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Weekly travel news and deals



Conscience and coconuts

So you want a beach holiday, but you don't want to spend your time on the beach being served drinks in coconuts, crushed under the pressure of your growing social conscience? Good news! Indonesian resort [Nihiwatu](#) has you covered. Located on the culture-rich Sumba Island, a 55-minute flight east of Bali, the hotel has 27 villas and a 2.5 kilometer stretch of sand, as well as a separate surfing beach. It's an eco-friendly getaway powered by coconut-derived bio-fuel, produced by its on-site bio-diesel factory. In addition, the hotel supports a charitable trust—The Sumba Foundation—which helps 20,000 local islanders by providing clean water to villages and helping with

malnutrition and education. At this rate, your social conscience can't afford not to go. It's just relaunched under new management with rates starting at \$4,619/night, including meals and drinks (one week minimum stay).

Kuta Poleng Complex Block C/2, Kuta 80361, Bali, Indonesia, (62) 361-757-149, www.nihiwatu.com.

Bed, breakfast, bargain

Love the Hilton, hate the prices? No more. Hilton Worldwide is offering a Dream Resorts deal that offers 30 percent off bed and breakfast rates at resorts from the Hilton Group's 10 brands across the world—that's 88 different hotels, just begging to be bed-and-breakfasted



in. The offer extends to a host of newly opened sites: rates at the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Phuket Surin Beach start at \$792, at Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa from \$2,134, and rooms at the Hilton Nanihae Golf & Spa Resort go from \$1,125. Offer lasts until May 14.

For details, check out tiny.cc/hk-hiltondream.

Hoo-Reykjavik!

Thinking of escaping the summer heat? Iceland, with its access to the northern lights, glaciers, geysers and whales, might be just right for you. And it doesn't have to be expensive either: check out Hlemmur Square, a brand new development that combines hotel and hostel under a single roof. Icelandic horses hitched to carriages greet guests at the front of the hotel, and its location in downtown Reykjavik is a perfect starting point for the nightlife—human and natural alike—of Iceland. If you're travelling with kids, why not rent a cozy double room in the hotel and fling them into the hostel, leaving them to fend for themselves? You never

got ahead in life without a bit of difficulty. Prices start at €250 (\$2,507) for hotel rooms and €16 (\$160) for 14-bed hostel rooms.

(354) 415-1600, www.hlemmursquare.com.



Quickly! A hotel!

Here's a new app that could be worth a look: it's called HotelQuickly, and it's a Hong Kong-based startup that offers deals on same-day hotel bookings. If you're suddenly taken on Saturday with the need to jet off to Bangkok for some real street food—or you appear to have woken up in Taipei with nothing but a killer headache and a smartphone—HotelQuickly will furnish you with a shortlist of deals on boutique and luxury hotels that will take the stress out of last-minute booking. Even if it's 2am, and you're desperate for a bed and a painkiller. Locations currently covered include Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Taiwan—and there are plans to roll it out across all of Asia. The app is free on Android and iOS—and it could just save your bacon the next time you embark on an international bend.

www.hotelquickly.com