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Oregon Trails

More than 200 years ago, Lewis and Clark floated down the Columbia River. Now, LifeCycle Adventures leads you down the same path—by bike. Known for two-wheeled trips through California's wine country, the company is expanding its offerings to the Columbia River and Willamette Valley. When you're snapping photos of Mount Hood or sipping Oregon pinot, you'll thank those explorers for putting the region on your radar. lifecycleadventures.com


GOLF SPOTLIGHT

CASUAL TEE // The newly opened Corales Golf Course is one of those Caribbean gems challenging enough to force you to put down the mojito, take out the wedge, and execute a tight-lying chip shot. At the Punta Cana Resort on the eastern shores of the Dominican Republic, the Corales has craggy coves and stunning vistas, plus a shot over the Bay of Corales. Of course, the biggest challenge is keeping fresh ice in your drink. puncacana.com



▲ **MAIL CALL** // [Madrid's Museo Nacional del Prado is winning over young audiences with "The Art of Power," an exhibition on display until May 23 featuring armor worn by Spanish monarchs. On loan from the Royal Armoury, these cuirasses, shields and helmets rarely see the light of day.](http://museodelprado.es) museodelprado.es

▼ **NORTHERN HOSPITALITY** // Toronto's booming film industry draws plenty of Hollywood A-listers. Now they'll feel right at home, as Thompson Hotels opens its first non-U.S. location. Expect modern rooms, a roof deck with poolside cabanas and a fireplace lounge. Guests can stretch out in an on-site yoga studio and dine at Scarpetta, featuring cuisine by James Beard-winning chef Scott Conant. Welcome to the north, Thompson. thompsonhotels.com



▼ **DO THE WAVE** // What's more idyllic than a Victorian mansion overlooking the sea? A Victorian mansion overlooking the sea after a \$140 million restoration. The Ocean House in Rhode Island kicks off its new look with a designer show house for charity. During the rest of the year, relax in a cottage at one of New England's classic beach retreats. oceanhouse1.com


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- ▼ **LONDON** // At the ecologically inclined Real Food Festival, learn about where your food comes from now and how it will be produced in the future. realfoodfestival.co.uk


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- ▶ **VANCOUVER** // Get just the facts, ma'am, at the DOXA Documentary Film Festival. doxafestival.ca

9-10

- ▶ **BRUSSELS** // Each year on Iris Day, the Belgian capital is in bloom with a massive street party, complete with free concerts. fetedeliris.be

15-18

- ▼ **NEW YORK** // Grab a seat—or a table, armoire or desk—at the 22nd annual International Contemporary Furniture Fair. icff.com

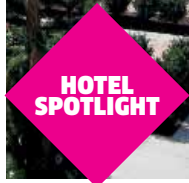


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▼ **MERLIN'S BEARD!** // [Quidditch, anyone? Take the family to Universal Orlando's new feature, "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter."](#) To celebrate its opening, the park's resorts are offering a deal even Muggles will appreciate: [four nights' stay at Loews Portofino Bay, Hard Rock Hotel or Loews](#)



[Royal Pacific; three days' admission to Universal Studios and Island of Adventure; an express pass; and, of course, early access to the Harry Potter attraction.](#) The deal starts [May 28](#) and costs [\\$1,548 for a family of four](#). [universalorlando.com](#)



A TOUCH OF CLASS // The Glenmere Mansion picks up where the country manors of old money Vanderbilts and Rockefellers left off. The former weekend home of a turn-of-the-century New York socialite, this classic 18-suite playpen—recently featured in *Architectural Digest*—has been lovingly rebuilt and impeccably decorated with statuary hailing from Spain and China and includes gardens, a spa, a pool and stunning views of the Catskills. Don't forget your dinner jacket. [glenmeremansion.com](#)

▼ **MARKET REPORT**
[Chicago's Randolph Street Market kicks off its seventh season this month. It consists of the Chicago Antique, Fancy Foods and Indie Designer emporia, plus the Vinyl Swap Meet and Global Goods Bazaar. To start the season, the antique market will offer a free appraisal, so bring a tchotchke and cash it in for new duds or a gourmet snack.](#) [randolphstreetmarket.com](#)



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▶ **CALIFORNIA** // Billed as the American Tour de France, the 750-mile Amgen Tour takes place in phases from Nevada City to Bakersfield. Catch Lance Armstrong pedaling along—that is, if you can. [amgentourofcalifornia.com](#)

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▼ **NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS** // Sip bubbly by the beach at the prestigious Nantucket Wine Festival, which is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Veuve Clicquot's first vintage champagne. [nantucketwinefestival.com](#)



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▶ **AMSTERDAM** // During the Holland Festival, celebrate music, art, dance and theater with an avant-garde slant at venues around the city. [hollandfestival.nl](#)



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▲ **BUDAPEST** // Hoof it to the National Gallop, a celebration of historic equestrian arts that includes races and battle reenactments. [vagta.hu](#)

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