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Surfing reaches championship level at the Munich airport



Surfers will be able to ride what's billed as the world's largest standing wave July 31 to Aug. 23 at the Forum of the Munich Airport. (Flo Hagen, Munich Airport)

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Surf's up at the Munich Airport

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The only foam you usually associate with Germany is found on a mug of good German beer. But July 31 to Aug. 23, foam of a different sort will be found at the Munich Airport during the fifth anniversary of Surf and Style. Surfers will be able to ride what's billed as the world's largest standing wave at the Forum of the Munich Airport Center. Pro surfers will compete Aug. 14-16 in the European championship in stationary wave riding. The rest of the time, the wave pool will be open for kids camps in the morning, while surfing in the afternoon will be free for all skill levels. Necessary equipment also will be offered for free. Preregistration is advised because of the popularity of the event. Info: <http://www.tinyurl.com/puqegt>

Tango festival in Argentina

JourneyYou, a specialist in South American travel, has put together a six-day/five-night tour in Argentina during the annual Buenos Aires Tango Festival. The festival, which runs Aug. 12-25, features concerts, shows, free classes, exhibitions, open-air milongas (tango dancing) and other entertainment. The package itinerary starts Aug. 20 with a half-day tour of the city followed by dinner and a tango show at Cafe de los Angelitos. In following days, there will be a wine tour of the city and a late-night outing to check out the tango scene. Some activities are guided, but there also is lots of free time for independent explorations of the city and the tango festival attractions. The tour is priced from \$1,190 per person double occupancy, which includes five nights' lodging and some guided tours. Meals and airfare to Buenos Aires are extra, and a limited number of reservations will be accepted. Info: 855-888-2234, <http://www.tinyurl.com/nach4eh>

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Trans-Atlantic jazz session

Cunard, an iconic name in cruising, is 175 years old this year. A special cruise that's on tap will break up the days at sea of a trans-Atlantic voyage with an itinerary that's devoted to jazz. Jazz at Sea welcomes aboard a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Blue Note Records. The eight-day/seven-night cruise aboard the Queen Mary 2 leaves New York on Oct. 29 and spends the entire voyage at sea before docking at Southampton, England. Performing during the cruise will be Our Point of View, Blue Note's 75th anniversary All-Star Band, which includes Derrick Hodge, president of Blue Note. Grammy Award-winning producer Don Was also will be aboard. CruiseBrothers.com is offering the cruise priced from \$1,499 per person double occupancy. Taxes and fees are extra. Info: 800-827-7779, <http://www.tinyurl.com/owh2fsb>

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