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## Newport Restaurant Week to lightweight battery

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### HERE

#### RESTAURANT WEEK DEALS IN RHODE ISLAND

Take advantage of fine cuisine at affordable prix-fixe prices during Newport Restaurant Week (Nov. 1-10). More than 50 restaurants throughout Newport and Bristol counties participate in this autumn tradition — now in its 7th year — which highlights ingredients sourced from local farmers, foragers, and fishermen. Revisit your favorite dining destinations or discover new ones, enjoying three-course meals (lunch \$16; dinner \$30) at venues such as Jamestown Fish, Malt, and The Spiced Pear at the Chanler. Check website for participating restaurants, menus, cooking classes, and lodging packages. 800-326-6030,

## **FALL MENU DEBUTS AT PINE**

PINE, a stylish-yet-casual restaurant located in the Hanover Inn on the Dartmouth College campus, debuts its new fall menu with dishes created by chef and restaurateur Michael Schlow and executive chef Justin Dain. With its focus on local and sustainable New England products, the menu complements a day of hiking, biking, or simply driving through New Hampshire's Upper Valley. Dine on grilled ribeye steak with corn, jalapeños, bacon, and french fries; potato-crust halibut with asparagus, chanterelles, carrot and truffle vinaigrette; pappardelle pasta with duck conift, leeks, bacon, and porcini mushrooms; or a simple Hanover burger. Entrees \$16-\$35. 603-646-8000, [www.pineathanoverinn.com](http://www.pineathanoverinn.com)

## **THERE**

### **THANKSGIVING PARADE PACKAGE**

Kick off the holiday season in New York at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, a tradition since the 1920s featuring one-of-a-kind floats, performances, and giant balloons. The Hotel Belleclaire (pictured below) on the Upper West Side is offering a Behind the Scenes of the Macy's Parade package on Thanksgiving eve (Nov. 27). Guests can observe the enormous character balloons taking shape near the hotel. Package includes accommodations, continental breakfast, Shake Shack lunch (\$50 value), keepsake holiday mascot, and Thanksgiving guide with parade map, balloon show information, and holiday dining options. Rates from \$299. 212-362-7700, [www.hotelbelleclaire.com](http://www.hotelbelleclaire.com)

**FRINGE FILM FESTIVAL IN NOVA SCOTIA** Calling all fans of horror, cult, fantasy, experimental, documentary, and science fiction films: the Outlier Film Festival — the first of its kind on the east coast of Canada — debuts at The Bus Stop Theatre in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Nov. 21-24). Designed to celebrate fringe film culture and “inspire artistic deviance,” the program includes director James Sizemore's “The Demon's Rock,” and the dreamlike animation of Chris Sullivan's “Consuming Spirits.” Festival pass: \$50.

[www.outlierfilmfestival.com](http://www.outlierfilmfestival.com)

### **UNLIMITED GOLF IN COSTA RICA**

Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort in Herradura is offering an Unlimited Golf package at its 1,100-acre rain forest property overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A two-night minimum stay includes golf for two adults daily at La Iguana, an 18-hole, par-72 championship course with a challenging Ted Robinson-designed layout. (As well as friendly monkeys and brightly hued macaws.) Package includes unlimited green fee, golf car with GPS, and daily breakfast

buffet for two. Other resort activities include swimming, canopy tours, hiking, tennis, volleyball, miniature golf, and more. Rates from \$269 valid through Dec. 20. Use promotional code: Z81. 800-228-9290, [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjols-los-suenos-marriott-ocean-and-golf-resort](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjols-los-suenos-marriott-ocean-and-golf-resort)

## **EVERYWHERE**

### **LIGHTWEIGHT PORTABLE BATTERY**

New Trent, a California-based company that designs and manufactures mobile accessories, has released a new line of products, including Travepak Plus. Weighing only 10 ounces, this sleek external battery with integrated AC adapter is compatible with most USB-based devices. Now you can simultaneously charge two USB-based devices while the battery is plugged into a wall outlet. Compatible with most smart phones and tablets, its ambient LED light can be used as a nightlight or turned off. \$48.95. [www.newtrent.com](http://www.newtrent.com)

### **TRAVEL MEMOIR MASSAGED INTO PRINT**

Travel memoirs can be adventure tales or stories about personal transformation. Writer Alden Jones combines both in “The Blind Masseuse: A Traveler’s Memoir From Costa Rica to Cambodia” (University of Wisconsin Press, \$24.95), to be published Nov. 15. Jones has lived, worked, and traveled in over 40 countries, including stints as a program director in Cuba and a WorldTeach volunteer in Costa Rica. Her explorations in these countries — as well as her travels in Bolivia, Myanmar, Egypt, and more — provide the inspiration for these essays. More than a simple travelogue, Jones chronicles her experiences in each culture while pondering her place as a citizen of the world. [www.amazon.com/The-Blind-Masseuse-Travelers-Cambodia/dp/0299295702](http://www.amazon.com/The-Blind-Masseuse-Travelers-Cambodia/dp/0299295702)