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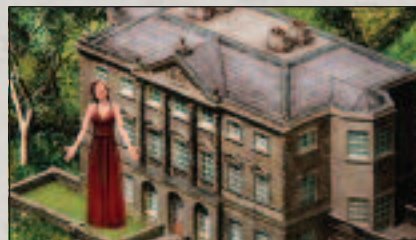
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AS SUMMER FADES into fall, it's a good time for You & Europe to fall in love all over again. Not only because turning leaves cast a romantic glow over city and countryside, but also because we're seeing light at the end of the economic tunnel—meaning more Americans can enjoy the great values being offered for trans-Atlantic vacations.

Europe is shaking off summer's lethargy to put on a new cultural season, with major performances and art exhibits to experience, and favorite winter sports to pursue. Linz and Vilnius will bow out as the 2009 European Capitals of Culture, and pass the baton to Essen in Germany, Pécs in Hungary and Istanbul in Turkey.

What's more, the green spirit rules and Stockholm is Europe's Environmental Capital for 2010.

Always fresh, always new, Europe always delights. Strike the spark, and rekindle the love affair.

Jean-Philippe Péro
Chairman USA, European Travel Commission



COVER: A sea of clouds fills the valley below Gamsberg (7,825 feet) in Switzerland's Appenzel Alps. Photo by Switzerland Tourism.



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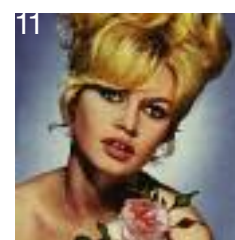
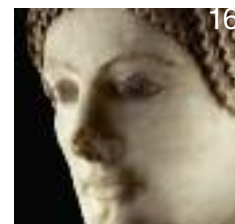
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The Off-Season of All Off-Seasons

The crowds are gone, travel is easier and Europe's on sale like never before.

By CARA GREENBERG

LAST DECEMBER, Alyssa J. gave her two tweens an unusual present: a long weekend in Brussels and an introduction to European culture. "You should have seen their faces when they saw the Grand'Place. My 12-year-old said it was like Disneyland! And they loved the new Magritte Museum. They're Surrealists now."

It's a growing trend among Americans on

Europeans call them City Breaks: a trip to just one metro center (or resort) for as few as three days or as long as eight. It's a great way to save time, money and energy and to really get to know a place.

And that apparently goes double in 2009-2010. "It's the best year ever for getting the most for your money in Europe," says Steve Perillo of Perillo Tours, longtime Italy specialists. Because of the good deals abounding right now, he says, "This is the off-season of all off-seasons!"

And this year, especially, it's about more than just scoring bargains, Perillo adds. Crowds are gone, flying is more pleasant, and it's much easier to find everything from taxis to hotel rooms to restaurant reservations.

Europe is just a night flight away

Round-trip trans-Atlantic fares have been running less than \$700 (including taxes and surcharges), and with so many of Europe's liveliest cities only a night flight away from New York, Washington and Boston, short hops to European cities make sense. Iceland's hip capital, Reykjavik, is closest of all—just five hours to geysers, dramatic scenery and the city's sizzling club scene, and with prices much lower in this post-meltdown period.

The hard part, in fact, may be in selecting just one walkable, culture-rich getaway destination. For city after city, Americans are finding near-irresistible, off-peak air/hotel packages (see page 6). Tour operators like Perillo

"can keep costs down because we buy air and most other services in volume, and at particularly low prices these days."

Some travelers choose two or three cities and book combinations; it's easy with short distances and fast trains (Eurail One-Country Passes are helpful).

City Cards open many doors

Hotels and restaurants certainly cost more than when Arthur Frommer wrote the first edition of *Europe on \$5 a Day*, but many of the principles in that seminal book still hold: Live and eat like the Europeans (very well indeed, and not necessarily expensively). There are hotels, B&Bs and pensions to fit even the smallest budget. Virtually every



Jeff Swenson

Sue and Lori at the Vatican on a fall Perillo tour. tight schedules and tighter budgets: traveling to Europe in short, intense bursts. Singles hitting the hot nightspots of Berlin or Barcelona. Honeymooners enjoying the romantic esplanades and bridges of Prague and Budapest. Couples taking a ski week in the Alps or a theater weekend in Dublin. Parents introducing their children to Paris, Vienna or Rome in a never-to-be-forgotten, week-long immersion.

These days, people need to make the most of their money and their days off. The

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Lovers' Island

Q. Why has the Croatian island of Galesnjak become a Valentine's Day dream destination? **A.** It's heart-shaped and it's deserted.

For all you need to plan your trip:



Holmenkellen to Jump Again

After two years' work, a new ski jump towers over Oslo, enabling leaps of 450 feet-plus. Opening will be April 1 for the annual ski festival. Go for the restaurant view; take the elevator back down.



major city has its city card, perfect for a stay of a few days, offering unlimited transportation and discounts on attractions and restaurants. Prague's four-day card, for instance, provides access to 50 castles, museums, chateaux and palaces, in addition to city transit and other perks, for about \$50.

What did we do before the Internet?

Of course, it's a snap to go online to compare costs and find the best deals. A good place to start is with VisitEurope.com, the portal of the European Travel Commission and its 39 member countries.

Big hotel groups offer rooms at amazingly low prices through websites like Hotwire and Priceline, and new fare-protection guarantees

Above: Frankfurt has plenty to point out, like the historic Römerberg, the river Main and the Museum Mile. **Right:** On an afternoon drive beyond Belfast, Northern Ireland.

like Yapta from Orbitz and Travelocity assure that travelers won't overpay, sending them an automatic refund if an airfare drops after they've booked.

There's nothing to stop Americans from checking out European sites like Gemut.com, which is all about travel to Germany, Switzerland and Austria, for competitive hotel



Geray Sweeney

rates. Another source of ideas and up-to-date information are American ex-pat bloggers, happy to clue visitors in to their favorite spots from nightclubs to bakeries. In Paris alone there are dozens, including LaCoquette.blogs.com ("Don't hate me because I live in Paris!"), EyePreferParis.com and the popular Paris foodie blog, ChocolateandZucchini.com.

