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From a waterslide park to a horse safari



A Hydaway water bottle

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HIGH THRILLS TO COOL DOWN

Cool off this summer on the Big Splash Waterslide, a refreshing 465-foot-long waterslide at Bromley Mountain in southern Vermont. Rather stay dry? Try the Giant Swing, which will swing you up to four stories high at speeds of up to 40 mph. The resort's Mountain Adventure Park also includes the

Alpine Slide, North America's first triple-tracked slide; a new airslide (think: giant inflatable slide with water); and a zip line. The new Sunset Pass lets you get in for \$29 for 3-5 p.m. (or 3-5:30 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August) through Labor Day. Full-day passes start at \$45. 802-824-5522, www.bromley.com.

A FIVE-STAR DINNER SERIES IN HARWICH

The Cape's only five-star property has launched a Summer Culinary Festival that will draw some of New England's top chefs. The Wequassett Resort and Golf Club hosts six events through September, including Gin and Scotch on Aug. 11, a three-course dinner with Chef Alex Crebb, owner of Boston's Asta restaurant, paired with fine Balvenie single malts; Hops and Hogs, Sept. 1, when Chef Daniel Bojorquez of Somerville's La Brasa dishes up pork dishes with a local Devil's Purse brew; and A Mediterranean Sojourn, Sept. 15, when the resort's executive chef, James Hackney, joins Chef Tim Labant from The School House at Cannon Village in Connecticut to take your taste buds on a culinary adventure through Spain and Italy. The resort also offers oyster harvesting expeditions, retro lawn games, and windsurfing and paddleboard lessons to guests. Dinner series rates: \$55-\$95 per person. 508-432-5400, www.wequassett.com.

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JOIN A HORSE SAFARI IN INDIA

Marvel at all that makes India so unique on a new 14-day horseback riding tour offered by Connecticut-based Geringer Global Travel. The Horse Safari into Leopard's Country India includes rides around Bera and Jawai, which are known for their leopard populations, a visit to the Kumbhalgarh wildlife sanctuary, and several days exploring Delhi, Agra (home to the Taj Mahal), and Jaipur (known for its jewelry and textiles). Riders sleep in luxurious mobile tents and spend a night at the swanky Mountbatten Lodge in Ranakpur. Also meet local shepherds and attend a traditional haveli ceremony.

Rates start at \$10,140 per person, based on double occupancy, for travel Oct. 1-Dec. 20, 2016, and



Jan. 6-March 31, 2017; includes most meals, all transfers, excursions, entrance fees, and gear, but not airfare. Save \$350 if you book by Sept. 1. 877-255-7438, www.geringer-globaltravel.com.

TRAVEL APP OFFERS VIRTUAL RUNNING PARTNER

Don't spend your precious running time looking at a map or asking for directions when you travel. Download the new RunGo app, which provides turn-by-turn voice navigation for pre-charted routes in North America, Europe, and Australia, helping you to avoid getting lost. Many routes have been created by locals to offer a mini tour of their region, taking runners by famous landmarks and parks, or along popular marathon and race courses. You can create routes for visitors to your area, too. Download the pre-made routes before your run using WiFi and then the app can guide you while your device is offline. The app works with Apple and Android devices. www.rungoapp.com.

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A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE FOR TRAVELERS

The clever Hydaway water bottles collapse down small enough to fit in your pocket or luggage pouch, yet quickly expand to hold up to 21 ounces of liquid. These leak-proof bottles are made of dishwasher-safe, BPA-free silicone and plastic, and have a built-in straw. They come in 12-ounce (small) and 21-ounce (large) sizes. The bell-shaped small bottle has a wide, rigid base that helps prevent accidental tipping, and works well for children. Both bottles measure just 1-inch-thick when collapsed, and can fit into a lightweight travel case that clips onto a backpack or other bag. \$15-\$20.

www.hyda

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A TINY LAPTOP WITH BIG COMPUTING POWER

Samsung's remarkable 13.3-inch Notebook 9 weighs about the same as a 21-ounce plastic water bottle — about 1.85 pounds — and measures just .59 inches thick, but offers as much functionality as a laptop twice its size and heft, making it the perfect device for travelers. It offers 4GB or 8GB of

system memory, 128GB to 256GB of storage on a solid state drive, and Intel's super-fast Core i5 processor. The cool SideSync feature lets you drag and drop files between your Samsung Galaxy smartphone and Notebook 9, and even lets you answer phone calls and return texts using your laptop screen. The 15-inch version of the Notebook 9 weighs an extra pound, yet offers a Type C port, larger battery (with about 12 versus 10 hours of battery life), and larger screen. \$999.99 and up. 855-726-8721, www.samsung.com.

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