

TRAVEL

# Tuesday's Digest: Ace Hotel Expands, and Other Hotel News

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A new spa at the Rockhouse, in Jamaica.

**In Transit**

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*Our weekday morning digest that includes information about hotel deals, tips and anything else that travelers may want to know.*

## ACE HOTELS EXPANDS

[Ace Hotel](#), the Portland-based brand known for its eclectic properties, is expanding with two locations scheduled to open within the next year: one in Pittsburgh, in December, and another planned for New Orleans in mid-2016. They will join six other properties including ones in Seattle, Portland and New York City.

## **VISITING DUBROVNIK**

The ideal time to visit Dubrovnik, Croatia, is in the fall when there are fewer tourists but the weather is still warm and sunny. A new offer from the [Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel](#) for September and October might be the incentive travelers need to book a trip. The \$743 package for two includes a five-night stay at the 401-room seaside property, breakfast, airport transfers, a guided walking tour of Old Town Dubrovnik, a city sightseeing card for admission to multiple attractions and unlimited rides on the public bus line. The offer must be booked by Sept. 15 and is valid for travel between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31.

## **JAMAICA UNFILTERED**

[GoldenEye](#), a popular hotel on Jamaica's north coast, is expanding with 26 Beach Huts opening at the end of the year. The octagonal homes all have beach and bay views. They will not, however, have air-conditioning. Instead, they are strategically built to make the most of the cool breeze that blows from the ocean and the surrounding hills. The point, says the owner Chris Blackwell, founder of the Island Records music label, is to give visitors a taste of simple but authentic luxury. "What makes Jamaica alluring is the sounds that surround you, and when you have a room with AC, those sounds get shut out," he said. Prices from \$400 a night.

## **NEW ROCKHOUSE SPA**

Also in Jamaica, the 34-room [Rockhouse](#) in Negril recently opened a stand-alone spa treatment room on cliffs perched above the water. The airy space with ocean views is built out of wood from local trees and has two deep soaking tubs that are the centerpiece of the new bathing rituals created for the room, such as one called the Island Mint, a mixture of natural ingredients like lemongrass, lime leaf and spearmint. Several options are available: a 50-minute soak in the tub; a 95-minute soak and scrub; and a full option scrub, soak and massage that lasts 150 minutes. Prices from \$75.

## **SEA ISLAND AT NIGHT**

Travelers now have the chance to view the Sea Island resort in Georgia in a new light, at night. On Columbus Day weekend, from Oct. 9 to 11, the property will host its first Glow-in-the-Dark Weekend, a collection of about

10 activities for children and adults that kick off after sunset. Some are free of charge, like a black light volleyball tournament and a presentation from the resident naturalist about animals and plants that glow in the dark. Others include a stargazing session (\$35 per person), manicures and pedicures with polish that glows in the dark (\$15 to \$50) and dinner in the dark, served with bright foods like sparkly cocktails, oysters displayed with ultraviolet black lights, and cookies with neon frosting (\$58 a person). Room rates from \$395 a night.