Also worth checking are the websites of *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe* for pre-trip research. The *Times*' "36 Hours in... Porto, Zagreb, Istanbul" series is full of up-to-the-minute ideas for making the most of limited time.

City Breaks with a focus

One fun way to organize a City Break is to choose a theme. Nan B. is planning a five-day sojourn in Berlin in late November for its vibrant contemporary-art scene. She'll take in the galleries and museums, and she has already purchased symphony and opera tickets online.

On a recent trip to Belfast, Julie H. spent considerable time in "pubs where local musicians play for the sheer joy of getting together and making good music (OK, for the free beer as well)." Stacey R. is going to Athens, where she plans to see and do all that's new since she was last there in the 1990s, including the two-mile pedestrian walkway encompassing the ancient sites, the

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New Acropolis Museum and the happening clubs in the formerly gritty Gazi neighborhood.

London's street markets, from Brick Lane to Camden Passage, can keep an antiques enthusiast busy for days. Readers of James Joyce and Maeve Binchy have been tracing their novels through Dublin's cobbled streets since *Ulysses* came out. In Barcelona, discovering one's favorite *tapas* bars and seeing all of Gaudi's eccentric masterpieces are worthy goals. Shopping the boutique-filled backstreets of Madrid's revitalized Triball neighborhood, now a fashion and design

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Holy Year of St. James

As the Feast of St. James falls on a Sunday, 2010 has been designated a Holy Year throughout Spain. Pilgrimages will end at the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where the saint's remains lie.

Voice of Experience

It is impossible to love... and to be wise.

—Francis Bacon

Da Vinci's Codex on Display

"Fortresses, Bastions and Cannons"—45 drawings from Leonardo da Vinci's Atlantic Codex—are on view at Milan's Santa Marie della Grazie and Biblioteca Ambrosiana. It's the first of 24 exhibitions.

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hotspot, is yet another. The evocative Jewish quarter in Kraków, Poland's old royal city, is enjoying a mini-revival, with new bookstores, cafes and *klezmer* music clubs (and Kraków's vast square and market hall always impress).

Where they've never been before

Joseph M. discovered Helsinki in the winter, when the sky is a dark, dark blue for 22 hours. "That made it *more* interesting. And I

loved the food, especially *vorschmack*, prepared from minced lamb, anchovies or herring, and onions, garnished with pickles and served with sour cream." He ticked off restaurants he liked—Lasipalatsi (Glass Palace) and Seahorse. "I even tried bear with blackberry sauce at Saslik, the best Russian restaurant. Helsinki is not as cold in winter as you might think. I sat outside each morning with coffee and a meat pie at the open-air market near the harbor."

Of course, on any European vacation,

there are those serendipitous moments that can't be planned. Walking through Warsaw's leafy Łazienki Park last fall on their first trip to Eastern Europe, Michael and Christine C. followed the strains of piano music to an 18th-century villa on a lake. "It happened to be Nov. 11, Independence Day in Poland, and there was a free public concert," Christine recalls. "We went in and found seats, and spent the next hour being transported by Chopin's sonatas. It was the most romantic thing ever!" ■

Packages Make it Simple

Here's a smorgasbord of packages for short trips. Many are notable for low price; others for how much they include. Actual choices range far beyond what can be shown here.

Travel agents can help plan a trip or you can buy directly online. Per-person rates are based on double occupancy. City cards are bought separately. See page 25 for Eurail Passes.

Reykjavik Rocks

Experience Iceland's spectacular Northern Lights, geysers and all-out nightlife. **PER PERSON:** airfare from New York or Boston, 2 nights at 3-star Foss Hotel, huge breakfast, from \$469 per person (November). Taxes and fees extra. Get the Visit Reykjavik Welcome Card. Icelandair.com.

Dublin for Two

Find your shamrock in Ireland. The pubs of the Temple Bar, the Guinness Storehouse and great restaurants make Dublin a favorite. **FOR TWO:** Airfare and 5 nights at Maldron Cardiff Lane Hotel, hop-on hop-off bus tour, Trinity College, Jameson Distillery; \$1,668 from Boston, \$1,543 from New York. AerLingusVacationStore.com. Save on transit and more with a Dublin Card.

Brussels Art Nouveau

Discover the world of Victor Horta from the wheels of a Segway and drive the fields of Flanders. **FOR TWO:** airfare from Newark, 6 nights at the Hilton Brussels City Hotel, rental car for exploring Flanders; from \$2,466. Don't forget to get the Brussels Card. AAVacations.com.

Amsterdam Escape

Christmas Shopping in Amsterdam, the Van Gogh Museum, canal boats, 600-year-old city center, plus diamonds! **FOR TWO:** airfare from New York, 5 nights at the Eden Amsterdam Centre Hotel for \$1,740. Expedia.com. And get the I Amsterdam Card.

Multi-City Breaks

Putting two or more cities together.

PER PERSON: London and Paris, trans-Atlantic flight on Virgin Airlines, airfare and continuing flight, 3 nights' hotel each city, breakfast; from \$649. Rome, Florence and Venice, continuing flights, 3 nights each city; from \$999. Budapest, Vienna and Prague, continuing flights, 2 nights per city; from \$849. Many more combinations. VirginVacations.com.

Oslo and Nobel

Discover Norway's capital and the exhibition "From King to Obama" at the Nobel Peace Center. **PER PERSON:** airfare from New York or Washington; 48-hour Oslo Card; 3 nights at First Hotel Millennium; breakfasts. From \$1,093. Extensions, fjord add-on available. Offered as a Visit Europe prize, page 20. NobelPeaceCenter.org.

Helsinki by Design

A welcoming city famous for architecture. **PER PERSON:** airfare from Boston or New York via Reykjavik; 2 nights at Hotel Helka; full Scandinavian breakfasts; from \$1,115. Icelandair.com.

Berlin Nightlife

FOR TWO: Berlin after dark with 2-night package at 4-star Mövenpick Hotel Berlin on the Potsdamerplatz, with breakfast, box lunch, happy-hour drink, dinner, sauna, fitness center and 72-hour Berlin Welcome Card; \$694. Airfare not included. VisitBerlin.de.

Stuttgart Cars & Christmas

Tour the futuristic Mercedes-Benz Museum. Plus one hotel night, welcome drink and guidebook.

