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Five Miles Up with ... Ziggy Marley

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(Photo: Courtesy of Ziggy Marley)

Where most people are used to seeing Ziggy Marley? Onstage. Where you'll find him this week – in the kitchen. Well, to be fair, he'll be onstage cooking at the Third Annual [Los Angeles Food & Wine Festival](#), which kicks off Thursday. Will the five-time Grammy Award-winning and Emmy-winning musician, actor, artist, activist and humanitarian be sweating it as he adds chef to his many titles with back-to-back appearances come Saturday morning? Heck no! He's dealt with double emergency airplane landings all in one day. This'll be a piece o' cake.

What's something you never fail to pack in your suitcase?

Jump rope.

Carry-on or check-in?

Check-in.

Window or aisle?

Aisle.

Do you carry food on the plane with you?

Mixed nuts and fruit.

Favorite resort you've ever stayed in?

The [One&Only Palmilla](#) is a beautiful resort in Los Cabos, Mexico. It has great service, great food and amazing accommodations.

What's your idea of the perfect vacation?

[Hawaii](#), [Cabo](#) or staying home with my kids.

Tell us about a vacation you've taken that's come close thus far.

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The One&Only in Cabo. It's very private and serene and provides both activities and quiet time for the entire family.

What's the worst vacation or annoying travel experience you've had?

On the same day I was in two airplane emergency landings.

What's the most unusual souvenir you ever came back with?

Dirt from Africa.

Ever try a food that you wished you hadn't?

Sushi. Now I want it all the time.

Favorite restaurant you've discovered in your travels.

Mama's Fish House on Maui.

Favorite destination or venue for performing?

Red Rocks in [Denver](#) and [Victoria](#) in British Columbia.

Biggest regret you've ever had while on vacation

I wish we'd explored the islands of Hawaii a bit more.

The one thing you're willing to splurge on above all else.

A first class ticket and a good hotel or resort.

Three artists on your travel playlist?

Bob Marley, Willie Nelson and Fela Kuti.

What songs of yours do you think are just right for travel playlists?

"Love Is My Religion," "Family Time" (if it's a family vacation), and "Beach in Hawaii."

Where would you take someone visiting your hometown for the first time?

Blue Mountain ([Jamaica](#)). It has magical vibes and spirits that one needs to visit to experience.

You only get one more trip in your lifetime. Where will it be?

Africa.

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Sacred tourist site: Flickr photo of the day

Muslims are called to prayer five times each day and no matter where, they turn toward Mecca, kneel and pray. In cities throughout the world the Adhan (call to worship) can be heard coming from loudspeakers at local [Compass](#)

Dec. 6, 1897: London first licenses motorized taxis

London's black cabs are some of the city's most beloved icons, and for good reason. Drivers are required to pass a test showing they know the locations of not just streets but also hospitals, parks, theaters and other [Compass](#)

Michael Mina to Spearhead Restaurant in New 49ers Stadium

It's no surprise that Michael Mina will be spearheading the state-of-the-art restaurant within the new 49ers stadium coming in August 2014. [The Daily Meal](#)

Holiday Trip Tips: Hot Chocolate & Ice-Skating in San Diego

Kimpton's Hotel Solamar in San Diego, Calif., has launched a new urban skating package called "Fall on Your Ice." Valid for stays from Dec. [The Daily Meal](#)

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Late-night cravings that cause you to reach for a snack in the hotel minibar can be real money traps. [The Daily Meal](#)

Ziplining takes winery tours to new heights

Wine lovers who also happen to be adrenaline junkies are being courted in an emerging trend with ziplining tours that soar above vineyard canopies. There is a disclaimer, however: don't drink and zip. [AFP Relax News](#)

Saudi Arabia now open to foreigners

Saudi Arabia launched a new tourist visa program this week that allows foreigners to visit the kingdom's tourist and historical sites. Announced out of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities earlier this year, [AFP Relax News](#)

Hotel prices rise in Prague and Vienna before Christmas

The daily rate for a standard double room saw a decline in October and it has continued to drop in most of the 16 major European cities analyzed [AFP Relax News](#)

Japan agency offers travel for your teddy bear

Then Japan has just the thing for you -- a travel agency that takes stuffed toys on package tours and even provides the holiday snaps to prove it. The more adventurous bear might like to see some of the grand temples [AFP Relax News](#)

Luxury river cruise to sail Myanmar waters next year

In yet another sign that Myanmar is generating major interest as a travel destination, a luxury all-suite ship is set to sail the mysterious waters of the once reclusive country next year. Custom-built by local Burmese [AFP Relax News](#)

Best Food News on the Web: 12/6/2013

Sure, it's been a busy week. So you may have missed some of the great stories put out by The Daily Meal's talented editors and their fantastic special contributors. [The Daily Meal](#)

6 Super Ski Deals for Families

Get more snow for less dough with these family ski vacation deals. [Minitime](#)

Is This the Best Vacuum Cleaner Ever?

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The fastest growing floor-care brand in the UK (according to GFK) is now in the US. The AirRam is light, cordless and powerful.

Food of the Day: Chocolate-Banana Pavlova in Finland

When visiting my hometown Vasa in Finland I usually have a pretty simple and short agenda: spend time with my family and eat at a few of my [The Daily Meal](#)

Royal Caribbean International Offers New Holiday Menu

How about spending Christmas aboard a cruise ship, sailing the warm waters of the Caribbean or some other exotic location? [The Daily Meal](#)

Cold-Weather Cocktails to Celebrate Repeal Day

We really have it lucky these days. Seriously: Can you imagine not being allowed to drink alcohol? It's a pretty preposterous proposition. [The Daily Meal](#)

Flickr photo of the day: Boys will be boys

Photographer Jeremy Villasis writes that as he was leaving his hotel in Mandalay, Burma, he saw these boys laughing mightily at something. That something turned out to be another boy coming to join them. [Compass](#)

Vegas is most searched travel spot in 2013; New York doesn't crack top 10

The most-searched travel destination this year was Las Vegas, with Myrtle Beach, S.C. at No. 2 and New Orleans at No. 3. [Compass](#)

America's strangest museums

Bananas, bad art, and barbed wire are among the quirky collections on proud display. [Travel+Leisure](#)

World's most stunning mountaintop hotels

Some of the world's most breathtaking resorts are located far from sea level. Nestled in mountain ranges and perched on top of desert cliffs, these hotels offer visitors picturesque views and quiet retreats away from [Fodor's](#)

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