Home Base

Arc’teryx meets Anthropologie at Lake Tahoe’s newest place to stay, Basecamp Hotel (South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; basecamphotels.com; $). Just minutes from both the water and the Heavenly Mountain ski resort, it was designed with high-style adventurers in mind. Its 50 chic, sleepaway-camp-inspired rooms (some with bunk beds) substitute lanterns for lamps and survival guides for Gideon Bibles. Nightly group meals encourage hostel-like mingling—as do the outdoor fire pits, where you’ll find guests sharing s’mores and trading stories about the moguls on Heavenly’s famous Gunbarrel run. —MATT VILLANO

Clockwise from top left: Relaxing in the lobby of Basecamp Hotel, in South Lake Tahoe, California; playful design touches; the Great Indoors room, complete with pup tent; the hotel bar.

SUPER-SHORT TRAVEL STORIES

Social media is a riot of snippets, photos, and links. But where are the real stories? We challenged five T+L wordsmiths to tell a pithy travel tale in just 140 characters. Read the results—and submit your own.

Henry Alford
@henryalford
Visited Campari factory outside Milan to determine once and for all whether the aperitif’s main ingredient is cinnamon gift soap. #TLStory

Peter Jon Lindberg
@peterjlindberg
Paddling Zambezi in 2-man canoe. Sunlight glints; hippos grunt. 18-ft croc slinks under boat. Paul (guide) not talking. Um…Paul? #TLStory

Adam Sachs
@sachsmo
Car broke mid-Utah. Instant regulars at only game in town—Don Ho’s Mexican American Chinese Café. Tumbleweeds & joy of slowed time. #TLStory

Dani Shapiro
@danijshapiro
A tiny café, a glass of Barolo. The air redolent with clove cigarettes, a swirl of language. I close my eyes. Paris? No. Nolita. #TLStory

Gary Shteyngart
@shteyngart
Swiss lounge being fed chocolates and hugs, wish I had a guitar so I could play Kumbaya. #zurichterminalE #TLStory

Now we’re asking you: share your own Super-Short Travel Story on Twitter—using the hashtag #TLStory—and @travlandleisure will retweet them. We’ll publish the best in a future issue.