

Men's Journal

A full-page photograph of Barack Obama, smiling and looking slightly to his right. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white button-down shirt. He is holding a brown leather basketball with both hands in front of him. The background is a blurred American flag.

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Barack Obama, Jock in Chief

His Moves, His Trash Talk & His Weekly Power Basketball Game

YOU CAN DO IT!
12 Weeks to Your First Triathlon

Last Chance to Visit Old Cuba

Face-to-Face with the Satan of Baseball

GEAR SPECIAL

Upgrade Your Home
Custom Knives, Cool Chairs & the Perfect Workbench

The Car Genius Trying to Save General Motors





Guides for the Road

Travel For every road trip you've taken, there's likely a wrong turn or toxic hotel room you'd rather not relive. Now, with a new line of road-focused travel books called *Trips*, Lonely Planet makes sure you're never led astray again. The series covers at least 50 itineraries in each of its first six regional books and has extras like "Detours" (such as Holsten's diner in New Jersey — where the *Sopranos* finale was set), "Ask a Local" tips, and "Playlists" of music that define the area. All of that makes the *Trips* books just as helpful for exploration-minded locals as they are for out-of-towners. —NICOLE GULL

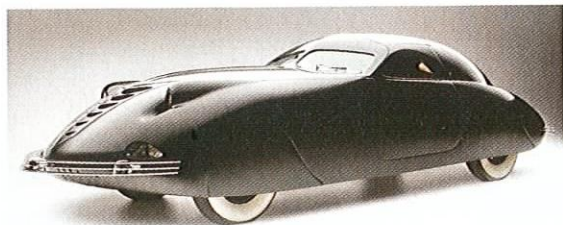
NEW THIS MONTH

Airport Gourmet

Travel Airport food has traditionally been a culinary bottom-feeder, but a recent smattering of higher-end terminal restaurants are starting to change that. The most promising is One Flew South, which just opened in Concourse E of the world's busiest airport, Atlanta's Hartsfield. Executive chef Duane Nutter, who earned five-diamond recognition for the Seelbach Hilton's Oakroom in Louisville, Kentucky, has put together what he calls a "Southernational"

menu that combines the best local ingredients with an international flair — meaning everything from authentic southern grits to Kobe burgers to clam-and-miso chowder. The bar serves Prohibition-inspired cocktails amid indigenous pink Cherokee marble, a forest mural, and numerous pine accents, giving a classy, relaxing nod to the South. Now don't miss your flight (oneflewsouthatl.com).

—KATE CASSIDY



The World's Rarest Car

Cars In 1938 the Phantom Corsair was a vision of the future — a sleek, black, aerodynamic insect. Only one was ever built, making it the rarest car in the world, and it makes its sole appearance this year at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The brainchild of Rust Heinz, 25-year-old heir to the ketchup fortune, the Corsair was to sell for \$12,500 (\$184,000 today) with modernism that was more than skin-deep — it boasted features that wouldn't take hold for a generation, such as padded interiors and gauges for fuel economy and battery charge, a barometer and compass, front-wheel drive, and electric gear shift. Tragically, Heinz died in a car accident before the Corsair saw an assembly line. His one car will drive onto the golf course at Florida's Amelia Island Ritz-Carlton March 13-15 (\$45; ameliaconcours.org). —SARAH ROSE

Kayaks Go Luxe

Gear The limited edition Zephyr I55 ST's sleek carbon fiber and Kevlar layering make it look more fit for the mantel than the open sea. But the 15-and-a-half-footer kisses the scale at an absurdly light 39 pounds — and comes equipped with a profoundly comfortable (and adjustable) ergonomic seat and backrest, plus 275 pounds of capacity — making it the perfect boat for multiday explorations of hard-to-reach waters. How does the kayak ride? "It can handle all the different conditions you can throw at it," says Bob McDonough, lead designer of the Zephyr. "We test in the Pacific Northwest, on the Columbia River. The sea stacks create wave breaks, and the kayak's exceptional maneuverability makes weaving your way through the slalom course of rocks and currents especially smooth." The first of the handcrafted Zephyr I55 STs start rolling out in February; Wilderness Systems is only making 50, so get your name on the list (\$5,000; wildernesssystems.com).

—JAMIE BECKMAN



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