PER PERSON: from \$76. Or go for the Christmas Markets with similar one-night package, Nov. 26-Dec. 23, with added holiday 3-course meal at a choice of restaurants; from \$118. Airfare not included. Stuttgart-Tourist.de.

Ski Switzerland

A week of ultimate skiing in the Matterhorn's shadow. **PER PERSON:** airfare from New York, 7 nights at Hotel Alfa; from \$1,229. Lift passes extra. Or 3 days at Interlaken's City Hotel Oberland, breakfast, 1st-class Swiss Transfer Ticket, 2-day Jungfrau lift pass; from \$568. Airfare extra. SkiEurope.com.

Barcelona in Winter

Warm your soul with tapas and the phantasmagorical designs of Antoni Gaudí while rambling La Ramblas. **FOR TWO:** airfare from New York (mid-January), 4 nights at 4-star Marina Barcelona Hotel near beach for \$1,360. Priceline.com. Get the Barcelona Card for transit and discounts.

Rome Rendezvous

Roundtrip from New York to Rome on Alitalia and 4 nights at the Superior 1st-class Rose Garden Palace, just off the Via Veneto (and next door to the U.S. Embassy). Buffet breakfasts, hotel pool and gym. **PER PERSON:** from \$1,395, including all taxes, fees, surcharges. PerilloTours.com.

Rome and Florence

Bettoja's five hotels offer this Gourmet Package: For every 2 nights booked, guests receive a welcome drink and free dinner at any hotel restaurant. Or stay 4 nights for the price of 3, breakfasts included; subject to availability. BettojaHotels.com.



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Exploring Switzerland's Segantini Museum in St. Moritz.

Mediterranean Cruise

Deluxe 16-day cruise aboard premium-class Aegean Odyssey (350 passengers) to ports too tight for large vessels. Athens to Rome, 6 days exploring Sicily; stops at Salerno, Amalfi, Naples, Capri, Pompeii. **PER PERSON:** from \$3,695 includes all meals on ship, wines at dinner, shore excursions, lectures. Includes airfare from New York, Boston, Washington or Miami. VoyagestoAntiquity.com.

Croatian Dream

Eleven-day package to Trogir, Hvar and Dubrovnik. **PER PERSON:** airfare, hotel, private transfers by car and driver, from \$1,699. Take \$100 off by mentioning Jauntee's ad. Jauntee.com.

Kraków and its Royal Castle

See the castle and cathedral on Wawel Hill, and follow the Royal Route through St. Florian's Gate. **FOR TWO:** airfare from New York and 5 nights at the Radisson SAS Hotel Kraków; from \$2,081. Get the Kraków Tourist Card for free entry into 32 museums. Expedia.com.

Prague Super Package

PER PERSON: Airfare from New York, 6 nights at hotel of your choice, breakfasts, private airport transfers, half-day tour; from \$699. CzechVacations.com

Offers compiled by Michael January. For more good ideas, see his website, BargainTravelEurope.com.

Shadows in Bronze

Budapest's outdoor Memento Park displays 45 "heroic" sculptures from the Communist era to remind citizens and visitors of dark days past. See "Stalin's Boots," and "Workers' Monument," right. SzoborPark.hu.



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Oslo—Capital of Culture and Nature

Museums and art galleries are aplenty; Viking Museum where original longboats are on display, to the Munch Museum and the National Gallery where Edvard Munch's painting *The Scream* is housed. Situated on Oslo's water front is the spectacular new Opera House which already rivals its famed counterpart in Sydney. At the Nobel Peace Center, the exhibit "From King to Obama" portrays the American Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s—the effort that paved the way for Barack Obama's historic election. The Norwegian Nobel Committee hosts the Nobel Peace Prize Concert each year in honor of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate of the year.

Bergen—Gateway to the Fjords

Charming Bergen is a lively, modern metropolis where culture, shopping, dining, and entertainment are all within easy reach. Discover the city's harbor, its tiny hidden lanes and the one-of-a-kind, outstanding, medieval Bryggen Wharf, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Trawl the harborside Fish Market, and ride the Fløibanen funicular for spectacular city views. Enjoy exciting day trips to some of the country's most beautiful fjords such as the Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord.

Fly Scandinavian Airlines to Oslo to experience the capital city's cultural hotspots, and to take the Norway in a Nutshell® to Bergen. Norway's most popular roundtrip includes Bergensbanen, Flåmsbana, Nærøfjorden, and Stalheimskleiva. For more information and booking, visit www.bortonoverseas.com.



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Once-Rusty Ruhr as CULTURAL SWAN

2010 will be a busy year for **Essen** (where the Krupp industrial empire was founded 200 years ago), for neighboring **Dortmund** and **Gelsenkirchen**, and for Germany's entire Ruhr district.

As a European Capital of Culture, the Ruhr will showcase its industrial heritage, as well as its metamorphosis from a valley of mines and smoke-belching stacks into an offbeat metropolis-in-the-making.

More than 3,000 concerts

and other happenings will take over former blast furnaces, boiler rooms and coking plants. Much-anticipated is the reopening of Essen's **Folkwang** museum in an edgy new building by **David Chipperfield**. Already drawing crowds is the interactive **AufRuhr1225!** exhibit (medieval knights and mystery!) at the **Museum of Archaeology** in **Herne**.

Take the Ruhr's innovative pulse by driving the 250-mile **Industrial Heritage Trail**, linking the most vibrant sites and attractions. See Ruhr2010.de.

—Andrea Schulte-Peevers



Peter Weier

Fireworks frame Shaft 12 of the former Zollverein coal mine, known affectionately as "the Eiffel Tower of the Ruhr."

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Istanbul/2010

The dome of Hagia Sophia—basilica, mosque, museum—dates back to the 8th century.

More Cultural Caps: Istanbul & Pécs

Istanbul and **Pécs**, Hungary, are also preparing to welcome visitors from around the world to celebrate their designation, along with Essen, as Capitals of Culture.

Istanbul, Europe's largest city, will be in its element—or more precisely, all four elements. The Earth program, through March, will focus on continuing traditions, with operas and music planned for **Hagia Sophia**, the **Topkapi Museum** and other famous sites. A 300-year time tunnel is to be created in the city center.

