


# TravelBITS



## WILD AND WOOLY

 Lyuba (pronounced Lee-OO-bah), the mummified remains of a one-month-old mammoth calf found in the Yamal Peninsula in Russia in May 2007, is the star of the current exhibit at the Field Museum in Chicago. This 40,000-year-old baby woolly mammoth will be on display along with other Ice Age relics through September 6, 2010.

SOURCE: CHICAGO SUN TIMES

## A ROOM FOR ALL SIZES




 The Le Petit Hotel ([www.petithotelmontreal.com](http://www.petithotelmontreal.com)) is a converted leather tannery tucked into Old Montreal's Rue St. Paul, whose 24 stone-walled rooms — size “S” to “XL” — exude charm and cool, with stylish contemporary furniture and amenities such as chichi Elchim blow-dryers. The top-floor XL feels like a hip friend's loft.

SOURCE: WASHINGTON POST

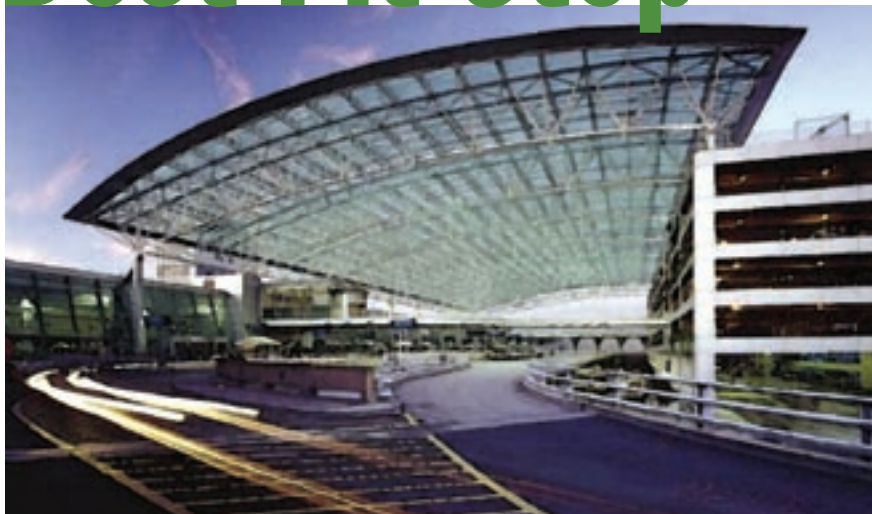
## ALL THE RAVE



 Raveable provides a comprehensive view of hotels across the United States by aggregating and summarizing more than 35 million reviews of some 55,000 U.S. hotels. ([www.raveable.com](http://www.raveable.com))

SOURCE: LOS ANGELES TIMES


## Best Pit Stop



Named the Nation's Best Airport by Condé Nast Traveler three years in a row, Portland International Airport (PDX) is eco-friendly (new solar panels produce electricity), has free Wi-Fi, no sales tax and local restaurants have a strong presence with eateries such as Pizza Schmizza, Rose City Café and Laurelwood Brewing Company calling it home.


SOURCE: SEATGURU.COM

## NATURALLY MIAMI

 Just minutes from many downtown Miami hotels, Biscayne National Park, which is 99% under water, offers visitors a glimpse at the only living tropical reef within the continental United States. Featuring colorful coral reefs and undeveloped keys, the park offers glass-bottom boat trips, island excursions, snorkeling and canoe trips.

SOURCE: HIKERCENTRAL.COM

## MEETING PLACE

 HotelPlanner.com has a “Meeting Space” tab that provides a search tool for leisure and corporate meeting planners to find and book hotel meeting space. Planners are able to search space pricing and available room layouts in a very user friendly interface.

SOURCE: PR NEWswire

## BYGONE SAFARI DAYS



 If you have romantic fantasies of old-style safari accommodations, you'll love the four luxurious tents at Zараafa Camp at Zibadianja Lagoon in Chobe National Park, Botswana. They come complete with copper baths, shady verandas, and fine dining under canvas. Come between June and November to watch the elephant herds head south to search out watering holes in the Kalahari Desert. ([www.wilderness-safaris.com](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com))

SOURCE: CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER

# Acela Goes Wireless



Amtrak recently launched Wi-Fi Internet service, called AmtrakConnect, on all 20 of its high-speed Acela Express trains for routes between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston. Wi-Fi service will also be available in ClubAcela lounges and in six stations along the northeast corridor.

SOURCE: AMTRAK.COM

## A DOG'S WORLD



What better place for a pooch to frolic than a beach? Here is a top 10 dog-friendly beach list to answer the call.

1. Cape San Blas (Port St. Joe, Florida)
2. Quiet Waters Park (Annapolis, Maryland)
3. Block Island (Rhode Island)
4. Cannon Beach (Cannon Beach, Oregon)
5. Fort De Soto Park (St. Petersburg, Florida)
6. Carmel City Beach (Carmel, California)
7. Jekyll Island (Georgia)
8. Coronado (San Diego)
9. Stewart Beach (Galveston, Texas)
10. Montrose Dog Beach (Chicago)

SOURCE: PETSIDE.COM

## NO THANKS!

The Elysian hotel in Chicago, which opened in December, has adopted a no-tipping policy, a move that breaks with standard practices across the high-end and luxury hotel market.

SOURCE: WSJ.COM

## PRIVATE PARADISE



Kamalame Cay is a 96-acre self-contained private island hideaway in the Bahamas sitting on three miles of those sugary-soft sandy beaches Andros Island is so famous for. Privacy is the theme throughout and since it's the world's third longest barrier reef, you know that the fishing and underwater adventures are going to be spectacular. (www.kamalame.com)

SOURCE: THE EXPLORATEUR

## RETRO REVIVAL

Named after a defunct British department store, London's Bourne and Hollingsworth is a closet-size basement bar that is part 1920's speakeasy and part English tearoom — floral wallpaper and killer retro cocktails. The place is known for its monthly events, such as a swing music-powered 40s Blitz Party and gentlemen's etiquette classes on tie-knotting and martini-shaking.

SOURCE: TRAVEL + LEISURE MAGAZINE

## REPLICATE THIS



Destination Dinners is a San Francisco company that offers a wide variety of ethnic dinner kits replicating dining experiences from around the world complete with everything necessary to create a local-style meal. (www.destinationdinners.com)

SOURCE: SPRINGWISE NEWSLETTER

## BRANDED

At La Casa del Camino Hotel in Laguna Beach, California, every one of the hotel's 10 newly renovated suites features a different, immersive branded experience. For example, Billabong Suite 206 is designed to be a surfer's paradise, with artwork including a 3D piece that tells the company's history through images of surfers, palm trees and the Billabong logo cut into reclaimed wood.

SOURCE: TRENDSETTER NEWSLETTER

## ARTIST WALK

Art + Travel Europe from Museyon Guides steps into the lives of five famous painters blending detailed walking tours with a crash-course in art appreciation and a globe-trotter's guide to fine food, drink, and lodging within the five cities where they lived. (www.museyon.com)



SOURCE: PR NEWSWIRE