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PLYMOUTH'S NEW FRENCH-STYLE INN



The Mirbeau Inn & Spa at The Pinehills officially opens its doors in Plymouth June 29, offering guests a peaceful spot to relax and recharge 45 minutes south of Boston and 8 miles from Cape Cod. The 50-room retreat (depicted above) is reminiscent of a French country manor house with its Monet-inspired pond gardens, Parisian-style bistro, and luxury guest rooms with French decor. Visit the full-service spa where you can experience massages and wraps to facials with a French Kiss Anti-Aging Lip Treatment. Enjoy casual meals at Le Bistro, or a fine dining experience at Henri-Marie, which serves bouillabaisse, squab consume, and local oysters cooked on a French-style yakatori grill. Summer rates start at \$260, double occupancy. 877-647-2328, www.mirbeau.com/pinehills

OPEN HOUSE: TOP VIEWS FROM A LIGHTHOUSE TOWER

Bring your sneakers and climb to the top of the 1898 Newburyport Harbor Light at Plum Island Point during one of several open houses coming up. The still-operational lighthouse opens to the public for tours from 1-4 p.m., weather permitting, on July 6 and 27, Aug. 17, Sept. 7 and 28, and Oct. 12. You must be at least 5 years old and 42 inches tall to climb the short ladder to the viewing deck, with its views stretching from Cape Ann to the south to Maine's Mount Agamenticus to the north. Tours and parking are free, but donations are welcome to support the Friends of Plum Island Light, a nonprofit organization that preserves and protects this piece of North Shore history. 978-973-6935, newenglandlighthouses.net/plum-island.html

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RIDING HIGH IN HELSINKI ON A NEW FERRIS WHEEL



Swoop up to 130 feet above the ground on Finland's new observation wheel and you can see from the islands of the Helsinki Archipelago to Uspenski Cathedral, the central railway station, and other landmarks on the city skyline. The Finnair SkyWheel (pictured below) opened this month in Katajanokka Harbour in central Helsinki, not far from where the country's national airline, Finnair, first based its flight operations in the 1920s. The wheel's 30 climate-controlled gondolas run year-round, each holding up to four people. Or choose the VIP cabin, which has a glass floor, leather seats for the four passengers, and Veuve Clicquot champagne service. A standard cabin ride is 15 minutes, a VIP cabin ride about 25. Admission about \$16.40; VIP cabin, flat rate of \$266, including the champagne. 011-358-44-301-83-63, www.finnair-skywheel.com/en



SWEET ADDITION TO THE STRIP

Visit Hershey's new Chocolate World on the Las Vegas Strip and you can walk through a 74-foot-tall milk chocolate bar, see an 800-pound chocolate replica of the Statue of Liberty, and wander around an Empire State Building created out of 1,800 chocolate bars. The new flagship store in the New York-New York Hotel and Casino offers two stories of pure chocolate delight, where you can sample new treats and lose yourself among 800 varieties of Hershey creations. Customize your own candy wrappers and choose your favorite Hershey's Kisses and Jolly Ranchers flavors. Then star in your own Reese's TV ad and post it online for friends and family to see. The retail store-attraction opened this month. 702-740-6969, www.hersheyschocolateworldlasvegas.com

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MINI CAMERA CAN CREATE AN IMAGE JOURNAL



Capture your vacation in a series of snippets with the Narrative Clip, a miniature camera that clips onto your clothing or shoulder bag, and takes a still shot every 30 seconds throughout your day. The 5-megapixel camera, which measures 1.4 x 1.4 inches, has a built-in GPS that captures information on where each photo was taken, and an accelerometer that ensures each image is correctly oriented, whether you wear the camera in landscape or portrait mode. Double tap the camera to take a single shot outside of the set interval time. The internal battery lasts up to two days before needing to be charged through the micro USB port. Download the Android or Apple app to view and organize photos using your smartphone or tablet. \$229, includes a 3-month subscription for cloud storage (or store images on your computer). www.getnarrative.com

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