

Helsinki Airport offers sleeping pods

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The Helsinki airport is the first in Europe to offer weary travelers sleeping pods--ergonomic seats that turn into a covered bed, with room for luggage beneath them. Photo: Finavia



Airport

Finland: Helsinki Airport is the first in Europe to offer sleeping pods — seats that convert to covered beds, with a power outlet inside and space for carry-on bags below. The charge to recharge yourself (and your devices) is 9 euros an hour (about \$9.50). A blanket costs the same, while a pillow is 6 euros (about \$6.32). www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport.

Wildlife

Mexico: The nation's first bird sanctuary, Isla Raza in the Sea of Cortez, is the breeding ground for most of the world's elegant terns and Heermann's gulls, among other species. Baja Airventures leads bird-watching trips in April and May (six days, from \$2,395, including flight from San Diego). www.bajaairventures.com.

Attraction

China: Overlooking Jinji Lake in Suzhou, the nearly 400-foot-tall Eye of Jinji Lake Ferris wheel in Singapore Industrial Park is said to be Asia's largest. The region also boasts the Water Curtain Movie, a laser light show on a fountain 110 feet high and 680 feet wide. en.visitsz.com.

Cruises

Maine: Themes of this summer's specialty Windjammer run the gamut from craft-beer tasting to yoga. Passengers can even learn to sail a tall ship, the Mary Day, on a six-day experiential cruise departing Camden on Aug. 10 (\$1,195). www.sailmainecoast.com.

Luxury travel

Croatia: Blue Parallel's new seven-night Adriatic Coast journey begins with a stay in a Roman palace in Split, and ends in a former queen's summer home in Montenegro. The royal treatment includes private boat and kayak tours, oyster tasting and guided hikes. From \$11,500. www.blueparallel.com.

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