

## travel notes

### MAUMEE BAY LODGE

The Maumee Bay Lodge, Ohio's newest state park lodge, has begun taking room and cabin reservations. According to the lodge operator, TW Recreation Services, Inc., final touches are being made to the Toledo area resort complex for a May 1 opening.

Located within the Maumee Bay State Park, the waterfront lodge includes 120 sleeping rooms, a restaurant, lounge, gift shop, miniature golf, indoor and outdoor pools, racquetball, tennis and basketball courts. An 18-hole Scottish links-style golf course is scheduled to open in the fall.

For pricing information and reservations, call (800) AT-A-PARK, or (614) 439-4466.

### MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, based in Paw Paw, has opened its first new show of the 1991 winter season, "Winter Heat," provides an evening of torch songs while guests enjoy dining and riding the rails through southwest Michigan's scenic wine country.

The Star Clipper Dinner Train has also resumed its murder-mystery series with a new show, "Clickety Clack to a Murder Attack."

The show gives passengers the opportunity to enjoy sleuthing along with dinner. Cast members mix with the audience and clues planted on each table help passengers solve the mystery before the train makes its round-trip journey from Paw Paw.

"Winter Heat" is offered Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday at noon, through March. "Clickety Clack to a Murder Attack" is staged Tuesday evenings. Price for dinner and show is \$52.20 per person; lunch and show \$43.65 per person. Reservations required for all departures. For more information and reservations, call (800) 828-3423.

### UP AND AWAY

Capt. Phogg Balloon Rides are offered by the Balloon Corp. of America, 2084 Thompson Road, Penton, Mich. The price per person is \$175.

The one-hour flights take place year-round at sunrise and a couple hours before sunset, weather-permitting.

Upon landing, you will be invited to attend a champagne toast. Total time required is about three hours. Warm clothing should be worn. For more information, call (313) 625-0940.

### PRESIDENTIAL HOBBIES EXHIBITION

The Gerald R. Ford Museum, 303 Pearl St. N.W., Grand Rapids, will open a new exhibition exploring the hobbies of 16 20th-century presidents. More than 20 hobbies will be represented in the exhibition, ranging from sports to collecting and the arts.

The exhibition will include photographs and three-dimensional objects reflecting the hobbies of presidents Theodore Roosevelt through George Bush.

"Hobbies" will open March 16 and remain on display through July 29. The Gerald R. Ford Museum is open 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:45 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 adults, \$1.50 seniors, children 15 and under free.

### GRAND TRAVERSE THEME WEEKENDS

If you are interested in a weekend getaway package that includes accommodations, entertainment, meals and a fun learning experience, the Grand Traverse Resort may have what you're looking for.

During "Romance Novelists Weekend," Feb. 22-23, you can meet and learn the tricks of the trade from seven published romance novelists and a literary agent.

The package includes two nights' accommodations, Friday evening reception and book signing session, Saturday seminars and evening dinner buffet.

Prices including tax are \$278.82 for two persons in hotel and \$342.40 in the tower. Children can accompany parents for an additional \$70.

The "Magician's Apprentice Weekend," March 8-9, is for adults and children alike. Magician/comedian Bernie Stevens will entertain with tableside magic and show how to perform several tricks.

This package includes a magic kit for use back home, two nights' accommodations, reception, seminars

and Saturday meals. Prices including tax are \$288.44 for two persons in hotel and \$352.04 in the tower. Children cost \$70 more.

The "Quest for the Treasure of Esarvati" is scheduled April 19-20. During this medieval treasure hunt weekend, guests are invited to decipher riddles, clues and mysterious happenings to gain enough power to find the treasure, a \$2,000 Shiffrin Jewellers gift certificate.

Throughout the weekend, participants are encouraged to dress in the spirit of the event as witches, wizards, fair maidens and of course, "big ugly guys." Runner-up prizes will also be awarded.

This treasure-hunting weekend includes two nights' accommodations, reception, treasure hunt and Saturday banquet awards dinner. Prices including tax are \$288.74 for two in hotel and \$352.34 in the tower. Children cost \$70 more.

For more information, call (800) 748-0303.