The Air program, beginning in April, is inspired by Istanbul's many minarets, reaching heavenward. Music will play a big role, including concerts by **U2** and **REM**. Summer is for a Water theme, and fall for Fire, to reflect on Istanbul's modernization.

Early highlights in Pécs ("Pesh") will

include the **Day of Hungarian Culture** on Jan. 22 and the annual **Spring Festival**, March 15-April 9 that includes jazz concerts.

Vilnius and **Linz**, the Cultural Capitals for 2009, conclude their reigns in December. For updated information: Istanbul2010.org and Pecs2010.hu.

—Joel Fishman



Pécs2010

The Cathedral of St. Peter dominates Pécs.

Trend: Local Immersion

Paris Greeters organizes free walks with volunteer guides who introduce their neighborhoods to American visitors. Make requests at least two weeks in advance. ParisGreeters.com.

For a full calendar of major events:



For the Girl who read Stieg Larsson

Fans of the late author of the Millennium thriller series can take a 90-minute tour of Södermalm in Stockholm. Guides point out streets, bars, cafes and offices featured in the three novels.



Suffering, death and resurrection

The 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play



Destination Germany. Great deals. Easy booking. Every ten years, the Oberammergau Passion Play takes place in the heart of the Ammergau Alps in southern Germany. Once again, a cast made up exclusively of Oberammergau villagers will re-enact the final five days in the life of Jesus – in a production that lasts for six captivating hours. The play dates back to 1633 when the plague subsided after months of torment. As thanks for divine mercy, the people of Oberammergau vowed to perform “the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ” every ten years. The Oberammergau Passion Play enjoys an enduring reputation around the world as one of the leading cultural events in Destination Germany. For information on the performances, tickets and more, please visit www.cometogermany.com

The Agony and the Ecstasy

SPAIN—The grand Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid enters psychosexual territory this fall with **TEARS OF EROS** (Oct. 20–Jan. 31). The show examines the relationship between sexual desire and death, taking its title from a controversial treatise by French philosopher Georges Bataille. Other Bataille themes are woven in, such as the need for beauty, and the parallels between erotic and religious sacrifice.

The show ranges from the 18th century to the 20th—from the museum's own homoerotic "Death of Hyacinth" by Gianbattista Tieppolo (1753) to John Everett Millais' "Ophelia" (1851-52), on loan from the Tate Britain. At right, Lucien-Levy Dhumer's "Salomé" bestows her kiss upon the lifeless lips of St. John the Baptist (1896, pastels). MuseoThyssen.org.

Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza



BLOCK BUSTERS

WHAT'S ON WHAT'S NEW

This fall and winter will see a parade of superb new exhibitions, from the flowing grace of Botticelli in Frankfurt to the 'Happy Birthday, Brigitte Bardot' show in Paris. Here are just a few of the big ones. —Text by Gemma Elwin-Harris

Inside the Mind of Francis Bacon

IRELAND—One hundred years after the birth of Francis Bacon in Dublin, the city's Hugh Lane Gallery has mounted a major exhibition of his work—or more precisely, of *how* he worked, because the show focuses on technique.

Six years after Bacon's death in 1992, the gallery acquired the entire contents of his Reece Mews studio in London; more than 7,000 items. Archaeologists painstakingly catalogued and mapped every paint tube, canvas and oil-stained rag before recreating, in Dublin, the paint-daubed space at right (Bacon didn't own a palette, so often mixed colors on his walls).

A TERRIBLE BEAUTY (through March 7) brings together more than 500 photographs, sketches, books, drawings and makes a scientific study of semi-destroyed, slashed canvases, shown alongside works loaned from galleries and collections around the world. HughLane.ie.



Hugh Lane Gallery



Early Master of Emotional Impact

FLANDERS—Charles the Bold was no more than 27 and not yet duke of Burgundy when he sat for the brooding portrait above by Rogier van der Weyden (1399-1464).

Van der Weyden and Jan van Eyck were the first of the great Renaissance painters from the Low Countries, introducing a new realism. Van der Weyden's paintings—his subjects were both religious and secular—were celebrated for



Koninklijk Museum voor Schone Kunsten, Antwerp

their detail and their emotional impact. The latter inspired Hans Memling, particularly, in the following generation.

Scores of Van der Weydens are on view in the **MASTER OF PASSIONS** exhibition (at left, "Mary Magdalene"), which this fall inaugurated the new M museum in Leuven, the great university city of Flanders. It runs through next June. RogiervanderWeyden.be.

There's More... Much More



TURNER PRIZE 2009.

Contemporary-art prize that each year courts controversy. Previous nominees include Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin. Tate Britain, **London**.

Through Jan. 3. Tate.org.uk.

RENOIR. 100 works by Renoir, plus Picasso, Matisse and Bonnard. Grand Palais, **Paris**. *Through Jan. 4.* GrandPalais.fr.

THE ART OF FASHION. Top designers produce wild and wonderful fine art; includes Viktor & Rolf and Hussein Chalayan. Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, **Rotterdam**. *Through Jan. 10.* Boijmans.nl.

CARAVAGGIO-BACON. Drawing parallels between two "cursed" painters; on 400th anniversary of Caravaggio's death. Galleria Borghese, **Rome**. *Through Jan. 24.* Caravaggio400.org.

BARDOT. Rare photos, portraits and stills celebrate the sex kitten's heyday, and honor her 75th birthday. Boulogne-Billancourt Musée des Années 30, **Paris**. *Through Jan. 31.* BoulogneBillancourt.com.



ALBERTO GIACOMETTI. Major retrospective of sculpture and paintings. Musée Rath, **Geneva**. *Nov. 5-Feb. 21.* <http://Mah.Ville-ge.ch>.



BOTTICELLI. Goddesses, saints and Medici portraits; 80-plus works; marking 500th anniversary of his death. Städel Museum, **Frankfurt**. *Nov. 13-Feb. 28.* StaedelMuseum.de.

WORLD PRESS PHOTO 09. Prize-winning images from prestigious contest. Forum de Maia, **Maia**, Portugal. *Nov. 20-Dec. 13.* Galeria Sztuki Wspolczesnej, **Opole**, Poland. *Nov. 28-Dec. 21.* Cankarjev Dom, **Ljubljana**, Slovenia. *Dec. 4-27.* WorldPressPhoto.org.

