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25 Quick Summer Trips

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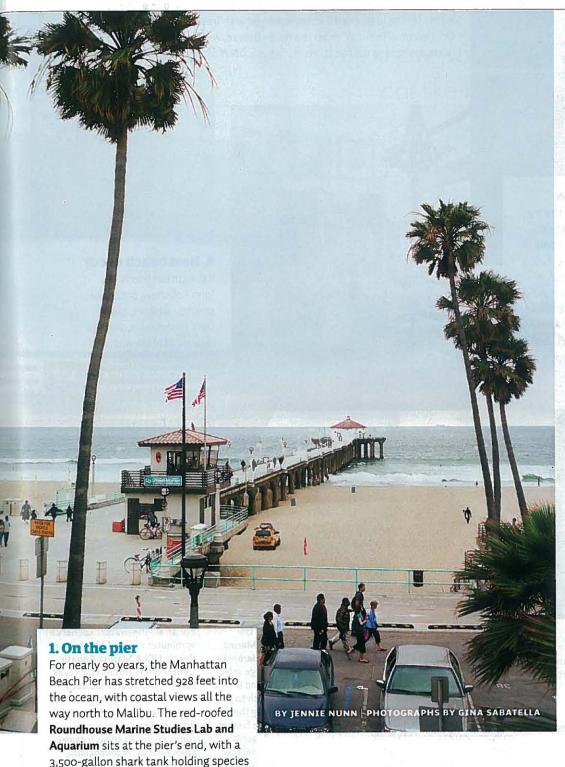


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native to Santa Monica Bay-leopard, swell, and horn sharks. 3 p.m.-sunset Fri, 10 a.m.-sunset Sat-Sun; \$2-\$4 donation suggested; roundhouseaquarium.org

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Day trip Manhattan Beach

Why go now: This is the summer spot for big waves, white-sand beaches, pro surfers, and volleyball fanatics. Event not to miss: International Surf Festival (Jul 31-Aug 2; Manhattan Beach Pier; surffestival.org). Orientation: MB is one of three major South Bay beach towns, along with Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach, Dress code: Board shorts and flip-flops. Flip a coin: According to town history, developer John Merrill named the beach for his New York hometown after winning a coin toss in 1902. More local lore: Waikiki Beach is made up of white sand shipped over from MB's sand dunes. For beachy style: A Summer Place (1401 Highland Ave.; 370/545-7080), for scented soaps and linen placemats. Afternoon snack: Crispy asparagus tempura at Sashi sushi and sake lounge (\$\$; 451 Manhattan Beach Blvd.; 310/545-0400). Walk it off: The Strand is a 20-mile paved path along the beach. For a challenge, try walking the 100-foot-high sandy slope at Sand Dune Park (members of the L.A. Kings sometimes train here).

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