

Sigiriya Rock Fortress highlights 13-day Sri Lanka tour

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New exhibition

Newport, Ore.: We may not all live in a yellow submarine, but the Oregon Coast Aquarium on Yaquina Bay offers kids a chance to explore a coral reef in one with the new interactive children's exhibit, "The Sea & Me." Its lemon-hued Sea Lab minisub includes a working periscope and lifelike ocean views. Also new: a touch pool with sharks and rays and a cichlid pond inspired by Lake Malawi. aquarium.org.

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Hotel redesign

Paris: Steps from some of the world's top fashion houses, the 108-room Castille Paris now sports a suitably stylish new look after a \$25.5 million makeover. Its Italian owners installed contemporary furnishings in black, coral and cream, with a 1930s ambience in one wing and Italianate classicism in the other. Also redesigned: a courtyard for dining en plein air. Rates start at \$255. www.starhotels.com.

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New tour

Sri Lanka: Climbing to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, trekking through Horton Plains National Park to see Baker's Falls, and exploring the ancient city of Anuradhapura and the Dambulla Rock Cave Temple (among other UNESCO World Heritage Sites) can be tiring. Good thing Geringer Global Travel's new 13-day Sri Lanka tour, from \$2,225, also stops for a cup of Ceylon tea at a tea plantation. www.geringerglobaltravel.com.