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Wild pizza in Verona, Italy; sleep in a Michigan lighthouse

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Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast in Big Bay, Mich.

Wild pizza in Verona

Saporè DownTown is an intriguingly experimental contemporary pizzeria in Verona, Italy. Chef Renato Bosco opened the original in 2006; it has since appeared on several best-pizza-in-Italy lists. Bosco is a crust man, whose years of experimentation have rendered a wild range of results. Those range from crispy-chewy, almost-traditional round pies with no added yeast to his triangular, ethereally light aria di pane style and the oddball mozzarella di pane, inspired by Asian-style steamed buns. We were especially enchanted by the no-added-yeast Pancetta pizza, which came slathered with pumpkin cream, dolloped with mozzarella, studded with pancetta cotta and topped with generous shavings of nutty, sharp Asiago stravecchio (boscorenato.it).

Epcot adding American Indian gallery

Change is on the way to a Walt Disney World art exhibit at Epcot's American Adventure. "Creating Tradition: Innovation and Change in American Indian Art" will move into the American Heritage Gallery sometime this summer, according to a post on the official Disney Parks Blog. It will be a collaboration of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture of Santa Fe, N.M., and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Featured artists will be fashion designer Loren Aragon, doll maker Glenda McKay and Juanita Growing Thunder of Montana.

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La Pancetta pizza at Saporè DownTown in Verona, Italy.

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Mekong River cruise

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Sleep in a lighthouse

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Big Bay Point Lighthouse in Big Bay, Mich., is run by avid preservationists eager to share local history. Their goal is to maintain the romance of an era when mariners relied on the skill of a light keeper to bring them safely through this challenging stretch of Upper Peninsula coastline. Today visitors enjoy the peaceful solitude of the pristine, cliffside location overlooking Lake Superior. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are available on 40 acres of trails. A full breakfast is included. For safety reasons, children must be 16 or older (bigbaylighthouse.com).

FamilyTravel.com

'The Beach' is closed

Hordes of tourists have exhausted the Thai beach made famous by the 1999 Leonardo DiCaprio movie "The Beach." Maya Bay, on Phi Phi Leh island in the Andaman Sea, will be closed to all visitors for four months annually starting this June to allow for the recovery of the battered coral reefs and sea life. "It's like someone who has been working for decades and has never stopped," said Thon Thamrongnawasawat, a prominent marine scientist. "Overworked and tired, all the beauty of the beach is gone. We need a timeout for the beach." The beach receives an average of 200 boats and 4,000 visitors each day. Recent surveys found a large part of the coral reefs around the area is gone and sea life has virtually disappeared.

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