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## Travel briefs

### A HELICOPTER FIT FOR 4 PRESIDENTS

The presidential helicopter has landed — and you can get on board.

A 6-ton Sikorsky is now on display at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda. The luxury chopper was a mobile Oval Office for Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford on

hundreds of trips, including visits by Nixon to the Statue of Liberty in New York, the pyramids of Egypt and St. Peter's Square in Italy's Vatican City.

It has its own helipad at the Nixon museum, which also displays a 1912 farmhouse built by Nixon's father; Nixon was born in the house in 1913.

Information: [www.nixonlibrary.org](http://www.nixonlibrary.org); (714) 993-5075.

### JET LAG REMEDY

Forget melatonin. The newest concept for easing jet lag is much bigger than a pill. It is Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner, which the company says is designed to help passengers arrive at their destinations feeling more refreshed.

After conducting jet lag

experiments on hundreds of people, Boeing set out to create a plane that would help combat the causes of jet lag — lighting, pressure, humidity and air quality.

"The idea is that we impact the environment within the plane to make changing time zones easier," said Mike Sinnott, director of systems for Boeing's 787.

### DOGGIE FOODIES?

A new online guide lists

restaurants and bars across the nation that allow pet owners to bring their dogs along.

The Web site, [petfriendlytravel.com](http://petfriendlytravel.com), also includes reviews and other pet-travel listings, from beaches to lodging.

Local health laws usually limit dogs to outside dining areas, or to venues like bars, where no food is served. So most of the restaurants that allow animals offer outdoor seating.

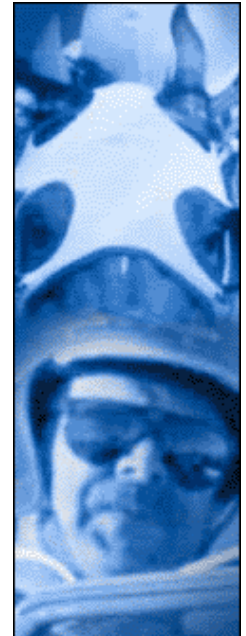
### CHEERIO, MOTHER ROAD

Five antique cars from Great Britain, most driven by British teams, will embark today on historic Route 66, making the famous journey from Chicago to Los Angeles.

The Austin Seven cars date from 1929 to 1938 and lack comforts and amenities such as air conditioning that modern drivers have come to expect.

The trip celebrates the 80th

anniversary of the 2,200-mile



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highway, which was established in 1926.

## TASTE OF CANADA

Vancouver Island is throwing a big party to celebrate the wines and foods of British Columbia's Cowichan Valley.

The second annual Cowichan Wine & Culinary Festival, set for Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, will include wine tastings, cooking demonstrations and tastings, silent auctions, musical events, and art shows.

Among the highlights will be a wild salmon barbecue, a grape crush and apple pressings.

Information: [www.wines.cowichan.net](http://www.wines.cowichan.net); (888) 842-7245.

## EXTREME ESCAPES

Taking the road less traveled is no easy feat these days, with hundreds of visitors climbing to base camp at Everest and trekking to the South Pole each year. Those really looking to get off the beaten path might want to travel instead with Pioneer

Expeditions, which offers what it says are one-of-a-kind adventures.

Four trips, with groups limited to 10 people, are offered this year, including a swim across a volcanic crater lake in the Philippines in November; a river safari in Tanzania in December; a trek across a remote reserve in Madagascar in March; and a 16-day trek across Liverpool Land in eastern Greenland in April.

Information: [www.pioneerexpeditions.com](http://www.pioneerexpeditions.com); (011-44-845) 004-7801).

## BIG-SCREEN DISASTER

"Hurricane on the Bayou," an IMAX film about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the impact on storm protection of Louisiana's disappearing wetlands, premiered last week at the Audubon Nature Institute in New Orleans.

Filming began before the

devastating hurricane hit, and its focus was radically revised as a result. It shows daily at Entergy IMAX Theatre, next door to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas.

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Information:  
[www.auduboninstitute.org](http://www.auduboninstitute.org);  
(800) 774-7394.

## NEW ITINERARY

EasyCruise is headed up a river.

EasyCruiseTwo will sail weekly along rivers and canals linking Amsterdam and Rotterdam in the Netherlands, Brussels and Antwerp in Belgium. It allows passengers to hop on and off at various destinations, provided they stay onboard at least two nights.

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EasyCruiseOne gained popularity in the Mediterranean and Caribbean by targeting a younger cruise market. It was launched by Greek entrepreneur Stelios Haji-Ioannou, the founder of Europe's EasyJet airline.

Information: [www.easycruise.com](http://www.easycruise.com); (650) 385-0563.

## FIRST FRUITS

The Festival of Forgotten Fruits, scheduled for Oct. 14-15 in the town of Casola Valsenio, Italy, is an event designed to bring attention to

little-known and sometimes ancient varieties of wild fruit that are still cultivated locally.

The festival will feature

pomegranates, vulpine pears, rose apples, jujubes (also known as red dates or Chinese dates), quince apples, sorb apples, cornelian

cherries and unusual types of berries, as well as medlars, which are used as an ingredient in desserts, jelly and wine.

Information: [www.pubblica.it](http://www.pubblica.it); (011-39) 546-74627.

## ART AND EATS

If you're traveling to Washington, D.C., this fall, take time out from visiting the city's landmarks to enjoy a festival, performance or walking tour.

The Kennedy Center is holding a Prelude Festival through Oct. 1 with a sampling of symphony, theater, opera, dance and jazz to usher in the new season. Information: [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org).

Meanwhile, the eclectic Adams Morgan neighborhood, which is filled with cafes, takeout shops and many other small ethnic eateries, puts its wares on display on Sept. 10 for the annual Adams Morgan Day.

Information: [www.adamsmorgandayfestival.com](http://www.adamsmorgandayfestival.com)

## TECHNO-CONSCIOUS

Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin opens Saturday in a new Milwaukee location with aquariums, ships and science exhibits.

One building offers hands-on exhibits on the latest in technology, many of them funded by local

companies specializing in such things as robotics. It expands on the

experience of Milwaukee's old

Discovery World for children, but this time with exhibits and programs for all ages.

Information: [www.discoveryworld.org](http://www.discoveryworld.org); (414) 765-9966.

## POPULAR PERU

Tourism is increasing to the ancient Sacred City of Caral, Peru, which was discovered in 1994.

The city, more than 5,000 years old, is considered to be the oldest city in the Americas. Structures include housing, pyramids, plazas, temples and altars. Farming,

engineering, textiles and trade were all part of life there.

Located in the Supe Valley, about two hours from Lima, Caral is easily accessible by the Pan-American Highway.

Information: [www.peru.info](http://www.peru.info); (866) 661-7378.

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