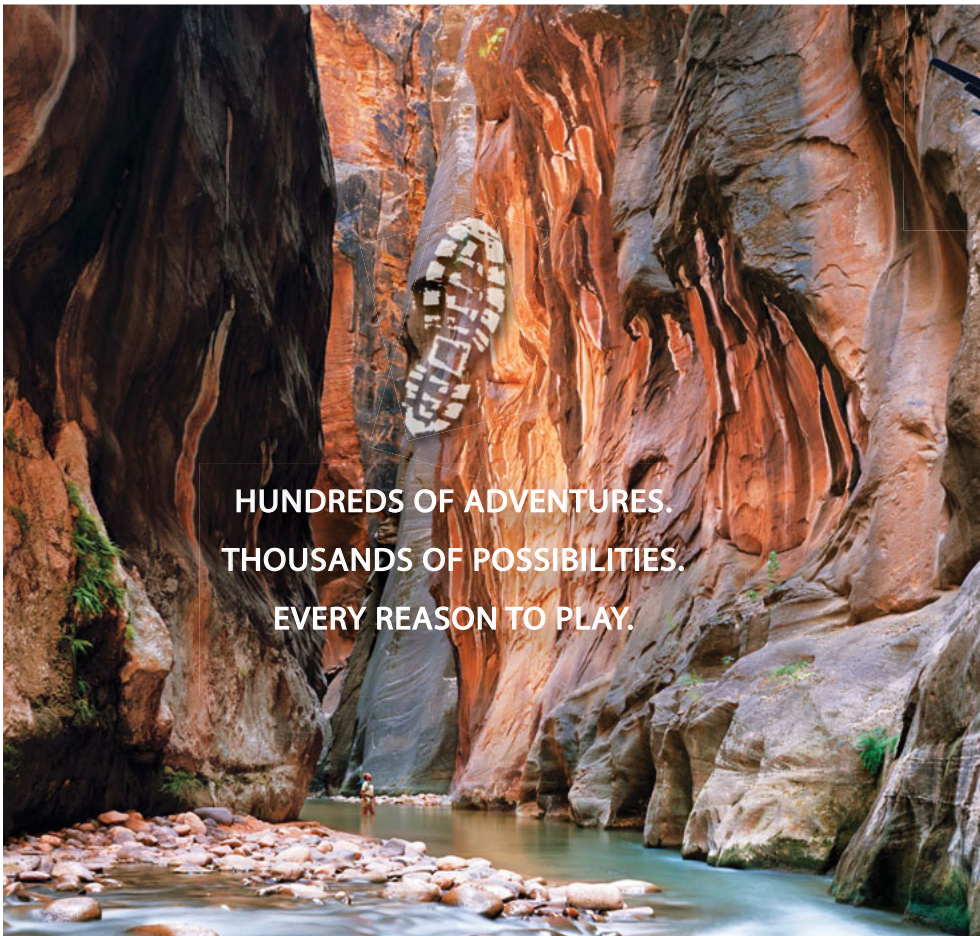
← WORD LENS

If you're going to a foreign country and your language skills aren't wunderbar then use this augmented reality app to translate not just words but whole signs and menus into English. This jaw-dropping piece of technology translates in real time overwriting the original text down to fonts and angle, and it doesn't even require a network. Languages include English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish...brillante!



↑ KIEHL'S TRAVEL PACKS

Need a bit of TLC before you go on holiday? Then pop into a Kiehl's store and their super-friendly and knowledgeable staff will tailor a travel kit especially for you whether you're a high-maintenance gal or an adventure-bound bloke. All kits come with a complimentary biodegradable carry-on pouch. All Kiehl's products are eco-conscious and are derived from natural ingredients combined with the latest innovations from around the world.



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