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Roseland Wake Park in New York State.

In Transit

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Our weekday morning digest that includes consumer news, deals, tips and anything else that travelers may want to know.

A NEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL IN DURHAM

Opening today, the [Durham Hotel](#) in North Carolina draws on local talents, from a celebrated chef to an indie record label, breathing new life into a former bank building downtown.

The one-time Home Savings Bank now houses 53 guest rooms that reference the building's midcentury design roots in platform beds and retro

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light fixtures. The minibar is stocked with locally made goods, blankets were made by Raleigh Denim and complimentary morning coffee, delivered to the rooms, comes from local Counter Culture Coffee. In the lobby, a newsstand includes music from the local label Merge Records.

The chef Andrea Reusing, who is a James Beard Award winner for her Chapel Hill restaurant Lantern, will run the hotel restaurant specializing in regional fare including blue crab and country ham. She will also offer food service on the sixth-floor rooftop lounge, which will have occasional film screenings and concerts.

Rates currently start at \$209 per night and will rise to \$289 by the end of the month when the restaurant is open. Breakfast and room service are currently available.

HOPPER PREDICTS CHEAPER AIRFARE IN THE FALL

[Hopper](#), an airfare prediction app, projects domestic airfare for leisure travelers will drop this fall to an average of \$248 per round-trip ticket, a 3.6 percent decline from last fall and an 8.1 percent decrease compared with fall 2013.

“Lower fuel prices and increased competition from the low cost carriers look set to drive prices lower than we’ve seen since we started tracking consumer airfare almost four years ago,” Patrick Surry, Hopper’s chief data scientist, said in a press release.

Hopper’s research specifically addresses leisure travelers flying economy class by filtering out business and first class fares as well as expensive economy class tickets booked at the last minute. Domestic ticket prices peaked in June at \$276 on average and Hopper expects them to drop to \$241 by December.

The service’s [Consumer Airfare Index Map](#) provides average airfare data for domestic destinations.

NEW WAKEBOARDING PARK IN THE FINGER LAKES

Water skiers and wakeboarders generally require a boat to pull them. But [Roseland Wake Park](#), officially opening in the Finger Lakes region in New York Saturday, aims to make motorized water sports more accessible.

On 26-acre man-made Muar Lake just north of Canandaigua Lake, Roseland uses a cable system, rather than boats, with tow bars to pull riders around the water, which is filled with optional obstacles for advanced athletes. It can accommodate nine wakeboarders, water skiers, kneeboarders or wake skaters — similar to wakeboarding but with riders untethered to their boards – at a time.

Roseland Wake Park claims to be the country's largest wake park and the only one in the Northeast. Daily rates range from \$10 to \$49, with an introductory learning package at \$49.

A TANGO TOUR OF BUENOS AIRES

Though tango shows can be found nightly in Buenos Aires, dance performances, classes and contests flood the Argentine capital during the [Buenos Aires Tango Festival](#), taking place Aug. 14 to 27.

Designed to coincide with the event, the South American specialist tour company [JourneYou](#) will offer its first tango-focused trip, Aug. 21 to 26.

The six-day tour, based at the tango-themed Tanguero hotel, includes a tango dinner show, city tour, a progressive food and wine dinner and a night of dancing, with two full days and several evenings to explore the festival independently.

Prices start at \$1,190 a person, double occupancy.