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WHERE ARE YOU?

## A WORLD IN RUINS

I'm 25 kilometres south of Rome scrutinizing an ancient town square. With the help of mosaics, I think I've found the baker, the shipper and someone who might have helped me procure exotic animals, circa AD 62.

On the advice of a friend, I skipped the crowds in Pompeii and instead came here, to Ostia Antica. It's an excavated port town that few bother to visit, so I'm sharing the 84 acres of ruins with only a dozen others.

Ostia Antica lay covered in the Tiber's silt for roughly 1,000 years, until the early 19th century.

But at its peak, an estimated 50,000 Romans called this bustling town home, with its pub, with its temples and its public baths. I walk tree-lined streets, sit in the amphitheatre and eavesdrop at the local bar. Just like Romans past. —Leslie Garrett

FOLLOW IN ANCIENT  
ROMANS' FOOTSTEPS  
AT THIS FASCINATING  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
SITE

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**OSTIA**  
ITALY

LOCATION

**41.7603° N**  
**12.3005° E**

POPULATION

**50,000**  
(around AD 200)

DID YOU KNOW?

In the town's heyday, the floor of the amphitheatre was sometimes flooded for performances that featured sea gods and goddesses.



The coaster's name is a reference to the moxie-testing Klondike Gold Rush of the 1890s

YES, THEY DO TAKE A PHOTO OF THE RIDE THAT YOU CAN BUY!

#### BY THE NUMBERS

## fear factor

The record-breaking Yukon Striker—the tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster in the world—opened in early May at Canada's Wonderland in Vaughan, Ont. Here's what awaits those who dare to ride this summer. —*Kristen Koch*

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Seconds each train pauses at the crest of the lift hill, giving riders time to contemplate both the 75-metre, 90-degree plummet into an underwater tunnel and their decision to ride.

**130**

Top speed in km/h, reached at the bottom of the first drop.

**72**

People who can ride at once, on three trains that carry 24 passengers each.

**1,105**

Length of the ride in metres. It takes each train just over three minutes to race up, down and around the track—either no time at all or the longest you'll ever hold your breath.

**42**

Columns that support the coaster. The tallest is 63 metres high and more than a metre in diameter.

**113**

Weight, in kilograms, of the dummies that ride during testing. (Actual dummies, not coaster superfans; they're similar to crash-test dummies and filled with water.)

**31**

Years that Bolliger & Mabillard, the Swiss firm that designed the ride, has been making coasters. They also dreamed up Wonderland favourites Leviathan and Behemoth.

#### ASK AN EXPERT

## SHOP TALK



CAA auto expert  
Michael Schmidt  
answers your questions

**Q:** I have a 2013 Toyota Venza in excellent condition with 75,000 kilometres on the odometer. Toyota no longer makes the Venza, so I'm afraid it will lose value faster than a non-discontinued model. Should I sell it sooner rather than later?

*Bob Miller*

**A:** I see no reason why your vehicle wouldn't depreciate the same as any other vehicle of the same genre and price. What matters most is your vehicle's worth to you. As long as it's reliable and a pleasure to drive, selling it shouldn't be on your mind.

**Q:** Can I use a 215/70/R16 tire instead of a 215/60/R16 tire? I'd like to put the tire and wheel from a 2004 Saturn Vue onto a 2006 Nissan Altima.

*Vince Picchiello*

**A:** I would not recommend using this tire. Generally, automakers will allow for a three per cent difference between tire sizes; here, the difference is 6.5 per cent. It will not perform well and may even end up rubbing the inside of your wheel well due to its larger circumference.

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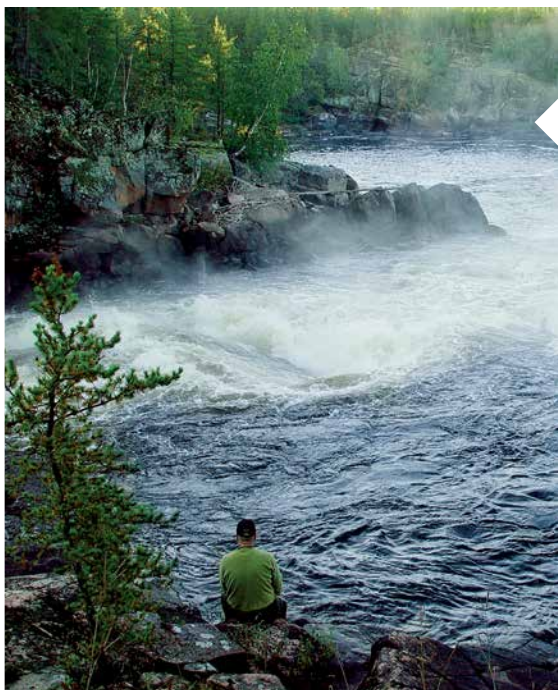


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CULTURE

# on the list

Becoming a World Heritage Site has its perks. Being tapped by UNESCO as a place with “outstanding universal value” means a little legal protection and a lot of tourist interest. Here are four sites that got the nod in the latest round of designations—and are well worth a visit, too. —Vawn Himmelsbach



## PIMACHIOWIN AKI

ONTARIO-MANITOBA BORDER, CANADA

This is Canada's newest UNESCO site and its first with both natural and cultural significance. Pimachiowin Aki is part of the ancestral home of the Anishinaabeg, an Indigenous people who practise the cultural tradition of “keeping the land” in the way they name places and use natural resources. Rich in rivers, lakes, wetlands and boreal forest, the area also has ceremonial sites and travel routes used for 7,000 years.



