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Plenty of perches for eclipse viewing

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Bethel, Maine

Watch the star-studded event while sipping a signature Solar Eclipse cocktail on the pool patio at the Bethel Inn Resort. For adults, head mixologist Lisa Deherrera will mix old-fashioned moonshine, Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur, and orange juice. For kids, there's the Partial Eclipse mocktail with orange juice, ginger ale, and a blood orange slice. Book the Solar Eclipse Day package for two, including breakfast. \$149. www.bethelinn.com

Maine coast

A windjammer sail is an optimal way to spy the sky. The four-day "red-headed" Ketch Angelique departs Camden, Maine, on Aug. 20; rates start at \$845 per person. National Historic Landmark Schooner Lewis R. French (homeport Camden) and Victory Chimes (homeport Rockland) both sail Aug. 18-22; rates start at \$845 per person. Or reserve a bunk aboard the Mary Day's three-day cruise, departing from Camden Aug. 20-23; rates start at \$725 per person. Each of these cruises features six-hours of sailing daily, a new nightly anchorage, access to paddle boards, meals, and activities. www.sailmainecoast.com

Bretton Woods

The Omni Mount Washing-

ton Resort will host an exclusive eclipse event on Aug. 21 from noon to 3 p.m. Douglas Arion, professor of Physics and Astronomy at Carthage College, will simulcast the eclipse from his observing location in Stanley, Idaho. And, weather permitting, a telescope will also be set up to view the partial eclipse that will be visible over the skies of New Hampshire. Double room rates begin at \$439 per night. www.omnihotels.com/hotels/bretton-woods-mount-washington.

Block Island

The 1661 Inn in Old Harbor is partnering with Pond & Beyond Kayaks for eclipse viewing while kayaking on the Great Salt Pond. The inn is also home to a farm, with llamas and alpacas. Rates include a champagne buffet breakfast (including whole baked fish, homemade corned beef hash and, of course, bubbly) and daily wine and nibble hour. Double room rates begin at \$199 per night. www.blockislandresorts.com

Lenox

Canyon Ranch, a wellness spa destination in the Berkshires, will honor the celestial event with a Labyrinth Walk led by spiritual wellness director Sarah Vulgamore. The walk will take place from 2 to 3 p.m., as the height of the eclipse will occur at this location at 2:43 p.m. Participants will receive a crystal to hold during the walk ("which will gather energy along the labyrinth path") and this energy-charged crystal is for guests to keep. All-inclusive room rates begin at \$2,400 per person for a two-night minimum stay in a deluxe king room, including meals, snacks, 35-plus activities, classes and presentations, unlimited access to spa and fitness facilities, an allowance for spa, sports, and wellness activities (including the labyrinth walk) and airport transfers. www.canyonranch.com/lenox/

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NEW AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL SITES

Celebrate the lives of historic and new populations of Africans in Vermont on the African American Heritage Trail. Visitors can tour museums and cultural sites where exhibits, films, tours, and personal stories illuminate the history of slavery and freedom in the state, including documentation of Vermont's Underground Railroad. Two new sites have been added this year: The 148-acre Clemmons Family Farm near Lake Champlain, one of the oldest and largest African-American-owned farms in Vermont, includes six historic farm buildings, and serves as an African American heritage and multi-cultural center; and the Buffalo Soldiers Historic Markers that commemorate one of the first peacetime all-black regiments established in the regular US Army after the Civil War. A downloadable map provides addresses, links, and useful info about 22 historic destinations. www.vermontvacation.com/africanamericanheritagetrail

TAKE A HIKE IN THE BERKSHIRES

Heading to the Berkshires? Two summer packages, offered by the Red Lion Inn and the Porches Inn at MASS MoCA, encourage visitors to hike in the bucolic landscape of western Massachusetts. The Take a Hike package includes choice of accommodations and a special Berkshire backpack loaded with locally produced goodies, including an autographed copy of "50 Hikes in the Berkshire Hills," a container of Berkshire-made Mighty No Bitey insect repellent, a bottle of regional Just Water, a Berkshires' own Matt's Cookie Bar and — to keep you healthy — an apple. Available through Nov. 18. Rates from \$209 at the Porches Inn at MASS MoCA. 413-664-0400, www.porches.com. Rates from \$276 at The Red Lion Inn. 413-298-5545, www.redlion-inn.com.

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NEW HOTEL AND SHELLFISH FEST IN PEI

Oysters! Mussels! Music! The port city of Charlottetown on



Prince Edward Island is gearing up for its annual International Shellfish Festival, a four-day extravaganza filled with culinary delights and rocking live entertainment. (Sept. 14-17). Highlights include cooking demonstrations, a big band party, Mott's Clamato best Caesar cocktail contest, Tie-One-On mussel industry competition, chowder championships, oyster shucking competitions, and more. Day pass: \$15; weekend pass \$33. peishellfish.com.

While enjoying a plethora of shellfish, stay in the historic district at the newly opened Sydney Boutique Inn & Suites. Located in the former 1857 Notre Dame Academy, the property combines historic elegance with modern conveniences and amenities in its 18 suites. Rates from \$199 includes breakfast, parking, and Wi-Fi. 1-855-372-0888, sydney-inn.com.

TRAVEL LIKE A LOCAL IN NYC

You've seen the Empire State Building and the lights of Broadway. Now what? Those looking for affordable and off-the-grid experiences in the Big Apple may want to check out LOCALIKE New York, an innovative online service that curates customized tips on where to go and what to do away from traditional tourist areas. The user-friendly service gathers information based from your preferences via an online profile (complete with 40-plus categories) that generates unique suggestions based on local insider-tips and recommendations. For example, dine at an exclusive Japanese restaurant that doesn't publish its phone

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