With baseball season getting into full swing, enjoying America’s pastime doesn’t need to break the bank. Personal finance website GOBankingRates ranked ballparks by combined cost of tickets, two hot dogs, two beers and parking. Yankee Stadium (New York), Safeco Field (Seattle) and Fenway Park (Boston) were the priciest, all around $95, while Coors Field (Denver), SunTrust Park (Atlanta) and Angel Stadium (Anaheim) came in around $50.

**NEW NONSTOP**

Qantas is now offering a groundbreaking Perth-London route. It is the first regularly scheduled, nonstop commercial airline service connecting Australia to Europe. Qantas’ newest aircraft, the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, features jetlag-reducing features to make the 17+ hour flight more bearable.

**SOURCE:** TRAVEL + LEISURE

**BEST OF THE MIDWEST**

Big Cedar Lodge was voted “The Best Resort Hotel in the Midwest” by Travel + Leisure’s “World’s Best Awards” survey. The Ozarks, MO resort offers outdoor activities on 4,600 acres and an 18,000-square-foot indoor spa; bigcedar.com.

**SOURCE:** TRAVEL + LEISURE

**YAY FOR YURTS**

If you’re looking to add something special to a camping trip, try renting one of these amazing yurts.
1. El Cosmico Yurt, Marfa, TX
2. Zion Backcountry Yurt, Orderville, UT
3. Green Acres Yurts, Elgin, TX
4. Yurt & Yetis Hideaway at Mt. Sherman, Fairplay, CO
5. The Cazador Yurt – Mt. Washington, Los Angeles, CA
6. Brush Creek Ranch Yurts, Saratoga, WY
7. Wellspring Ranch Yurt, Cayucos, WA

**SOURCE:** ZILLOW PORCHLIGHT

**FACTORY MADE**

A former factory has been repurposed into the L’Otel at Dôce-18 Concept House. The hotel is located in the center of San Miguel de Allende, a colonial-era city in Mexico recognized by UNESCO as a world heritage site, and just over an hour’s drive from Guanajuato International Airport. The hotel features a patio, pool and artfully designed spaces with plans to open a dedicated spa space and rooftop restaurant; doce-18.com.

**SOURCE:** THE NEW YORK TIMES

**ENERGY POSITIVE**

The Svart Hotel, currently under construction in Norway, will be entirely self-sufficient and produce surplus energy to give back to the grid. Slated to open in 2021 and located at the foot of the Svartisen glacier, the hotel will have 360° views of the Holandsfjordan fjord and offer ice-climbing and northern lights expeditions; svart.no.

**SOURCE:** SPRINGWISE

**TAILOR-MADE TRAVEL**

Ranked 2nd on Condé Nast Traveler’s list of Best Tour Operators in the World, Trailfinders offers bespoke and group travel packages around the globe; trailfinders.com.

**SOURCE:** CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER
Island Cycling

The Island Cycle Tour on the Outer Hebrides takes riders on the 185-mile Hebridean Way. Starting on the Island of Vatersay (where seals outnumber people) and ending at the lighthouse on the Butt of Lewis the entire trip lasts four days and covers ten islands, with two boat crossings and six causeways; calmac.co.uk.

SOUL FOOD

Two-time James Beard semifinalist David Bancroft has plans with Caleb Fischer for what Bancroft describes as “a South Texas smokehouse that finishes like an Alabama church potluck” where guests order directly from the kitchen. Located in Auburn, AL, and opening in June, Bow & Arrow is not a restaurant to miss.

SOURCE: EATER.COM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HISTORY

2018 marks the 200th year of statehood for Illinois, and what better excuse to learn about the state’s past? From The Dickson Mounds Museum, an on-site archaeological museum exploring the world of the American Indian, to the Lovejoy Homestead, a notable spot on the Underground Railroad, Illinois has culture and history galore.

SOURCE: CHICAGO TRIBUNE

GREEN GLOBE

Green Globe is the app to use if you are looking to book a hotel, attraction or business meeting and you want to make sure you are using a service that is eco-friendly. From recycling practices to schemes that pay back to the local environment, you can guarantee that your choice has what matters, thanks to Green Globe’s rigorous checklist of over 40 criteria. Available on iOS and Android; greenglobe.com.

SOURCE: TECHRADAR.COM

GUIDED GONDAR

Ethiopia has long been an intersection between the civilizations of North Africa, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa, and G Adventures offers a guided tour. The 15-day adventure takes visitors from the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela to the historic castles in Gondar; gadventures.com.

SOURCE: LONELY PLANET

FEATS OF STRENGTH

The Great River Tug Fest pits Iowa against Illinois in a battle of strength. On the banks of the Mississippi River in Port Byron, IL, teams from each state have a tug-of-war across the river; tugfest.org.

SOURCE: CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CULTURAL JOURNEY

Beginning this summer, Princess Cruises will add a new cultural experience to its Caribbean cruises. “Rhythm of the Caribbean” will include local cuisine, entertainment and regional experiences; princess.com.

SOURCE: TRAVEL AGENT CENTRAL

FANTASTIC FOREST

Chandigarh, India is home to the Siswan Forest Range, 7,000 acres of protected forest filled with peacocks and giant porcupines. So how do you get to this mythical forest? There’s only one way, on a guided tour with a naturalist from The Oberoi Sukhvilas, a new hotel in the middle of the forest; oberoihotels.com.

SOURCE: FODOR’S TRAVEL

PRIVATE OASIS

Playa del Amor on the Marieta Islands, Mexico, ranks as one of the best beaches in the world, according to National Geographic. With an impressive rock ring encircling the beach and only six visitors allowed at a time, this hidden beach is sure to delight.

SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

LOOK OUT BELOW

Inflighto is a new app that provides airline passengers with information on landmarks and points of interest below them. Download Inflighto for iOS or Android and make sure to book a window seat; inflighto.com.

SOURCE: TRAVEL + LEISURE

FLOAT AWAY

The Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Sasebo, Nagasaki is launching a floating hotel room this summer. The hotel is designed as a three-level bubble with a glass ceiling for stargazing. It will float from the park and dock at an uninhabited island.

SOURCE: CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER