



DESTINATIONS

MALDIVES

PLANE LUXURIOUS

Visitors to Conrad, Hilton and Waldorf Astoria resorts in the Maldives now have a more comfortable wait at Malé International Airport with the opening of a private seaplane lounge in the Trans Maldivian Airlines terminal. In what is probably the first flying boat passenger

lounge to open since the 1950s, passengers can watch aircraft taking off and landing in the lagoon from sun loungers on the terrace.

Details: www.maldivesirufushi.hilton.com; www.conradmaldives.com; or www.beachhousecollection.com.

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NEW AGAIN

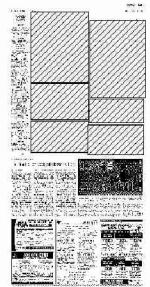
Kennebunkport has a new oceanfront hotel — the Tides Beach Club — opening on the shores of Goose Rocks Beach this month. Formerly Tides Inn By the Sea, one of Kennebunkport's 100-year-old "grand dames," renovations preserved the hotel's architectural elements while bringing a modern, boutique feel to the property. The 21 guestrooms

have ocean views, three miles of beach and a restaurant specializing in local seafood. Guests also have access to the amenities of Hidden Pond, a 60-acre wooded retreat complete with cottages, two heated pools, a treetop spa, restaurant and back porch bar.

Details: www.tidesbeachclubmaine.com or 207-967-3757.



TIDES BEACH CLUB



NEW YORK

ADD IT UP

Think math is hard and boring? Glen Whitney wants to change that. The former hedge-fund analyst is planning MoMath, the only museum in the United States dedicated to mathematics. Getting physical will be part of the equation: One activity will let visitors ride tricycles with square wheels along a track with curving terrain. MoMath is scheduled to open in New York City in

2012. Can't wait that long? Planners have been testing the waters with MathMidway, a traveling exhibit headed to New York City for the World Science Festival Street Fair on June 5. An extended stay is planned for the New Jersey's Liberty Science Center Oct. 7-Jan. 22.

Details: <http://momath.org> or mathmidway.org

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SOUTH CAROLINA

ALL ABOUT THE ARTS

Considered one of the country's leading performance arts festivals, Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston will feature more than 120 productions by both established and up-and-coming artists and performers. Running May 27-June 12 this year, the festival includes opera, jazz, theatre, orchestral, contemporary music, literary, and visual arts. **Details:** www.spoletousa.org or 843-579-3100.



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