**Top 10 U.S. Museum Exhibits**

Whether you’re a seasoned museum-goer or just enjoy experiencing something new and interesting, these 10 exhibits are sure to be a hit.

3. Megacities Asia at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, April 3 - July 17, 2016
4. Grammy Museum Gallery at the Musicians Hall of Fame, Nashville, March 29, 2016 - permanent
10. Matisse in His Time: Masterworks of Modernism from the Centre Pompidou, Paris at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, June 18 - Sept. 18, 2016

**ICELAND FOR FREE**

Visiting Iceland has never been so easy. Passengers flying over the Atlantic between the United States and Europe on Icelandair can now add a stopover in Iceland at no extra cost. Tour guides are also available to accompany you on adventures; www.icelandair.us.  

SOURCE: SPRINGWISE.COM

**CONSTANT COMPANION**

Are your children constantly calling you and wondering where you are? Set their minds at ease and download the Companion app. Companion connects you to friends and family through a live map and lets them know when you have arrived at your destination; www.companionapp.io.

SOURCE: BUSINESS INSIDER

**HOORAY FOR GRANDMA (AND HER FRIENDS)**

Airbnb is growing and Americans aged 60 and older are jumping on the bandwagon. The demographic is the fastest-growing and best-reviewed on the site.  

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG.COM

**TOP MARKS**

Tripadvisor® announced the winners of its Travelers’ Choice™ Awards for Hotels 2016. Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur, India claimed the Top Hotel in the World while New York City’s Sherry Netherland received the number one slot in the U.S.

SOURCE: GLOBENEWswire.COM

**VIRTUAL REALITY, REALLY**

In March, Amsterdam opened the world’s first virtual reality cinema. Complete with 360° chairs and immersive headphones, the cinema is sure to provide a full virtual reality experience to visitors; www.thevr cinema.com.  

SOURCE: ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

**YOGA YELLING**

A United Airlines flight to Tokyo turned around and returned to Hawaii because a passenger became violent and refused to follow crewmember instructions to stay seated and not do yoga. Namaste.

SOURCE: CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER

**CRIMINALLY CAPTIVATING**

The Fortaleza Tour in Panama City, Panama is a walking tour of the Old City guided by former gang members. Conceived by Esperanza Social Club’s 10-week intervention program graduates, tour guides explain the history of the area and share their personal stories, sometimes even including a visit to their mother’s home. It culminates with a street party featuring dinner and mojitos.

SOURCE: THE HUFFINGTON POST
BOTSWANA OR BUST
Botswana marks 50 years of independence this year. National parks comprise 17% of the country and in 2014 the Okavango Delta became UNESCO’s thousandth World Heritage Site. There is much to see and celebrate – so if a trip to Africa has always been on your bucket list, Botswana is the place to go.

SOURCE: LONELY PLANET

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SOURCE: TRAVELPULSE.COM

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SOURCE: THE WASHINGTON POST

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SOURCE: TRAVEL + LEISURE

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