### ALASKA HIGHWAY TOURING

Travelers to Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory this year can follow in the footsteps of the gold rush state's early explorers on Holland America Westcoast's new 60-foot-long Alaska-Yukon Explorer "LoungeCoaches."

The new Alaska-Yukon Explorer will operate on 18 itineraries showing the interior of Alaska and Yukon Territory from June to September. Rides to the interior of Yukon Territory and Alaska include an overnight stop in Skagway, gateway to the Klondike. Travelers will see the authentic, false-fronted buildings of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, visit the Trail of '98 Museum and the Gold Rush Cemetery.

The new coaches are said to be 11 inches higher than standard coaches and have windows almost 25 percent larger than standard coaches.

With Holland America Westcoast's new spring savings program, travelers can save up to \$350 per couple by booking an Alaska cruise or cruise/tour between now and April 1. For more information, contact a travel agent.

### NORMAN ROCKWELL'S VERMONT

The "Spring Stirrings: Maple Sugaring" weekend, March 15-17, is the first of 59 special events planned by the five historic inns of Norman Rockwell's Vermont. All inns are located in the Arlington, Vt. area.

During the Spring Stirrings weekend, inn guests will tour local sugarhouses and watch sugarmakers boil sap into syrup.

Guests will also enjoy maple specialties served at breakfast each morning, participate in a traditional evening "Sugar on Snow" party, and learn some of the time-tested maple recipes of the Green Mountains' best cooks.

Weekend events are free of charge for inn guests. Reservations for Spring Stirrings weekend may be made directly with the five inns:

The Arlington Inn (802) 375-6532, The Hill Farm Inn (802) 375-2259, The Inn at Sunderland (802) 362-4213, The Ira Allen House (802) 362-2284 and the West Mountain Inn (802) 375-6516. Or contact your travel agent.

### LENINGRAD THEATER WEEKEND

FinnWay, the US division of Finland Travel Bureau, offers long weekends in Leningrad, Soviet Union, with options to attend the Kirov Theater or the Maly Opera Theater. The five-day package departs every Wednesday through March.

Package prices of \$699 in February and \$799 in March cover round-trip airfare from New York, accommodations at the Hotel Leningrad, breakfast and lunch daily, airport transfers, a city tour and visit to the

Hermitage art museum. FinnWay offers tickets to the Kirov, \$68, and the Maly Opera, \$49, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Return to the US is on Sunday. The package can be extended by a day with a Moscow Fly-Away Excursion for \$285 which includes a flight to Moscow and a night's accommodation. For more information, call your travel agent, or FinnWay (800) 528-4927.

### "LOVE & A FARE" FOR TWO

Sabena World Airlines has announced the return of the valentine's fare to the heart of Europe. The fare is applicable for round-trip travel from Sabena's US gateways to Brussels. When the first passenger pays the full excursion or apex fare, the accompanying passenger travels free.

This valentine's fare is valid for travel beginning before Feb. 28 and ending by March 17. Passengers must travel together the entire journey. Minimum stay is four days for apex fares. No minimum stay requirement for excursion fares. Other restrictions may apply.

Round-trip fares from Chicago to Brussels \$631, New York or Boston to Brussels \$658 and Atlanta to Brussels \$755. For additional information, land package options and reservations, call Sabena Belgian World Airlines, 354-4880, or your travel agent.

### GERMAN SPRING FESTIVALS

If you're planning a trip to Germany this spring, there are a number of festivals planned where travelers can celebrate the arrival of the season and learn about traditional German folk customs.

A sample of special events planned include the 20th anniversary celebration of the Brandenburg Festival, Berlin, year-round; Int'l Fashion Fair, Düsseldorf, Mar. 10-12; Int'l Handicrafts Fair, Munich, March 14-24; Int'l Aviation Trade Fair, Friedrichshafen, March 20-24; London Philharmonic Orchestra, Frankfurt, March 21; "Hamburger Dom" Spring Folk Festival, Hamburg, March 22-April 21; "Frühjahrs-Dippmess Spring Fair," Frankfurt, March 23-April 15.

For more information, contact your travel agent.

CAMP CARNAVAL  
Carnival Cruise Lines has revamped its kids' program and renamed it Camp Carnival. The program goes from morning to night, and kids can participate as little or as much as they desire. The program offers full schedules of activities for young people ages 4 through 17.

