

# The Concierge

## TIPS FOR TOURING HERE AND ABROAD

### HERE

#### KLEZMER, YIDDISH MUSIC FESTIVAL IN AMHERST

Celebrate all-things-klezmer at the 4th annual Yidstock: The Festival of New Yiddish Music at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst (July 16-19). Set in a 10-acre apple orchard at the edge of the campus of Hampshire College, this four-day event brings together the top names in klezmer and Yiddish music (pictured below), from legendary performers to up-and-coming artists. The Grammy Award-winning Klezmatics kick off the festivities, followed by a concert lineup that includes the Yiddish Art Trio, So-called, Klezperanto, and Sklamberg & the Shepherds, and a special performance by the Yidstock All-Stars with Frank London. Other activities include talks on topics ranging from Yiddish music in the Soviet Union to the history of the knish, and music and dance workshops. Tickets per event: \$8-\$40. 413-256-4900, [yiddishbookcenter.org/yidstock](http://yiddishbookcenter.org/yidstock)

#### EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC IN THE BERKSHIRES

Fans of boundary-smashing music won't want to miss the Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival at Mass MoCA. In-

ternational composers and performers attend this three-week extravaganza of public performances, recitals, and lectures dedicated to exploring adventurous contemporary music. Performances begin July 15



and include daily recitals in the museum galleries (1:30 p.m. Mon-Fri, 4:30 p.m. Mon-Sat); free with museum admission. Starting July 25, the festival presents Bang on a Can Plays Art, a 13-concert series that draws its inspiration from the visual art in the museum's galleries. The festival's finale is a six-hour marathon of classical, contemporary, minimal, ambient, jazz, and experimental sounds with excerpts from Philip Glass's "Einstein on the Beach," music-video by Christian Marclay, songs by Meredith Monk, and more. Individu-

al tickets to the evening concert (July 25) and Marathon (Aug. 1)

\$24 each; \$35 with museum admission. [bangonacan.org/summerfest2015](http://bangonacan.org/summerfest2015)

### THERE

#### SUSTAINABLE LUXURY NEAR MACHU PICCHU

If you'd like a little luxury with your trek to Machu Picchu, check out the new [Inkaterra](http://Inkaterra.com) Hacienda

Urubamba, the sixth property of Inkaterra, a Peruvian organization with 40 years of experience in sustainable tourism. Located at approximately 9,515 feet elevation in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, about an hour's drive east of the ruins, the 100-acre property's contemporary hacienda-style hotel features 12 rooms and suites with views of the valley and surrounding mountains. Guests are welcome to pick their own produce or medicinal herbs at the 10-

acre organic plantation — including red, black, and brown quinoa, artichokes, purple corn, lemon balm, rosemary, chamomile, and more — and enjoy activities such as bird-watching, stargazing, horse-back riding, and riding a traditional llama cart. This summer, 24 stand-alone luxury casitas are scheduled to open. Rates from \$462, includes breakfast buffet (pictured above) and guided tours on the property.

[www.inkaterra.com/inkaterra/inkaterra-hacienda-urubamba/the-experience](http://www.inkaterra.com/inkaterra/inkaterra-hacienda-urubamba/the-experience)

#### HARLEM AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Find the best of Harlem's culture — dining, performance art, music, galleries, shopping, and more — with the new Harlem's Alive smartphone app. Representing 100-plus businesses, it offers a comprehensive calendar that allows you to discover up-to-the-minute offerings, including happy hours, dinner, concerts, brunch, art shows, dance performances, family activities and more, along with special discounts and promotions. Search events by type, date, or location. Both the Harlem's Alive website and app allow you to add events to your calendar, buy tickets, share with friends, and get directions. The app's launch coincides with the preview of Harlem Days Harlem Nights, a new Harlem Park to Park (HP2P)



cultural initiative that will launch in September and feature special monthly offerings at HP2P businesses on the first Thursday and third Sunday of each month. Free. [www.harlemsalive.com](http://www.harlemsalive.com)

## EVERYWHERE

### WILD BLUE YONDER

Mark Vanhoenacker gave up careers in academia and the business world to pursue his childhood dream of piloting airplanes. In "Skyfaring: A Journey With a Pilot" (Knopf, 2015), the author, now a Boeing 747 pilot for British Airways, incorporates his youthful sense of awe with poetic, scientific, geographic, and sometimes literary explorations of the experience of flight. Vanhoenacker, a Massachusetts native, offers an intimate view of the complex machinery of flight, and the ethereal realms above mountains, seas, and cities, where traditional maps and boundaries are replaced by markers, lights, and names known only to pilots and their earthbound guides. Those disillusioned by the mundane world of air travel in the 21st century may rediscover their lost sense of wonder in the pages of

this book. \$25.95; e-book \$13.99. [www.skyfaring.com](http://www.skyfaring.com)

### STYLISH LIGHTWEIGHT FOLDABLE CHAIR

The new REI Flex Lite Chair debuts in time for summer concerts, backpacking, and camping trips. Weighing less than 2 pounds, the foldable chair with its easy-to-carry sack is the perfect replacement for your old, heavy equipment. The four-leg design provides stability for up to 250 pounds. An aluminum

frame, similar to that on a lightweight tent, supports a ripstop nylon seat with breathable panels. A mesh sidepocket can hold your flashlight or phone. Available in seven colors. \$72.50. 800-426-4840, [www.rei.com/product/877258/rei-flex-lite-chair#tab-description](http://www.rei.com/product/877258/rei-flex-lite-chair#tab-description) NECEE REGIS

