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TIPS FOR TOURING HERE AND ABROAD



CHECK IN

JEWEL OF A POOL WITH AN EMPIRE STATE VIEW

He's ours now, but back when Celtics power forward Kris Humphries was Mr. Kim Kardashian, he lived in the Presidential Suite of the Gansevoort Park Avenue hotel during the filming of "Kourtney and Kim Take New York." It's yours for a cool \$7,000 per night, unless pop queens Christina Aguilera or Katy Perry — rumored guests — have already booked it. This 249-room urban hotel lends a dash of South Beach sizzle to the newly branded NoMad (north of Madison Park) neighborhood, with splashes of hot pink (love the tufted sofa in the lobby!) and teal. Photos of lingerie-clad ladies serve as artwork. But the major brag-worthy amenity is New York's first heated indoor-outdoor rooftop pool, one of the few hotel pools in Manhattan. Seriously, you can float on your back, 20 stories up, and gaze up at the Empire State Building. Now that's living large. Or simply settle into a banquette for a cocktail at the tri-level rooftop bar and take in the view. The bar scene is definitely happening, and everyone (celebs and mere mortals alike) works off the damages with a Core Fusion class at the on-site Exhale mind-body spa. Rooms from \$395.

GANSEVOORT PARK AVENUE 420 Park Ave. South at 29th St., New York. 212-317-2900, www.gansevoorthotelgroup.com/hotels/gansevoort-park-avenue-nyc/

DIANE BAIR AND PAMELA WRIGHT

THE LIST

BEST AND WORST AIRPORT FOOD

Travel website Expedia surveyed 6,000 of its Elite Plus members — those with the highest ranking in its customer loyalty program — and asked them to rate a variety of travel perks, including which airports offer the best (and worst) food in 2014. Boston's Logan International Airport made neither list, while Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport somehow managed to make both in the "Food & Beverage" category.

BEST

1

ATLANTA (ATL)
www.atlanta-airport.com/concessions/

2

CHICAGO (ORD)
www.flychicago.com/ohare/en/home/Pages/default.aspx

3

DALLAS (DFW, DALLAS-FORT WORTH)
www.dfwairport.com/shops/finder.php?type=restaurants

4

NEW YORK (JFK)
www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk-shops-restaurants-services.html

5

SAN FRANCISCO (SFO)
www.flysfo.com/shop-dine-relax/dining

WORST

1

LOS ANGELES (LAX)
www.lawa.org/tenantLAXResult.aspx?airport=4&category=31&sindicator=qs

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NEW YORK (LGA, LAGUARDIA)
www.panynj.gov/airports/lga-shops-restaurants-services.html

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ATLANTA (ATL)

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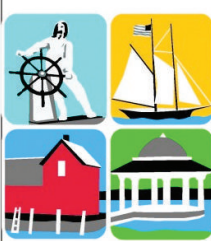
LAS VEGAS (LAS)
www.mccarran.com/Relax/Dining.aspx

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NEW YORK (EWR, NEWARK LIBERTY)
www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-shops-restaurants-services.html

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APP NAVIGATES CAPE ANN'S CULTURAL OFFERINGS
Use the handy new Cape Ann Cultural Districts app to find information on museums, art studios, restaurants, lodging, and more in the area's four of official cultural districts. The free app, good for Android and Apple devices, covers the Rockport Cultural District, the Essex River Cultural District in Essex, and the Harbortown and Rocky Neck cultural districts in Gloucester. Each entry includes a description of the business, venue, or attraction, links to location and contact info, and even a spot where you can type in your own notes. As you cruise Cape Ann, notice the area's new license plates, which have icons representing the four cultural districts. 617-803-5325, www.capeannchamber.com

BREWSTER RESORT LAUNCHES BIKE FLEET
Stay at Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club in Brewster and you can tool around the area on the property's new three-speed bikes. The resort, located along the 26-mile Cape Cod Bike and Rail Trail, has 50 two-wheelers for

guests to rent. Half of the cruisers, made by Portland, Ore.-based Republic Bike, have handlebar baskets, and all come with a bike bell, light, and helmet. Trailers for infants and toddlers are also available. The resort offers four suggested itineraries: a scenic ride through Nickerson State Park to Orleans, a route that passes by Brewster's boutique shops, a hillier ride to The Beachcomber in Wellfleet (guests can get picked up here on Tuesday evenings), and an adventure geared to more ambitious cyclists to the tip of the Cape in Provincetown. Rentals through the fall start at \$22 adults, \$18 children age 12 and under, and \$15 for baby buggies. Rates start at \$155, double occupancy. 800-343-6074, www.oceanedge.com

THERE

SAN FRANCISCO PREGNANT PACKAGE
Celebrate motherhood and pamper yourself at one of three San Francisco boutique hotels. Kensington Park Hotel, Hotel Diva, and Hotel Union Square, all Personality Hotels, have launched a hotel package for expectant moms that offers locally produced

goodies and a chance to chill out before baby arrives. The Pregnant and Pampered SF package includes a sparkling cider upon arrival, a body pillow to foster comfy sleeping, a free ice cream sundae at the world-class Ghirardelli Ice Cream and Chocolate Shop, a \$40-off coupon for a prenatal massage at Spa J'Adore, a copy of the book Your Pregnancy Week by Week, and more. For the package add \$49 to the regular room rate, which starts at \$179 double occupancy. 800-553-1900, info.personalityhotels.com/packages

TURN YOUR TEENS OFF ON HOLIDAY
Get your teens to power down their gadgets and tune into their surroundings on St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands, and they can earn a little iTunes credit. Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort has launched a Teen No-Tech Challenge, tempting teenagers to unplug upon check-in and remain screen-free — no phones, tablets, iPods, or other devices — throughout their stay. Instead, they can try sailing, swimming with turtles, kayaking at night (pictured below) in a



clear-bottom boat, or riding the waves under the stars on an illuminated stand-up paddle board (SUP). Those who complete the challenge get a \$10 iTunes gift card. Sign up for the Family Island Adventure package, good through Aug. 31, and get \$200 credit toward the Adventure Center's activities. Rates start at \$265, double occupancy (promo code: ZJL). 800-228-9290, www.frenchmansreefmarriott.com

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