GUSTAV MAHLER AND VIENNA. Part of 150th-birthday celebrations; artifacts from libraries and museums all over the city. Austrian Theatre Museum, **Vienna**. *March 11-Oct. 3.* Mahler.Vienna.info.



Nobel Story: 'I Have a Dream'

NORWAY—This was an everyday scene through most of the U.S. South when Magnum's **Elliott Erwitt** took the photo and captioned it "North Carolina 1950." No one—virtually no one—could imagine that within a single lifetime America would inaugurate its first black president.

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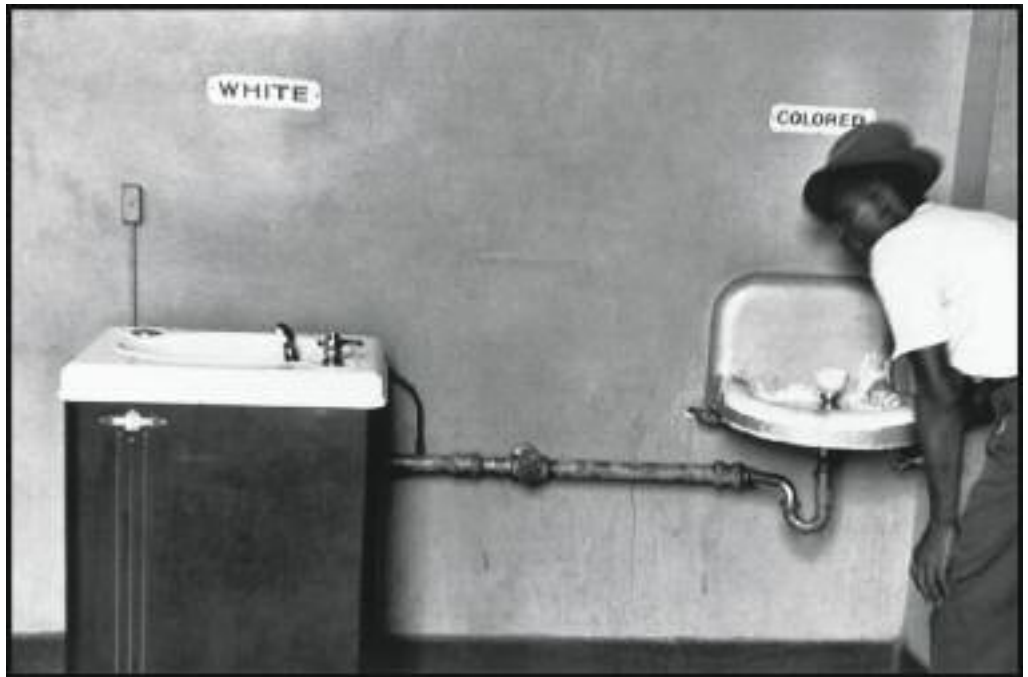
A major photo exhibition at Oslo's **Nobel**

Peace Center documents the rise of the Civil Rights movement and of Martin Luther King, Jr. **FROM KING TO OBAMA** combines images from the famed Magnum archive with R&B and rock music of the day to immerse visitors in the momentous events of the

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1960s. It runs through April 11.

King was 35 when he received the Peace Prize in



1964, making him the youngest-ever laureate. A record 172 individuals and 33 organizations were nominated for the **2009 Peace Prize** (the winner was to be announced in

Oslo after this magazine went to press). The presentation will take place Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896. NobelPeaceCenter.org.

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Light for Lennon

The **Imagine Peace Tower** in Iceland's Reykjavik Harbor—**Yoko Ono's** tribute to **John Lennon**—will shine again through Dec. 8. The stories-tall beam of light emanates from a wishing well with the words "imagine peace" in 24 languages.

Unveiled Oct. 9, 2007, on what would have been Lennon's 67th birthday, it is to be lit each year through Dec. 8, the date of his death, "so it has the feeling of the shortness of life, but the light is eternal," in Ms. Ono's words. —Mary Ann Poust

Abbey to stage Shepard's 'Ages'

IRELAND—A writers' theater, the Abbey has been an essential force in Irish culture since **William Butler Yeats** co-founded it in 1904.

It's interesting that a highlight this season is by an American, Pulitzer Prize-winning **Sam Shepard**. His **AGES OF THE MOON** had its premiere at the Abbey earlier this year and returns to the main stage Nov. 13-28.

The play, Shepard's second commission by the Abbey, ruminates on aging, loss and shared memories between two friends who haven't seen each other in years. Shepard wrote it for Irish actors **Stephen Rae** and **Sean McGinley**, and the two are reunited, like the friends, for this production.

Overlapping, on the smaller Peacock stage, will be **Mark O'Rowe's** *Terminus*, a fantasy of singing serial killers in modern-day Dublin, Nov. 10-Dec. 5. **Conor McPherson's** acclaimed *The Seafarer*, follows *Ages* on the main stage, opening Dec. 4. AbbeyTheatre.ie. —Laurie Werner



Colm Hogan

Stephen Rae and Sean McGinley return to the Abbey in *Ages of the Moon*.

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Bartoli Covers the Castrati

SPAIN—Cecilia Bartoli is loved for her passionate performances and admired for unearthing little-known music from operatic eras past.

Earlier this year, for instance, Catalans went wild in Barcelona when she sang selections from her last album, *Maria*, in homage to another mezzo-soprano—Maria Malibran—famous throughout Europe in the 19th century.

La Bartoli is on the march again, to 14 cities from Amsterdam to Zurich and, on Dec. 12, into Madrid's Teatro Real. She will sing arias from her new album, **SACRIFICIUM**, which celebrates the Baroque music of the *castrati* (sopranos Farinelli and Caffarelli were male superstars of the day). Accompanying her will be Il Giardino Armonico, 30 musicians who play 18th-century instruments.

The concert is part of Teatro Real's Grandes Voces series. Teatro-Real.com, CeciliaBartoliOnline.com.

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The Passion of Oberammergau

GERMANY—More than 2,000 villagers will present **THE PASSION OF CHRIST** in 2010, just as they have every 10 years since 1633. This fulfills the vow made by their ancestors when the village of Oberammergau was spared the worst of a plague that ravaged most of Bavaria.

