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Train to Maine to 5 Zicasso trips of a lifetime

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Overnight heli skiing in Durango, Colo.

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AMTRAK'S TRAIN TO MAINE OVERNIGHT PACKAGE

Board Amtrak's Downeaster for two car-free days of shopping and dining in seaside Freeport, Maine. The Deluxe Shopping Package includes a round-trip train ticket, one-night accommodation at a local luxury inn, breakfast, dinner, chocolate tour at Wilbur's of Maine, and all taxes. Travel from Boston with a stay at Harraseek-et Inn, \$249, or at James Place Inn or Hilton Garden Inn, \$269. Add \$50 for Friday and Saturday night packages. Day trips, \$69,

include transportation, \$25 gift certificate for lunch at Linda Bean's Maine Kitchen, and outlet shopping coupons. 888-574-0777, www.downeasterpackages.com

NEW RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX PROPERTY IN CAMDEN, MAINE

Camden Harbour Inn is now a member of Relais & Châteaux, a group of luxury hotels, villas, and restaurants around the world. The second property in Maine so designated, it must have the equivalent of a 4- to 5-star rating, be focused on exceeding guest expectations, and have a gourmet restaurant featuring local cuisine. The traditional Victorian property has undergone a \$2 million renovation featuring modern European interiors, and two spacious luxury suites. The restaurant, Natalie's, offers a modern twist on New England dishes (reservations recommended, at 207-236-7008). Accommodations from \$225 winter; \$425 summer. 207-236-4200, www.camdenharbourinn.com

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YOGA, SURF, AND MUSIC IN HAWAII

Bid goodbye to winter and say aloha to four full days of yoga, music, and mindful relaxation at the second annual Wanderlust O'ahu (Feb. 27-March 2). Bask in the Hawaiian sun at the Turtle Bay Resort where you can participate in yoga and meditation programs, thought-provoking Speakeasy lectures, live entertainment, local cuisine, and outdoor activities including paddleboarding, surfing, kayaking, hiking, and nature walks. Aiming to bring together the yoga and surf communities in one celebration, this year's talent lineup includes conscious-lifestyle entertainers such as Moby, MC Yogi, and DJ Drez.

oahu.wanderlustfestival.com

OVERNIGHT HELI SKIING

Advanced skiers bored with groomed trails can head to the steep slopes of Silverton Mountain, located one hour from Durango, Colo. Enjoy knee-deep powder with or without guides on 1,819 acres of backcountry-type terrain accessed by one ski lift and hikes along the ridge. New this year: Overnight heli touring trips (pictured) drop adventurers into a remote zone with a guide to experience a full day of skiing or snowboarding before camping for the night (\$429). Guests will continue skiing and riding the next day — including another heli trip to a peak that ultimately leads to the base area. 970-387-5706,

www.silvertonmountain.com

ADVENTURES IN SIBERIA

The Siberian Winter Escapade, offered by adventure travel company MIR, is an interactive cross-cultural journey that is perfect for the more active traveler. On this eight-day trip (Feb.

22-March 1, 2014; Feb. 21-28, 2015) you'll climb a church belltower in Irkutsk; dash through the taiga onto the frozen Angara River on a traditional troika ride; dine in the home of an indigenous Buryat family; board a hovercraft for an expedition to the Bronze Age petroglyphs of Sagan-Zaba; mush over frozen Lake Baikal on a dogsled; participate in a sunrise shaman ceremony; visit a Buddhist monastery in Ust-Ordynski, and more. Limited to 12 travelers. Land tour \$4,995; single supplement \$495. 800-424-7289, www.mircorp.com/tour_swe.asp

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PORTABLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

Pack the palm-sized NudeAudio: Move M portable Bluetooth speaker (pictured above) when you travel and enjoy great sound when playing music, video, games, or apps out loud for up to eight hours. In addition, this go-anywhere speaker — with brightly colored carrying cord — contains a high-fidelity dual-microphone system that can be used as a portable speakerphone for hands-free calling and conference calls straight from your smartphone. A thick protective silicon sleeve defends against knocks or bumps. Lithium-ion battery can be charged from any USB source. Available in two color pairings; three other models available, \$29.99-\$99.99. <http://digitalfix.com/pages/nudeaudio>



NudeAudio portable bluetooth speaker

FIVE TRIPS OF A LIFETIME ON FIVE CONTINENTS MARK A 5TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate their fifth anniversary and redesigned website, the travel specialists at Zicasso have created five trips of a lifetime, each with five experiences to showcase the best that unique luxury travel can offer in Europe, Africa, South America, Australia (where green sea turtles swim around the Great Barrier Reef), and Asia. Reinvented from the ground up, the new Zicasso immerses the user in the luxury travel experience with use of stunning imagery and new features, including over 1,000 custom itineraries, over 2,000 vacation reviews from real travelers with



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A green sea turtle in the Great Barrier Reef.

actual bookings, enhanced matching of travelers with travel specialists, and more.

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