

# Travel

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## COMINGS & GOINGS

Where dodo birds once thrived, the **Costa Marina**, a cruise ship, will soon travel. On Dec. 22, the ship will become the first in the industry to leave Mauritius for 14-day cruises in the Indian Ocean. Ports of call include Mombasa, Kenya; and Nosy Be, Madagascar. Excursion opportunities will include Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden (Mauritius) and Tsavo East National Park (Kenya). Rates start at \$1,879 a person, double occupancy ([www.costacruises.com](http://www.costacruises.com)). . . . More cruise news: **Norwegian Coastal Voyage** is offering deals that include air fare from Miami, Los Angeles and New York to Santiago, Chile, for its 13-day Chile and Antarctica cruise, which visits Ushuaia, Argentina, and includes visits — weather permitting — to Half Moon and Deception Islands and Petermann Is-



Solage Calistoga

land in Antarctica. The offer is valid for reservations through July 31 for eight cruises between Nov. 21 and Feb. 17; rates start at \$4,999 a person, double occupancy ([www.norwegiancoastalvoyage.us](http://www.norwegiancoastalvoyage.us)). . . . A new resort, the **Solage Calistoga**, is scheduled to open in Napa Valley on Thursday. The resort will have a bistro; a 130-foot swimming pool with a separate children's pool; a spa with a "mud bar," where guests recline on elevated platforms and are painted with volcanic mud; free bicycles; and spacious guest rooms, pictured above. The 89-room resort will also welcome pets, use solar power and serve locally grown produce. Starting rates are \$325 between Nov. 1 and April 30; and \$425 between May 1 and Oct. 31 ([www.solagecalistoga.com](http://www.solagecalistoga.com)). . . . Tomorrow marks the start of a new Web site that locates rental vacation homes across the country.

**Pickpackgo.com**, a free service that will expand to include an international selection of properties, allows travelers to search for rentals in a number of ways, including travel dates, location, amenities, and number of bedrooms.

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