

# The Concierge

TIPS FOR TOURING HERE AND ABROAD



## HERE

### BRETTON WOODS SKI AND HOTEL PACKAGE

Grab your gear and head for the slopes in New Hampshire with a new Stay Here, Ski Free package. Guests will receive two complimentary ski lift tickets per room, per night with the purchase of accommodations at the luxury Omni Mount Washington Resort (from \$249), the casually upscale Omni Bretton Arms Inn (from \$199), family-friendly Lodge at Bretton Woods (\$159), or spacious Townhomes at Bretton Woods (from \$299). Also includes full access to resort amenities accessible by a complimentary shuttle service. 800-THE-OMNI, [www.omni-hotels.com/hotels/bretton-woods-mount-washington/specials/stay-here-ski-free](http://www.omni-hotels.com/hotels/bretton-woods-mount-washington/specials/stay-here-ski-free)

### HAPPY CAMPERS SPRING BREAK DEAL

Hassled parents all agree: It's never too early to plan for February school break. With that in mind, Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club on Cape Cod is offering a Happy Campers package. Stay in a luxury Mansion guestroom and enjoy a fully assembled children's tepee in-room, camping snacks such as s'mores and hot cocoa, in-room movie of choice, a



stargazing lantern to explore the constellations, and a selection of scary stories to read. In addition, Harry Potter-themed activities are scheduled throughout the week, such as movie screenings, broom stick decorating, quidditch matches, and more. You and the kiddies can also splash in one of two indoor pools on property, or explore the town of Brewster and nearby attractions such as the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History. Rates from \$242 per night; available for stays between Feb. 17-25. 888-509-4600, [www.oceanedge.com/specials-and-packages/happy-camper-package.shtml](http://www.oceanedge.com/specials-and-packages/happy-camper-package.shtml)

## THERE

### REMOTE MOUNTAIN BIKING IN FJORDS OF NORWAY

Sounding much like a title for a Norwegian crime thriller, Into the Labyrinth is actually a seven-night, eight-day mountain biking cruise expedition for advanced level cyclists offered by H+I Adventures. Debuting in June, tours will sail into the fjords of Norway aboard the Gåssten, a converted, ex-military Scandinavian minesweeper. By day, you'll be dropped off at remote jetties to unload your bike and start the steep climb to the top of wild mountain ridges (pictured) overlooking glaciers, emerald lakes, and cascading waterfalls before tackling the technical descent down the opposite side. By

night, enjoy an onboard chef-prepared meal — featuring organic traditional Norwegian food, wine, and beer — before heading to sleep in one of eight berths. Tour includes three meals a day but is strictly B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bike). \$5,100. 888-228-5035, [www.mountainbikeworldwide.com/bike-tours/norway](http://www.mountainbikeworldwide.com/bike-tours/norway)

### SOLO TRAVELERS BOOK EARLY AND SAVE

Single supplement fees for solo travelers can add hundreds or thousands of dollars to a trip. Now solo travelers can take advantage of the Free Single Supplements offered by Overseas Adventure Travel, a Boston-based company that caters to those age 50 and over. (Because who really wants to share a room with a stranger in one's 50s, 60s, 70s?) Solo spots are limited, and so the earlier one books, the better chance of nabbing a spot. The company offers more than 50 worldwide small group adventures, meaning land trips are limited to 10-16 travelers, and small ship cruises average 14-25 travelers. New excursions debuting this coming year include The Stans of Central Asia, The Soul of India, South Korea & Japan, and India's Sikkim & Bhutan. 800-955-1925, [www.oattravel.com/](http://www.oattravel.com/)

## EVERYWHERE

### WRITE YOUR OWN FAVORITE TRAVEL BOOK

Create, share, and cherish your travel memories with Travel Diaries, a combo travel journal, blog, and book that lets you share your stories with others



— or keep them for yourself. Simply open the Web-based program on any computer or tablet and write your travel stories' chapters, adding photos and maps as you wish. Features include an easy-to-use editor that shows the pages exactly how you'll see them in print; a variety of fonts and layouts; unique mapping options to share both locations and routes; ability to use an unlimited number of your personal photos; and more. Once your masterpiece is completed, it can be ordered in 6-by-8-inch print format, as a soft-cover, hardcover, or leather/linen. Prices depend on number of pages and cover choice. From \$20. [www.travel-diariesapp.com/en](http://www.travel-diariesapp.com/en)

### 1 YEAR. 75 ADVENTURERS. 12 DESTINATIONS.

Calling all entrepreneurs! Want to experience the world while working remotely — but don't know how to plan such a thing? Consider applying for a

spot on Special Trip, a yearlong work and travel program for groups of 75 individuals. The select adventurers will live for one month in 12 different destinations throughout South America, Europe, and Asia. Special Trip will handle all the logistics, such as providing clean and safe housing at an apartment or hotel; 24/7 access to conveniently located shared workspaces; and all travel between destinations by airplane, train, and/or bus. Applications are being reviewed now for travel starting Feb. 1, with successive group applications accepted on a monthly rolling basis. A variety of factors determine the selection, including interviews and professional assessments, with the goal of assembling a diverse and balanced mix of individuals in each group. Reservation fee: \$5,000; monthly \$2,000; 12th month is free. [www.specialtrip.com/](http://www.specialtrip.com/)

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