Shown is the opening, with Christ entering Jerusalem (from the 2000 pageant).

Andreas Richter, a psychologist, plays Jesus in the new production, which runs seven hours with a three-hour break for dinner. Eva-Maria Reiser, a flight attendant, plays Mary Magdalene. Christian Stückl is the director (another Oberammergauer, he also runs Munich's Volkstheater). Performances begin May 15 and run to Oct 3. passionplay-oberammergau.com, cometogermany.com.





Czech Tourism

Carnevale, Prague's Way

CZECH REPUBLIC—Carnival (or Carnevale) will take over European cities from Cádiz to Cologne in the days before Lent, but Bohemian Prague, with its twisty alleys, Baroque squares and ancient bridges, has been built for fantasy and magic.

Organizers promise that anyone can "be whoever you want to be!" and urge the citizenry "to prepare your masks!" Night-time highlights include the **BELLARIA** fashion party, Feb. 6; the masked **CRYSTAL BALL** in 18th-century dress,

Feb. 13 (minuets and décolletage!); and the float-jammed **FAT TUESDAY PARADE** and fireworks finale on the medieval Charles Bridge, Feb. 16.

The Carnevale tradition, nearly forgotten here since its heyday in the 1700s, has roared back under the patronage of Lord Mayor Pavel Bem. The Czech capital knows how to party, and this one is open to all visitors, including children. The balls require tickets, but many events are free. Carnevale.cz, CzechTourism.com.

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PULSE

A New Home Waits for the Marbles

The **Elgin Marbles**, the famous 5th-century BC friezes removed from Acropolis temples 200 years ago, have a home-in-waiting at the **New Acropolis Museum** in **Athens**.

The debate continues over where the Elgin Marbles belong—in their native Greece or in the British Museum, which bought them in 1816 (Greece asserts that Lord Elgin, the seller, had no title).

But there is now a designated space for the marbles in the large, sunny stack of glass and concrete, which opened in June near the base of the Acropolis. **Bernard Tschumi** was the architect.

The new museum has a strong collection of other works, including five female statues from a porch on the **Erechtheum** temple (with space for the sixth, which is in London), and sections of the **Parthenon Frieze** in a top-floor gallery with a direct view of the Parthenon itself. NewAcropolisMuseum.gr. —M.A.P.



Acropolis Treasures: East Frieze fragment with Poseidon and other gods; the Peplos Kore, ca 530 BC; inside the main gallery.

Ragnar Th. Sigurdsson

Speeding on the Glaciers

ICELAND—They come for you in super-big trucks capable of navigating to the best corners of **Langjökull**, **Snæfellsjökull** and other Icelandic glaciers not so far from **Reykjavík**. When you get there, off you go on snowmobiles, with guides showing the way.

Snowmobile excursions are arranged by experienced agents who also provide all the warm gear needed. Trips can last a full day.

Participants must be 21 and have a driver's license,

but no previous knowledge of snowmobiles is necessary.

Arctic Adventures offers daylong trips beginning at around \$600. They leave directly from Reykjavík and require at least two people.

Guided glacier trips continue through the winter. The wildest excursions are to **Vatnajökull**, Europe's largest glacier, covering much of southeast Iceland, including several active volcanoes. Adventures.is/Iceland/SnowScooter/.

Nikos Danilidis

Largest Cruise Ship Yet

Royal Caribbean's *Oasis of the Seas*, abuilding in Turku, Finland, will carry 5,400 passengers and 2,160 crew. It has 18 decks and 37 bars. It has *neighborhoods*. Next year, it will have a sister ship.

Confession

Fashion is made to become unfashionable.

—Coco Chanel

Accidental Discovery

Portugal's new Discoveries Museum in Belmonte tells how Pedro Álvares Cabral ran into Brazil by chance in 1500, while his fleet was on its way to the Cape of Good Hope and India. CM-Belmonte.pt.

Sculpture of Stereotypes

Entropa is a four-story satire of European national stereotypes (Italy = football; Sweden = IKEA) that graces the courtyard of **Prague's DOX Center** for Contemporary Art.

Creator **David Cerný** wanted to know "if Europe is really able to laugh at itself." Well, much of Europe failed this test; newspaper reaction was stormy. Decide for yourself; the show runs through Jan. 4.

The mission of the two-year-old DOX, in the hip **Holesovice** neighborhood, is to



'Entropa' generated outrage in some European capitals.

display the best of contemporary Czech and international art. DoxPrague.org.

The Wall Falls Again

Where were you on Nov. 9, 1989? Hint: That was the day the Berlin Wall collapsed. Without a single shot being fired, the Cold War was over and Germany was no longer divided.

This Nov. 9, two decades later, Berlin will commemorate the moment with the **Festival of Freedom**, an extravaganza of music, fireworks, speeches and merriment at the iconic **Brandenburg Gate**. The climax will be the televised toppling of more than 1,000 huge dominos along a 1.2-mile section of the former Wall. For the full lowdown, see MauerFall09.de.



The morning after: The joyous people of two Berlins meet at the Brandenburg Gate.

Exhibits include the open-air **Peaceful Revolution 1989/90** on the Alexanderplatz and **Leipzig on the Path to the Peaceful Revolution** in that city's former **Stasi** (secret police) headquarters.

—A.S.-P.

Villa Vauban to Re-open

Next spring, Luxembourg City will re-open its Musée d'Art in the Villa Vauban. The collection, bequeathed by wealthy 19th-century citizens, includes many 17th-century Dutch works.

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—Randy Johnson

Germany: High-Peak Highlights

THIS winter, snow lovers bound for the Bavarian Alps shouldn't miss **Garmisch-Partenkirchen's** breathtaking panoramas and the culinary delights of the new **Glacier Garden** atop the **Zugspitze**, Germany's loftiest peak (9,718 feet). The spectacular, glass-enclosed construction invites the outdoors inside, and comforts visitors with a rustic interior of natural wood and stone.

