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FILM FEST HIGHLIGHTS GLOBAL CYCLING ADVENTURES

Explore Nunavut's frozen tundra and the heat of the Australian Outback, see a father and son sharing their first overnight bike outing, and follow a woman on a solo cycling adventure. The 9th Annual Ciclismo Classico Bike Travel Film Festival features nine short films aimed to inspire viewers to hop on their bikes and ride. This year's festival has expanded to four New England venues. Catch the festival in Arlington on May 30, with a special "best-of-the-fest" show May 31 that includes audience favorites from the past eight years; Salem and Northampton on June 7; and Danbury, Conn., on June 8. The Arlington event on May 30 also features the Cookie Showcase, a cookie buffet featuring treats from Arlington's top bakeries. The Northampton event includes a VIP tasting with drink samples from Artisan Beverage Coop of Greenfield. The festival is produced by Ciclismo Classico, an Arlington-based company that has led bike tours worldwide for 30 years. **Pricing:** \$10-\$25, depending on location. 617-599-8509, www.ciclismo.classico.com/filmfest.

ENJOY PORTLAND BY LAND AND SEA

Spend a night exploring downtown Portland, Maine, and then two nights "at sea," staying on a peaceful, car-free island in Casco Bay. The Portland by Land and by Sea package includes one night's accommodations at the Portland Harbor Hotel, and dinner and breakfast at BlueFin located in the



city's historic Old Port District. From here, you can explore the waterfront, art galleries, boutiques, and area's historic treasures. Then catch a ferry across the bay to Great Diamond Island, where you will enjoy two nights and dinner at the Inn at Diamond Cove, an upscale and cozy inn located within Fort McKinley's former army barracks. Go for a hike, ride a bike, or paddle around the area, and enjoy dinner for two at Diamond's Edge, a waterfront restaurant. **Package offered May 24-Sept. 21, subject to availability. Rates start at \$1,375 based on three nights with double occupancy; includes \$400 worth of dining credit.** 207-805-9836, www.innatdiamondcove.com, www.portlandharborhotel.com.

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EXERCISE YOUR MIND AT SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Learn about black holes, brains and neuroplasticity, self-taught robots, and more at the World Science Festival in New York City, May 29-June 3. The festival draws the world's leading scien-

tists and includes more than 70 thought-provoking events, with lively discussions and debates, hands-on experiments, films, performances, and interactive outdoor explorations. This year's festival highlights the amazing achievements of women in science, honoring trailblazing women, past and present, whose scientific insights have helped transform the world. Don't miss the gala at the Lincoln Center on May 29, which includes a performing arts salute to women in science, followed by a science-inspired dinner (tickets start at \$1,000). **Admission to other festival events varies.** www.worldsciencefestival.com.

SEE CANADA'S NEW UNESCO SITE

Visit Quebec's first UNESCO Global Geopark, located on the eastern edge of Gaspé Peninsula along the Appalachian mountain range, where a stunning rock monolith towers out of the ocean, surrounded by other sea stacks, hills, cliffs and coves. The geologically rich and historic area just received this prestigious designation, making it only the third geopark in Canada (along with Stonehammer in New Brunswick and Tumbler Ridge in British Colum-



bia). What's a geopark? A place with geological, cultural, and natural significance. The Percé UNESCO Global Geopark, located on the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people, has historic buildings, an extensive network of hiking trails, and sites of geological importance, including Percé Rock (that looming monolith) and Bonaventure Island. The area showcases five distinct geological periods, and contains fossils, glacial phenomena, and other features that tell the history of Percé and the surrounding area. 415-782-5112, geoparcdeperce.com/en.

EVERYWHERE

BURLY LUGGAGE FOR ADVENTURERS

Imagine luggage that can withstand dust and rain storms, the rigors of airline travel, and adventures to the world's remotest outposts — and getting hosed down once you return home. Eagle Creek's new National Geographic Adventure Guide bags promise all that, and more. The series includes a roll-aboard suitcase with integrated backpack straps, called the Borderless Convertible Carry On; a hefty 65-liter Guide Travel Pack; a 60-liter All Purpose Duffel; a 40-liter daypack-size Utility Backpack; and the cavernous 32-liter Yonder Rolling Trunk. They're all made with seemingly impenetrable, double-



coated tarpaulin, and seam-sealed zippers. The smartly designed carry-on bag has two front pockets for stashing documents, devices, and an extra layer, a back zippered pocket for storing the cushioned backpack straps or a laptop, and two interior pockets for holding travel gear and treasures. Small and medium National Geographic-branded Pack-It compression cubes help keep clothes organized and well protected. **Luggage hits stores June 1.** \$59 cube set; \$199 (duffel) to \$449 (trunk). www.eaglecreek.com/national-geographic.

A TRAVEL CHAIR YOU'LL WANT TO USE

If you're taking a portable chair to the beach, on a road trip, or for your camping adventure, why not bring something that's actually comfortable? GCI's new RoadTrip Rocker folds up and packs into an easy-to-tote bag, and then unfolds at your destination to give you a full-size chair that is stable, has a wide and taut comfortable seat (no sagging so you don't feel trapped in one position), and offers the added benefit of rocking, thanks to the Spring-Action Rocking Technology. The chair has a beverage holder, mesh backrest, and padded armrests, and holds up to 250 pounds. It comes with a steel frame and may be heavier than your friend's camp chair — it weighs 13.2 pounds — but will likely give you a lot more comfort. \$60. www.gcioutdoor.com.

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