## BARBERTON MAKHONJWA MOUNTAINS

SOUTH AFRICA

These peaks are part of the Barberton Greenstone Belt, one of the world's oldest geological structures. As an example of well-preserved volcanic and sedimentary rock dating back 3.25 to 3.6 billion years, the site provides incredible data on meteorite impacts and continent-building processes.

## SANSA BUDDHIST MOUNTAIN MONASTERIES

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The seven Sansa monasteries, established between the seventh and ninth centuries, are spread throughout the southern Korean peninsula. These sacred places have survived as living centres of faith and maintained architectural characteristics specific to Korea such as the *madang*, or open courtyard.



## CALIPHATE CITY OF MEDINA AZAHARA

SPAIN

This once-great city was built in the 10th century by the Umayyad dynasty as the seat of the caliphate of Cordoba. Ruined by war and forgotten for almost 1,000 years, this archaeological site now showcases roads, bridges, water systems and buildings, offering a glimpse into the Western Islamic civilization of Al-Andalus.



DESTINATION

# taking off

This classic mid-century modern airport terminal is ready for check-in once again



Soaring windows evoke the freedom of flight—and were replaced by new custom-cut glass during the building's restoration



Look for Womb chairs, another Saarinen design, in the rooms, plus accents in the Chili Pepper Red hue he created for TWA



While Saarinen handled the terminal, names like Valentino and Ralph Lauren designed the TWA uniforms of yore

**FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS**, the TWA Flight Center, a groundbreaking terminal at New York City's John F. Kennedy Airport, sat empty. But in mid-May, the building, one of the finest examples of mid-century architecture in America, will reopen as the heart of the retro-inspired TWA Hotel.

The 512-room development is designed to transport guests back to the Jet Age, says general manager Erik Palmer. "What we're trying to do is restore the ethos of 1962," he explains.

That was the year the TWA Flight Center opened. Commissioned by Howard Hughes and designed by Eero Saarinen, it had a vaulted concrete roof and undulating concourses that felt like a revolution in airport aesthetics.

"The TWA Flight Center is one of the most iconic buildings in North America from the post-war period," says Rick Haldenby, a professor of architecture at the University of Waterloo. "It was heroic, expressive, thoroughly modern." It was also too small. By 2001, struggling to keep up with rising passenger numbers, it was shuttered.

But the new hotel is a takeoff on the terminal's glory days. Hotel staff will don flight-crew uniforms from the '60s. Rooms will have Womb chairs and rotary phones. And a refurbished 1958 Lockheed Constellation will serve as a cocktail bar. Board for a drink before your flight or make it an overnight layover. —Andrew Raven

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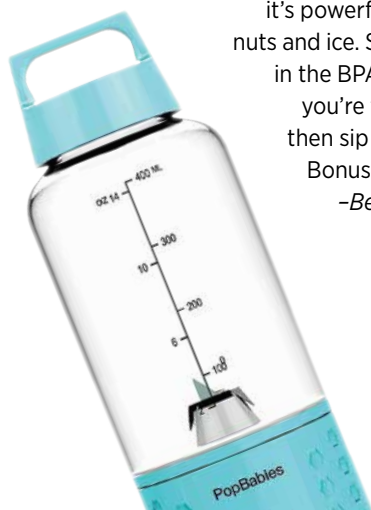
INNOVATION

## WHIP IT GOOD

Pack a portable blender for single-serve smoothies and juices wherever you are

Charge, fill and go with a new wave of blenders that don't even need to be plugged in. The base of the **PopBabies** personal blender has a built-in lithium battery that can be recharged via USB, so you don't need to find an outlet every time you use it. Packing 22,000 RPM, it's powerful enough to blend fruits, nuts and ice. Store your drink's ingredients in the BPA-free canister and when you're thirsty, flip the switch, then sip straight out of the cup. Bonus: it's dishwasher-safe.

—Beverley Ann D'Cruz



### GIVE IT A WHIRL

Try these five refreshing ideas for a smoothie on the go

- HANDFUL
- SPOONFUL
- SPLASH

#### MANGO COLADA

**mango**  
+  
**vanilla yogurt**  
+  
**coconut milk**

#### GREEN MONSTER

**banana**  
+  
**matcha powder**  
+  
**coconut water**

#### TWISTED BERRY

**blueberries**  
+  
**strawberry kefir**  
+  
**ginger tea**

#### GOLDEN SUNRISE

**pineapple**  
+  
**turmeric**  
+  
**vanilla kefir**

#### CHUNKY MONKEY

**banana**  
+  
**cocoa powder**  
+  
**almond milk**



TECH

## AIR FARES

Forget driverless cars. The future of road travel is up in the sky.

High gas prices and traffic jams might soon be a blip in the rear-view mirror of a new air taxi. Unveiled at this year's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the **Bell Nexus** is a sci-fi-esque answer to congestion, powered by a hybrid-electric propulsion system with three tilting fans on either side to get it airborne. The air taxi seats four, plus a pilot, and while it's still at the concept stage, it could hit urban airways by the mid-2020s.

—Sydney Loney