Stay overnight at the nearby **Zugspitze Igloo Village**, designed by international artists and built anew every winter from snow and ice. The igloos'



Glacier living: It's cheery inside the Zugspitze igloos.

offerings include a bar, restaurant, whirlpool and sauna—and you wake up to magnificent views of Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

After the snow melts, Bavaria's green forests and majestic peaks—not to mention fairytale castles and villages—become the perfect back-

drop for biking, hiking and golf, all serving the trend to year-round adventure travel. **cometogermany.com/active_vacations.**

Austria: Design on the Rise

AUSTRIA takes alpine architecture seriously. Visitors to **Innsbruck**, the Tyrolean capital, marvel at the works of *über*-architect Zaha Hadid. Great food and breathtaking views meet at Café Im Turm atop her curving, 150-foot-tall **Bergisel** ski jump tower. And Hadid's swirly-modern stations on the new **Hungerburg** funicular are mountain landmarks.

Austria's westernmost province of Vorarlberg—"the most progressive part of the planet when it comes to new architecture," according to design guru Tyler Brûlé—dazzles with its **Kunsthau** **Bregenz** for contemporary art by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Peter Zumthor. Next year, Vorarlberg will be the site of Antony Gormley's **Horizon Field**, comprising 100 life-size, cast-iron figures dotted across 40 square miles of alpine valleys. **Austria.info/art.**

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Italy: A Taste for Skiing

EVEN FOR skiers, food comes first in Italy, especially among the curtain-like Alps called the Dolomites. Local cuisine is the winter-long focus at the resort of **Alta Badia**. **The Taste for Skiing** program here will feature culinary events for anyone who loves skiing, snowboarding and fine food.

Cooks at the various mountain huts will be paired with Michelin-starred chefs in the creation of simple and

superb fare focused on South Tyrol produce. Skiers will vote on the dishes

through mid-January.

Other events tempt, including cooking courses at famous Alta Badia restaurants. Michelin stars have been bestowed on three of them.

Those who rise early on Tuesday can catch the Snowcat breakfast trip over to historic **Corvara**, site of Italy's first chairlift in 1947. **AltaBadia.org**.



Salute! At Alta Badia, the chefs compete harder than the skiers.



Alta Badia

Cozy inn: The Victoria Ritter has been welcoming visitors for more than 200 years.



Switzerland: 'Typically' unique hotels

SWISS WINTER resorts average 1,315 feet higher in altitude than others in Europe, which means skiers can count on good snow. They also emphasize local cuisine; cozy, rustic huts; and pristine, untouched nature.

Case in point: The **Hotel Victoria Ritter** in **Kandersteg**, in the **Bernese Oberland**. The Victoria Ritter is one of the many designated "Typically Swiss" hotels, because of its ambiance (see especially the inn's

Ritter Rooms) and its tradition of hospitality going back two centuries.

At each "Typically Swiss" hotel or inn, menus feature locally sourced foods and wines. Whether it is a country guesthouse or a luxury hotel, the design is also unique, with warm hospitality that includes local advice on what to see and where to go. See the full roster of these hotels at **MySwitzerland.com**.



Hard to stop: Vallée Blanche is a French Alp thrill ride.

France: Downhill in a hurry

THE ALPS are still about skiing (and snowboarding), and one reason is that they serve up the world's greatest vertical drops. A most iconic example is **Vallée Blanche** in **Chamonix**, a classic, 12.4-mile off-trail slope with a vertical drop of 1.6 miles (nearly 8,500 feet).



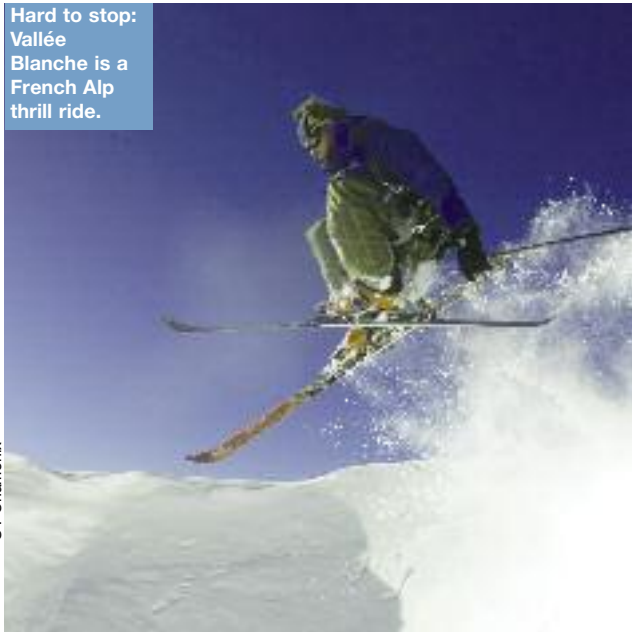
The easiest run is well within the capability of an intermediate skier. And there are mountain guides to lead even the most advanced skiers. Which-ever route you choose,

there's high-altitude scenery, including majestic glaciers and 15,780-foot **Mont Blanc**, the most massive Alp of them all.

Add the extensive valley-to-valley ski area connections that are the alpine norm—and a dose of ski culture and tradition (Chamonix hosted the first Winter Olympics in 1924)—and you have arguably the best lift-accessible ski run in the world.

US.FranceGuide.com /what-to-do/wintersports/.

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—Babbie De Derian

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When It's Cold, Holland's Hot

Out on the canals or inside the cozy cafes, the Dutch know how to enjoy a good winter.

EVERYONE IS ON the ice in Hendrick Avercamp's merry "Winter Landscape with Ice Skaters." The painting may date back to 1608, but it captures the spirit of the Dutch who still take to their skates at the first snowfall. That is, if they're not taking in a performance at the **Concertgebouw**, spending a leisurely afternoon in a "brown" cafe, or hitting the late-night clubs.

