

## New museum explores Latvia's Nazi and Soviet eras

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### New museum

**Latvia:** Riga's elegant Corner House, built in 1912, began as an apartment but later became a KGB prison and place of execution. Now it's the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, with six exhibitions exploring the Nazi and Soviet eras and other

themes, plus guided tours of former detention cells.

[www.riga2014.org/KGB](http://www.riga2014.org/KGB)

### Hotel renovation

**New York:** The city's largest hotel, the 1,985-room New York Hilton Midtown, is phasing in minimalist room decor that highlights the city skyline - and makes it easier to find places to plug in all those devices. It now has 1,200 Wi-Fi access points, too. Rates from \$179. [www.newyorkhiltonhotel.com](http://www.newyorkhiltonhotel.com).

### New tour

**Botswana:** A new luxury safari will help save 100 rhinos from poaching. Almost half of the \$12,000 cost of Extraordinary Journeys' 10-day safari, offered Nov. 1 to May 31, 2015, benefits Zeros for Rhinos, which will relocate the animals from South Africa and Zimbabwe to the Okavango Delta. [www.extraordinaryjourneys.net](http://www.extraordinaryjourneys.net).

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