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From a self-guided tour to direct flights to Spain

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GLASS HOUSE SELF-GUIDED TOUR

For the first time, visitors to the Glass House, architect Philip Johnson's one-room retreat in New Canaan, Conn., can view the property on a self-guided tour. Spend as much time as you wish in the 1949 house, a National Historic Landmark, and six other Johnson-designed buildings on the 47-acre grounds, including the Painting Gallery, Sculpture Gallery, Da Monsta, Library, Pond Pavilion, and Lincoln Kirstein Tower (\$75). Guided tours are also available, from one to longer than two hours (\$30-\$100). Also new this year: "Veil," an

installation by Japanese artist Fujiko Nakaya, creates a mist that gradually encloses the house (pictured below) and then disappears to reveal the landscape. 203-594-9884,

www.theglasshouse.org

MOTHER'S DAY DEAL

Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston offers free admission to all moms on Mother's Day Weekend (May 10-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Stroll through the 132-acre gardens, with panoramic views of Mount Wachusett and the reservoir, and enjoy more than 350 varieties of trees and shrubs, and of fragrant and textured perennials. Twigs Cafe will be open on Sunday by reservation only. Visitors are welcome to bring picnics, or purchase prepared sandwiches, salads, snacks, and beverages. Pick up cards, gifts, and plants for mom in the gift shop. Guided tours offered both days, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults \$12, seniors \$9, youth \$7, under 6 free. 508-869-6111, www.towerhillbg.org

CELEBRATE LOCAL FLAVORS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE INNS

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The Country Inns in the White Mountains are ramping up their annual herb tour to include a celebration of local flavors. The Herb, Food and Beer Tour (June 7-8) features visits to breweries, chocolate makers, and family-owned farms, cooking demonstrations, and more. Tour goers will take home herb trivia, historical facts, and recipes while tasting a different herb-inspired dish at each inn such as tarragon at the Darby Field Inn, ginger at the Riverbend Inn, and basil at the 1785 Inn. Reserve May 11-June 2 for tour only, \$40. Lodging packages include one- or two-night stays, herb-themed breakfasts, two tour tickets, and optional herb-inspired dinner add-on. Package prices vary from inn to inn.

www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/spring-herb-tour.htm

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LUXE LODGES ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

For those who prefer luxury digs to camping, Wya Point Resort has added five lavish lodges to its property in the coastal rain forest at the southern tip of Vancouver Island's west coast. Ideal for couples and families, one- and two-bedroom

accommodations feature ocean views, open-concept kitchens, fireplaces, private decks, and direct beach access. Located on an old village site of the Ucluelet



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First Nation, within minutes of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, visitors enjoy year-round surfing, kayaking, hiking, fishing, and wildlife. Additional resort offerings include in-room executive chef services, in-room massages, and stand-up paddleboard lessons. One-bedroom, \$275 per night; two-bedroom \$425 per night, through June 15. 250-726-2625, www.wyapoint.com

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO SPAIN

Good news for those traveling to Spain: Iberia has resumed direct services between Boston and Madrid, starting with flights daily except Thursdays and Fridays and going to daily in July. Almost all flights will use Iberia's new Airbus A330s, which emit 15-percent less CO₂ than the aircraft they replace, and are equipped with all-new cabin interiors, seats, and individual entertainment systems in both business and economy. Flying times are designed to facilitate connections in the Madrid-Barajas Airport for the Spanish airline's 70-plus destinations in Spain, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. 800-772-4642, www.iberia.com.



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TRAVEL PLAY MAT FOR KIDS

When you're far from home, keep your little ones entertained and happy for hours with the everywhere playMAT. This colorful, cushioned, double-sided mat (pictured above) engages toddlers who can search for hidden characters, count the creatures, sound out letters, and play other simple games; and large enough (5.8-by-6.5 feet) for infants on their tummies to scan its bright patterns.

Nontoxic and water resistant, the mat wipes clean and folds for easy travel. \$34.99. 805-922-2250, www.princelionheart.com/site/p_playmat_7710_7711_7712.html.



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Travel playMAT for kids.

FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, TYPHOID IMMUNIZATION CAPSULES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that those planning international trips, especially to rural areas in developing countries, should protect themselves from infectious diseases. When contacting your health care provider for advice,

make sure to ask about the possible need for typhoid immunization. Crucell Vaccines manufactures Vivotif, a live bacterial oral vaccine available in a series of four capsules, designed for people 6 years and older who are traveling to areas where typhoid is prevalent. Provides protection for five years. \$47.50. 800-533-5899, www.crucell.us.com.

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