Destinations

ARTS

Artifacts to ritual, fashion to portraits

THROUGH OCT. 9 LONDON

"Treasures of Heaven: Saints, Relics. and Devotion in Medieval Europe": The British Museum has one of the world's great collections of artifacts from the Middle Ages. This landmark exhibition, which features more than 150 items, draws on the museum's holdings and those of another 40 institutions. The items span a thousand years, from the late Roman Empire to the verge of the Renaissance. Lying at the intersection of faith and beauty, these objects place personal artifacts associated with Christ or the saints in beautifully crafted containers. They afford an exquisite window on a vanished world. Great Russell Street, 011-44-20-7323-8299, www.brit ishmuseum.org

THROUGH SEPT. 11
SAN FRANCISCO
"Bali: Art, Ritual, Performance": The Asian Art Museum



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"Arm Reliquary of the Apostles," a circa 1190 German artifact being shown at the British Museum.

presents 131 works, many never before shown in this country, that give a sense of the artistic culture found on the Indonesian island. In addition to the objects on display, there are performances of shadow puppetry, gamelan music, and masked dances. 200 Larkin St., 415-581-3500, www.asianart.org

THROUGH SEPT. 11 HAMBURG

"Bruegel, Rembrandt, & Co.: Dutch Drawings, 1450-1850": This exhibition at the Hamburg Kunsthalle consists of more than 100 works, drawn from the more than 1,400 works on paper from this period in the institution's renowned collection. Glockengiesserwall, 011-49-40-428-131-200, www.hamburger-kunsthalle.de

THROUGH OCT. 2 MONTREAL

"The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk": This exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts marks the first retrospective devoted to the Parisian fashion designer and the 35th anniversary of his debut ready-to-wear collection. In addition to Gaultier's couture, the show examines his ties to dance, music, film, and television. Some 120 dresses and other items of clothing are on display, as well as sketches, videos, and photographs. 1379 Sherbrooke St. West, 514-285-2000, www.mbam.qc.ca/en/index.html

THROUGH JAN. 15 EDINBURGH

"The Northern Renaissance:
Dürer to Holbein": This exhibition at the Palace of Holyroodhouse comprises more than 100 works by some of the greatest Northern European artists of the 15th and 16th centuries. Among them are prints, drawings, and

paintings by such masters as Albrecht Dürer, Hans Holbein the Younger, and Lucas Cranach the Elder. *Canongate*, 011-44-131-556-5100, www.royalcollec tion.org.uk

AUG. 25-NOV. 20 BERLIN

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"The Renaissance Portrait": This wide-ranging exhibition at the Bode Museum construes portrait broadly. Statuary, medals, and pages from illuminated manuscripts and paintings are among the nearly 200 works on display. Artists represented include Donatello, Botticelli, Mantegna, Bellini, and Verrocchio. Am Kupfergraben 1, 011-49-30-266-424-242, www.smb.mu

PLAN AHEAD

OCT. 6-JAN. 8

"Gerhard Richter: Panorama": This Tate Modern retrospective looks at the German artist's acclaimed career through his paintings, constructions, photographs, prints, and books. Bankside, 011-44-20-7887-8888, www.tate.org.uk/modern

Events are sometimes canceled, rescheduled, or sold out; check online. Mark Feeney can be reached at mfeeney@globe.com.

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Currents

Improve on your paddle board in Chatham

Adventure Chatham, a Cape Cod outfitter, has launched a series of free stand-up paddle boarding events for all experience levels. Every other Monday from 8 a.m. to noon, July 11 through August, paddlers can try equipment and take a mini lesson at Oyster Pond, Harding's Beach, or Jackknife Cove in Chatham. Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., the outfitter holds casual paddling excursions at Oyster River, Stage Harbor, or Chatham Harbor/North Beach. The excursions are free if you have your own board, \$20 if you rent equipment. Events may be canceled or changed due to weather, high winds, or tide conditions. 800-809-1750, www.adventure chatham.com

London hotel gets its guests to sleep

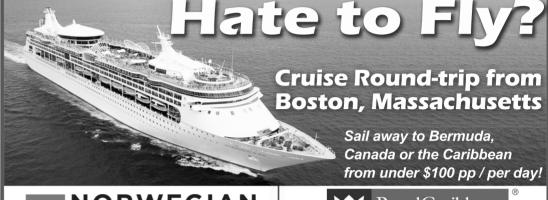
Get a good night's sleep at The Milestone Hotel, a five-star property located in London's Kensington district. The hotel's Sound Sleep Experience includes a relaxing spa treatment, an extensive pillow menu, a candlelit bathroom, and a one-hour private consultation with sleep and cognitive behavior

specialist Tej Samani. Guests may use an Alpha Sleep Pod, a matchbox-size device with earphones that emits an audio frequency geared to help you fall asleep. King-size room \$1,560 per night, based on double occupancy, including VAT. 011-44-20-7917-1000, www.milestonehotel.com

Artists capture shades of the Caribbean

The Cayman Islands' first boutique cottage hotel, Cotton Tree, its pastel cottages set among verdant gardens, offers classes for beginner to experienced sketch artists. The classes are led by John Broad, a Grand Cayman artist who was born in England, studied at the Edinburgh College of Art, and is known for his "speed painting" of scenes onsite. Students are instructed in how Broad uses pencils and water brushes. Classes run two to four hours, October through August, and include all materials. Cost: \$85 per person, per class, and \$330 per night for a hotel room, not including taxes. 345-943-0700, www.caymancottontree.com

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