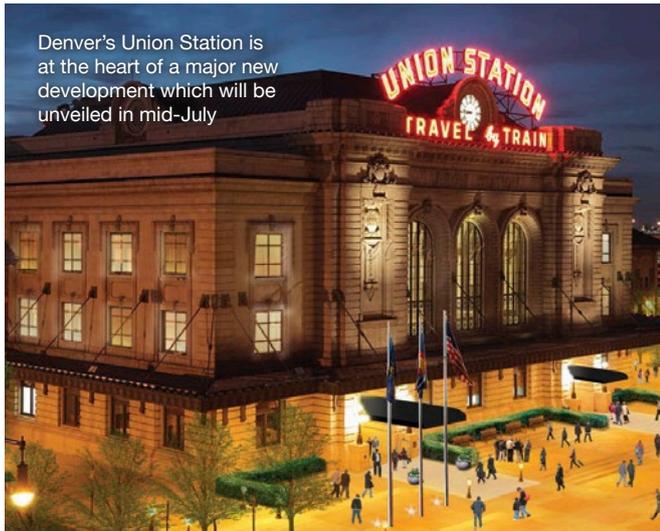


WHAT'S NEW IN travel?

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OUT AND ABOUT



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DENVER'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

A massive restoration and expansion of Denver's majestic Union Station and the surrounding area – 13 buildings covering up to four million square feet – will be unveiled in July. Transforming the area into a transportation, dining, shopping and entertainment hub, it will include the new 112-room Crawford Hotel, four restaurants, two fast-food outlets, ten one-of-a-kind-boutiques and two new parks. www.unionstationdenver.com.

BIKE SHARING IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia expects a flurry of cyclists during late summer, when the city's new Bike Share programme is launched. Visitors can choose from more than 50 bike stations, cycling to such attractions as the new Venice Island in Philadelphia's

Manayunk neighbourhood or the new 15ft-wide, 2,000ft-long Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk. www.bikesharephiladelphia.org

NIGHT-TIME WONDERS IN FLORIDA

Visitors to Key West, Florida can experience its surrounding undersea wonders at night on Nightboarding excursions. Launched by Ibis Bay Beach Resort, the sunset tours utilise stand-up paddleboards and two-person clear-bottom kayaks. www.ibisbayresort.com

WINE AND WATER IN VIRGINIA

Visitors to northern Virginia's Loudoun County can, from June, take a guided 4.5-to-7 mile Paddle, Wine and Concert Tour down the scenic Potomac River. The tour also includes food and wine tasting and a festive

concert at the Tarara Winery near Leesburg.

www.rivertrail.com/wine-tour-virginia.php

SIPPING SCOTCH IN SCOTTSDALE

As a toast to the early Scottish settlers of Scottsdale, Arizona, the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa now offers visitors to its newly-launched Scotch Library a choice of 100 single malts and 25 blends from Scotland's six whisky regions. It's not cheap – prices range from \$10 to \$475 per serving. www.kierlandresort.com

VEGAS FUN AND GAMES ... IN CONTAINERS

Las Vegas's latest addition is Fremont Street's family-friendly Downtown Container Park, where you can enjoy locally-owned boutiques, galleries, eateries and bars ... all sited in containers. Special events include fashion shows, wine walks and visits by interpreters from nearby museums. www.downtowncontainerpark.com



UP IN THE AIR..

■ From June 4, United Airlines (www.united.com) will move to Heathrow's new, state-of-the-art Terminal 2, replacing the airline's operations at T1 and T4. Offering what it describes as 'the optimal balance and choice between technology and personal service', the terminal will encompass two special lounges for the airline's premium customers – United Club and United Global First – which provide complimentary food, beverages and wi-fi in comfortable, spacious surroundings.

■ Award-winning Latin American and Caribbean specialist Air Europa (www.aireuropa.com) starts a new route from Gatwick to San Juan, Puerto Rico on May 22. The airline will fly twice weekly via Madrid.