

TravelBITS



12 BEST FALL FOOD FESTIVALS OF 2019

1. The Arkansas Cornbread Festival, October 21
2. Wellfleet OysterFest, Massachusetts, October 14–15
3. Hawaii Food and Wine Festival, October 20–November 5
4. Beignet Fest, Louisiana, October 7
5. Feast Portland, OR, September 12–15
6. Fall for Greenville, SC, October 13–15
7. Avocado and Margarita Street Festival, California, September 9
8. Eagle Creek Cranberry Fest, Wisconsin, October 7–8
9. Colorado Mountain Winefest, Colorado, September 14–17
10. Chokecherry Festival, Montana, September 9
11. Pickle Day, New York, October 15
12. Santa Fe Wine and Chile Fiesta, New Mexico, September 17–October 1

SOURCE: TRAVEL + LEISURE



TV TRAVEL

Looking for travel inspiration or just sitting on your couch wishing you were somewhere else? These travel shows are sure to be a hit: Arabia with Levison Wood (Discovery Channel), Dark Tourist (Netflix), Travel Man (Channel 4) or The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan (BBC Two).

SOURCE: CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER

Connections Abound



United is expanding its flight connection app to more airports. The airline's app, ConnectionSaver, sends passengers personalized messages with directions to the gate of their connecting flight, including travel time to get there. It also advises the crew of the departing flight when to hold for passengers connecting from arriving flights in other parts of the airport; united.com.

SOURCE: BUSINESS TRAVELLER

FINNFULNESS

Scandic's fifth signature hotel, Marksi by Scandi, is now open in Helsinki. Originally opened in 1962, the hotel was renovated to become a Scandic signature hotel that stands firmly on its roots of Finnfulness – the open mindedness, urban lifestyle and love of nature that personifies modern Finns; scandichotels.com.

SOURCE: HOSPITALITY NET



TEA TOURS

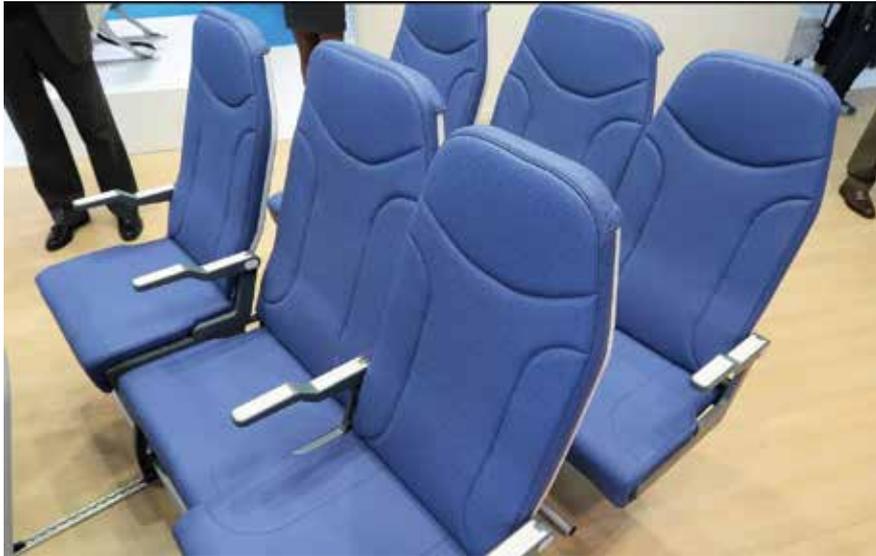
A cup of tea can be calming or invigorating but a tour of the Celestial Seasonings factory is sure to be interesting. Visitors can watch as herbal tea ingredients are blended, packaged and shipped. The factory in Boulder, CO offers free 30-minute tours, Monday–Friday; celestialseasonings.com.

SOURCE: THEDENVERCHANNEL.COM

ALL ABOARD

For a few million dollars you can buy a residence on a cruise ship that will sail to locations around the world. Blue World Voyages is selling 40 residences on its 720-foot inaugural ship. Owners will be able to cruise as often as they like for 25 years or can rent out their apartments to help offset the monthly maintenance fees. SOURCE: CNBC

Elbow Wars



A newly-designed airline seat may make the middle seat a bit less miserable. Molon Labe Seating in Lakewood, CO has introduced the S1 Space Seat. The design lowers the middle seat a few inches and moves it slightly behind the aisle and window seats, adding about three inches to the middle seat and staggers the armrests for more elbowroom. The S1 Space Seat is FAA approved and according to the company it already has orders.

SOURCE: ABC NEWS



HALLOWEEN HAUNTS

Charleston, SC may be the place to go for Halloween. Take a nighttime tour of the Old City Jail, attend Boo Fest and the Kenpuppy Derby costume contest to see canines all dressed up, or visit Boone Hall Fright Nights for a haunted corn maze and hayride.

SOURCE: AFAR.COM

SIMULATED SLIDES

Sunway lagoon in Malaysia has the world's only simulated waterpark ride. Visitors to the 3D theater experience chairs that never stop moving, fog, wind, flashing lights and other water features that make the Waterplex 5D as real as it gets.

SOURCE: TRAVEL CHANNEL

MOST CHARMING

According to the Travel Channel, Alton, IL is one of the most charming small towns in America. Located where Route 66 meets the Great River Road, this quaint river town is known for its limestone bluffs, which make it one of the best spots in the U.S. to see bald eagles. Alton is also reportedly one of the most haunted small towns in America; at least 10 spirits are said to inhabit the McPike Mansion.

SOURCE: TRAVEL CHANNEL

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Ready for lift-off? October is going to be an exciting month on Florida's Space Coast, with three scheduled rocket launches (October 3, October 15 and October 26) and the Space Coast VW Fest (October 16) which will include the 3rd Annual Vintage Volkswagen Show, plus food trucks and live entertainment. There is sure to be something for everyone.

SOURCE: TRIPADVISOR.COM

TOP NOTCH

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is the most visited museum in the nation. Boasting 60,000 air and space artifacts in its permanent collection, visitors can learn about the history of aeronautics through the ages. From the first successful aircraft, the 1903 wright flyer, to NASA spacesuits, this Washington museum has it all.

SOURCE: USA TODAY

NEW WORLD HERITAGE

This year UNESCO's world heritage committee added 29 sites to the list of World Heritage Sites. Included were Writing-on Stone Park in Canada, home to the largest collection of First Nations' rock art, and Vatnajokull National Park in Iceland, covering nearly 14% of the country.

SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



BIKE CITY

Want to find the most cycle-friendly cities? Look no further than the Copenhagenize Index, a biannual report that evaluates 115 cities worldwide to track global progress in urban cycling. The report factors in infrastructure, bike-shares, safety and gender balance to figure out the most bike-friendly cities. Most recently Copenhagen topped the list with Amsterdam coming in second. The only cities to reach the top 20 in North America were Montreal and Vancouver.

SOURCE: LONELY PLANET

REPURPOSED PLASTIC

Students at Rotterdam University built a floating park out of repurposed plastic. The park is made up of hexagonal blocks and adorned with greenery that provides a nesting and breeding area for wildlife in Rotterdam harbor; recycledpark.com

SOURCE: SPRINGWISE NEWSLETTER