Activities for young children include scavenger hunts, bingo games, bridge tours and ice cream socials. Teens can look forward to deck parties, limbo contests, trivia pursuit and video game competitions.

The fare for children sharing a cabin with two adults is \$399 on seven-day cruises, \$259 on four-day cruises and \$199 on three-day cruises. For more information, contact your travel agent.

### WIN A FREE CRUISE

February is National Cruise Vacation Month and the 35-members of Cruise Lines International Association plan to give away 112 cruises aboard each ship representing CLIA.

To take advantage of this opportunity, find a Jan. 28 issue of "Time" magazine and look for CLIA's 28-page section on cruising. Or visit a CLIA-affiliated travel agent and ask for a reprint of the cruise section.

In the section, find the "Choose to Cruise Sweepstakes" quiz. You'll find the answers in the cruise-section articles.

Complete the entry form and send before March 15 to the address on the reply card. Winners will be selected at random on March 22 from among contestants who answered the questions correctly. Each winner gets a free cruise for two.

# Garland Resort: nicely tucked away in woods near Gaylord

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The ultimate couples caper is romantic "Zhiwago" night. The magic starts when two majestic horses hitched to an open sleigh arrive at dusk near the main lodge. Up to eight couples can take part in this fantasy evening.

Across fields and forest, the silent-footed steeds wind through the silent woods. Forty-five minutes later, rustic Buckhorn Lodge appears, the old hunting cabin built by Herman Ott, more than 40 years ago.

Stepping inside the softly-lighted, wood-paneled cabin, a soulful violin cries out the theme from "Dr. Zhivago."

Hot-spiced cider, served by a black-tied maitre d', instantly appears and a roaring fire melts away the night chill.

A five-course gourmet feast ensues, prepared on-site by executive chef Michael Dunn. Entertainment director Mike Irish serenades with lilting tunes throughout the meal. After eating, you start back, wrapped in a cocoon of blankets. The main lodge is a faint glow on the dark horizon.

Garland Resort is accessible by interstate highway and commercial commuter aircraft. A 5,000-foot airstrip is on the property for private pilots. Direct flights can be arranged

on Garland's eight-passenger company jet.

Garland's five-night Sunday through Friday "Winter Adventure" package starts at \$550 per person, double-occupancy. Included in the price are breakfast and dinner daily, cross-country ski equipment rental and lessons, cocktail party, "Zhiwago" night, sleigh rides, a gourmet lunch ski tour, ice fishing, ice skating, sunrise activities, movie night, northern lights night, skiing, touring, taxes and gratuities.

For more information contact your travel agent or call the resort toll free (800) 678-4952.

## Area secretaries send bosses to holiday at Garland Resort

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skating rinks that are tennis courts in summer. Our villa was a suite with a cathedral ceiling (and) a king-size bed you had to climb up into, a two-person bathtub and a jacuzzi!"

The Maybrees flew up in their own plane, but Don says that the Garland plane will pick you up and land you on the resort's 5,000-foot runway if arranged.

The Attards weren't quite so active, but cars carried them all over the resort, took them to lunch at the

Hard Wax Cafe in the middle of a snow-covered golf course and would have taken them out to the ice-fishing pond if requested. Marge Attard says that some guests caught trout and ate them for lunch.

The only downside for some couples was that they couldn't get their clubs working on that golf course hidden under the snow. Ed and Betty Carlson of Troy plan to go back when the weather warms up. "The accommodations were just short of magnificent," Ed said.

Ed's secretary, Shirley Koltvedt, who lives in Shelby Township, was working one night about 6 p.m. at Carlson Metal Products Inc. in Troy when she heard the radio announce about the trip and sent Ed's name in.

There were several hundred calls and only about 20 packed, so I was amazed when he won," she said.

"I had to give her a day off, so I offered her Christmas Day," Ed said. "She wouldn't fall for that one. She demanded something warmer!"

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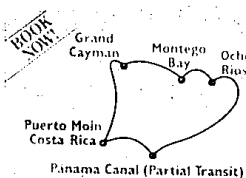
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