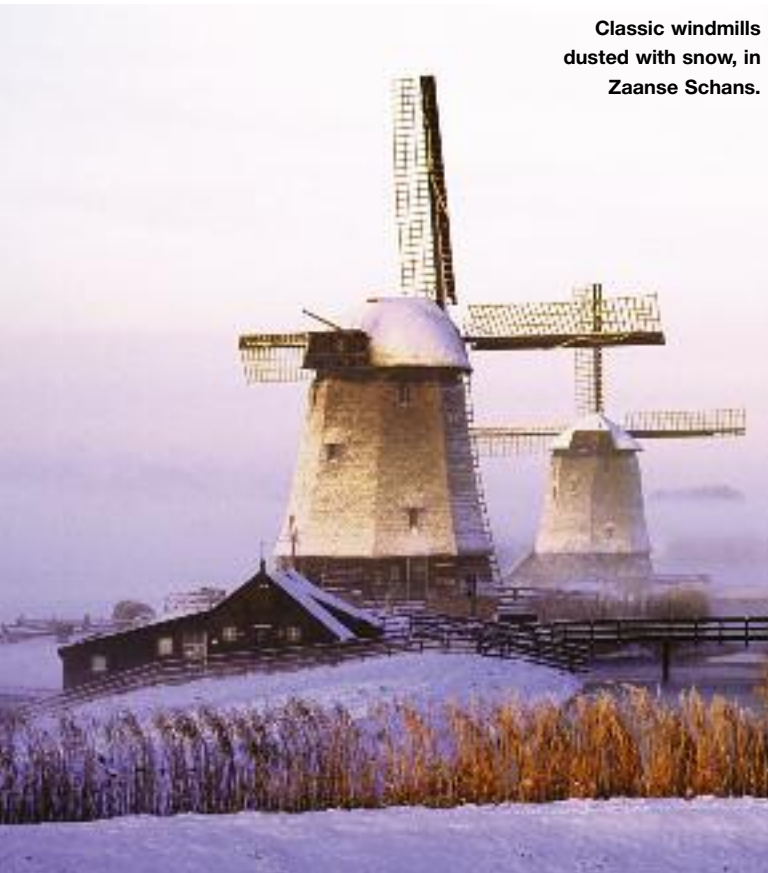
Winter in Holland means **Christmas markets** and glittering shopping streets. It means a dizzying choice of restaurants where the welcome is always warm.

It also means a chance to step into one of Holland's world-famous museums, from The Hague's **Mauritshuis** to Amsterdam's historic **Rijksmuseum**. The latter is where you can see Avercamp's vibrant canalscape and 19 other delightful masterpieces.

It's all happening in Holland—where the winter scene is always worth the trip.



Classic windmills
dusted with snow, in
Zaanse Schans.



THE HAGUE is famous for being the seat of Dutch government, for Queen Beatrix... and for **Madurodam**!

Children and adults love this magical 1:25-scale world of classic Dutch landmarks, from the Royal Palace to the Erasmus Bridge to the Zeeland dikes.

The planes can't take off from the miniature Schiphol Airport, but the yellow-and-blue trains run just fine. Madurodam is located in the **Scheveningen** harbor district.



—Text by Mary Ann Poust



THE NEW CHURCH

is just one of The Hague's historic buildings (17th-century philosopher Baruch Spinoza is buried here).

There is also the **Binnenhof** (where the Parliament has been gathering since 1446), the **Peace Palace** (for the World Court), the queen's **Noordeinde Palace** and the **Lucent Dans Theater** (home of the acclaimed Nederlands Dans Theatre group).



LOOK CLOSELY for the boy who fell, the men holding golf clubs, the young skaters in a line dance and, yes, a couple making love. See them all at the exhibition **Hendrick Avercamp (1585-1634)—The Little Ice Age**, Nov. 20-Feb. 15 at the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam.



Meanwhile, the big draw at The Hague's **Gemeentemuseum** is **Cézanne-Picasso-Mondrian**, tracing European art from Impressionism to Cubism to Abstraction. ("Oval in Color Planes II," above, is by Dutch-born Piet Mondrian). On display through Jan. 24, it's part of the Holland Art Cities theme year, running through 2010.

BROWN CAFES are the favorite local gathering spots for an after-work drink, a snack and friendly conversation. Cozy and comfortable, you can find them anywhere in Amsterdam. You will know them by their dark brown walls—stained, it's said, by years of smoking patrons. Local beers are the drink of choice, along with the potent Dutch gin, *jenever*. But no more smoking; it's been forbidden since July 2008.

SHOPPING is a winter specialty of The Hague. The elegant, glass-roofed **De Passage** dates back to 1882, but its great shops and restaurants offer the very latest trends. Or stroll along the **Frederik Hendriklaan**, the shopping mecca known as 'the Fred,' for clothing, linens, gourmet foods and more.

In Amsterdam, the historic **Nine Streets** district features an eclectic mix of restaurants, cafes, galleries, jewelers, boutiques and vintage shops, perfect for strolling through with a cup of hot cocoa.



Faster Trains & a Bigger Plane

EUROPE CONTINUES to lead the world toward a faster, greener future. Central to that is the high-speed rail network, which adds hundreds of miles of service yearly.

Trains generate only 25 percent of the greenhouse gases per 1,000 person-miles that jet liners and automobiles produce.



1 In Holland, the long-awaited Fyra high-speed train will begin Amsterdam-Brussels service in early 2010, completing a 10-year project.



2 In Belgium, Liège, a major high-speed stop, opened Europe's newest rail station Sept. 18. It's another functional winged fantasy by the master, Benigno Calatrava.



3 You still can't take a train across the Atlantic. But the first jumbojet service on the Airbus A380 takes off from JFK on Nov. 23, to land the next morning at Paris's Charles de Gaulle. With 538 seats, the A380 significantly reduces the carbon impact per passenger.



4 The Florence-Bologna leg of Italy's high-speed Milan-Rome-Naples service will open in December with completion of 45 miles of tunnels.

5 Austria's speedy Railjet trains will begin running Vienna-Innsbruck-Zurich service in December. Budapest-Vienna-Munich began a year earlier.



How fast do high-speed trains go? It depends on the track as much as on the train. The fastest French TGVs can reach up to 220 mph. Spain's AVE non-stop complete the 404-mile Madrid-Barcelona trip (similar to Boston-Washington) in 2 hours and 40 minutes.



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6 First, Allegro High-speeds (night) will begin Helsinki-St. Petersburg service (early 2010) followed by High-speed trains on the 650-mile St. Petersburg-Moscow route (mid-2010).

7 Romania and Bulgaria are working on what is only the second bridge (rail and highway) along their 267-mile Danube border. To open in 2011.



8 The 418-mile Egean Motorway across northern Greece is hailed as an engineering and scenic marvel. The last major section opened May 30.

9 Cyprus will inaugurate a state-of-art terminal at Larnaca International Airport in November.





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