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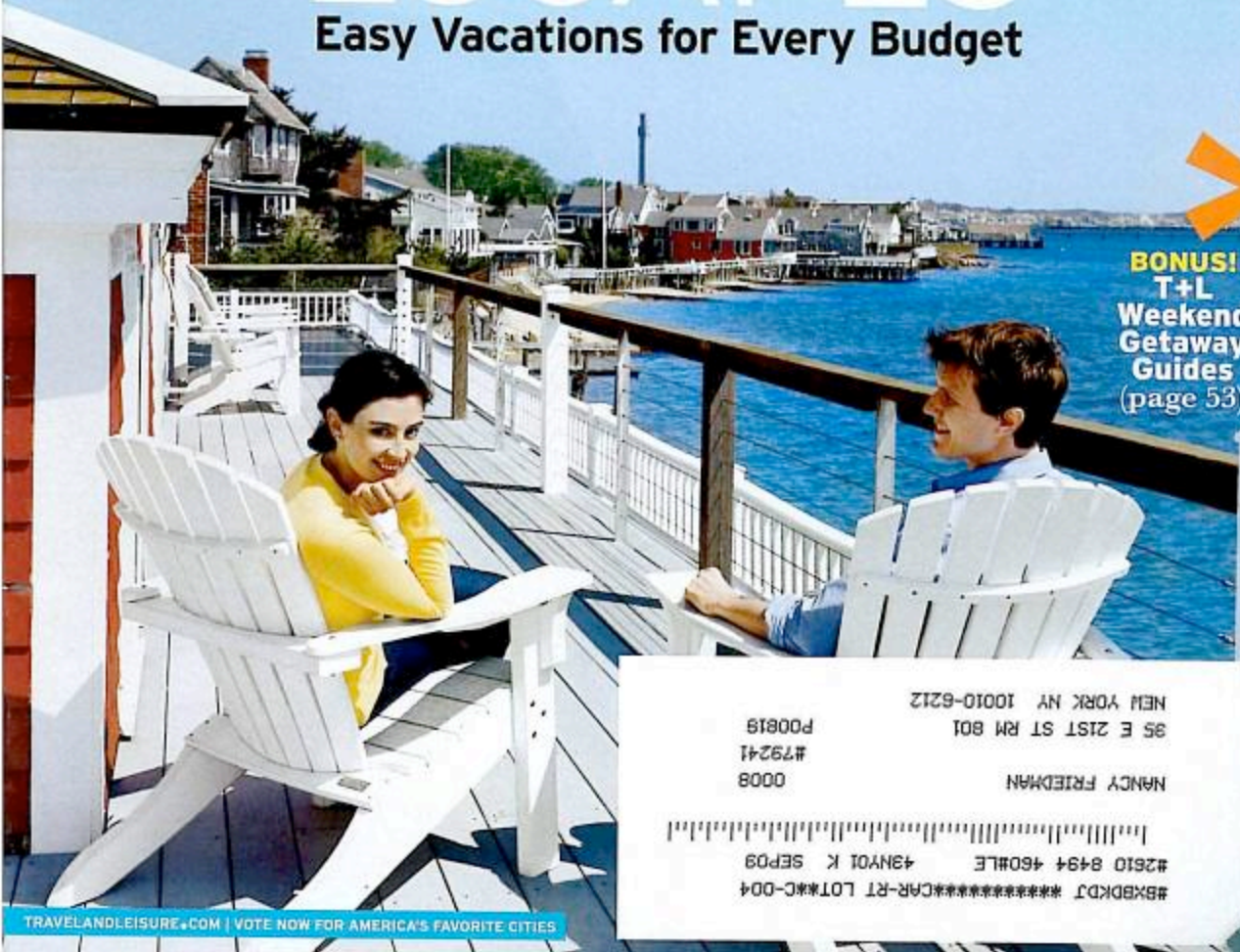
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6 BICYCLE RIDES



Earth Cruisers at New York's Bowery Hotel.

HOTELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE SWITCHING THEIR FREE-BICYCLE options into high gear. We looked at six programs that will help you get around the big city on two wheels for free—helmet and lock included. **NEW YORK** At the **Bowery Hotel** (335 Bowery; 212/505-9100; theboweryhotel.com; doubles from \$325), four lipstick-red Earth Cruisers, equipped with wire baskets to hold your shopping finds, await at all hours. **BOSTON** The **Liberty Hotel**, in Beacon Hill (215 Charles St.; 866/507-5245; libertyhotel.com; doubles from \$295), and Harvard Square's **Charles Hotel** (1 Bennett St., Cambridge; 800/882-1818; charleshotel.com; doubles from \$199) are partnering to allow guests to travel the five miles between the two properties along the Charles River on Electra Amsterdam Classic bikes. **MIAMI** In keeping with the city's party-all-night vibe, the **Gansevoort South** (2377 Collins Ave.; 866/932-6694; gansevoortsouth.com; doubles from \$395) provides two Puma Stealth Visibility bikes that glow electric green in the dark. **CHICAGO AND BEYOND** You'll find a fleet of Paul Frank Beach Cruisers at the **James Chicago** (55 E. Ontario St.; 877/526-3755; jameshotels.com; doubles from \$269). **Element Hotels** (877/353-6368; elementhotels.com) plans to install its Trek bike-lending program in seven of its properties, including Las Vegas and Houston, by the end of the year. —BREE SPOSATO

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LOBEL'S NEW YORK STEAK SANDWICH



2 BALLPARK BITES


What's on the menu at America's two newest baseball stadiums? T+L compares New York's finest.

By David LaHuta



SHAKE SHACK'S SHACK-AGO DOG

	THE YANKEES	THE METS
THE STADIUM	Yankee Stadium (1 E. 161st St., Bronx, NY; yankees.com) is no longer the original House That Ruth Built, but it's still a shrine to Yankee triumphs past.	Citi Field (Flushing, NY; mets.com), a big upgrade on Shea, has a sunlit rotunda honoring Jackie Robinson.
THE MENU	For a genuine taste of the Bronx, go to field-level section 127 for a sandwich from Mike's Arthur Avenue Italian Deli , like the light-and-zesty eggplant parm. Other options: Lobel's of New York and Brother Jimmy's BBQ . But if you're in one of the 4,000 premium seats (which run as much as \$1,250 a pop), you'll have access to the Legends Suite Club —where celeb chefs including Masaharu Morimoto and April Bloomfield (the Spotted Pig) will make guest cooking appearances.	A trio of top Manhattan restaurateurs is catering to the Amazin' faithful. Danny Meyer hits a homer with outposts of Shake Shack and Blue Smoke , plus slow-cooked pork tacos with tomatillo-chipotle salsa at El Verano Taquería . Drew Nieporent (Nobu; Corton) has opened the upscale Acela Club (reservations required), and David Pasternack (Esca) operates Catch of the Day , where the lobster roll bats clean up.
THE DRINK	Duck into Tommy Bahama's Bar for a "Mo" jito—a blend of rum, club soda, sugar, mint, and fresh lime juice—named for the Bombers' longtime closer, Mariano Rivera.	Brooklyn-brewed Shack-Meister Ale is sold exclusively at Shake Shack (for a booze-free option, try a creamy vanilla frozen custard shake).
THE PENNANT	 THE YANKEES MAY HAVE 26 WORLD SERIES TITLES VERSUS THE METS' TWO, BUT THIS CULINARY SUBWAY SERIES GOES TO THE TEAM IN QUEENS.	

 **6 BONUS BALLPARKS** See our full list of great stadium eats—garlic fries, chorizo bratwurst, spicy tuna rolls, and more—at travelandleisure.com.