

What's the Deal?

The week's best travel bargains around the globe, by land, sea and air.

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LAND

· Two *exotic properties* in the Exclusive Island Hotels & Resorts collection are offering free nights this fall. Pay for five nights at the Pimalai Resort & Spa in [Thailand](#) or Coco Palm Bodu Hithi in the [Maldives](#) and receive *two free nights*. The deal at Coco Palm, on the atoll of Bodu Hithi in the [Indian Ocean](#), is valid through Sept. 30; rate for first five nights starts at \$550 a night double (including breakfast, taxes and service fees), and for two free nights, \$32 taxes only. The promotion at the Pimalai Resort, on the island of Koh Lanta Yai, is good through Oct. 31; rate for first five nights starts at \$305 per night (including breakfast, taxes and service fees), and for two free nights, \$30 per person per day (breakfast charge only). Also, at the Pimalai Resort, stay for 10 nights and get four nights free, or stay for 15 nights and get six free. Info: <http://www.eihr.com>.

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· Bedandbreakfast.com is offering a "Tanks a Lot" deal. About 75 B&B properties in 28 states are participating in the promotion, which offers varying *gas rebate* amounts. For example, stay two nights at the Victorian Ladies Inn (888-849-9960, <http://www.victorianladies.com>) in [Newport, R.I.](#), Sunday-Thursday through September (rooms start at \$190 a night) and receive a \$50 discount; stay three or more nights and receive a \$100 discount. For a list of participating inns, go to <http://www.bedandbreakfast.com> and click on "free gas promotion."

· Rent a car with *Hertz* in the [Caribbean](#) or [Latin America](#) for two days and *get the third day free*. Vehicle must be picked up by Sept. 30. Rates vary by location and size of car. For example, a compact car in Montego Bay, [Jamaica](#), rents for \$52 a day; on the third day, pay taxes of 16.5 percent only. To qualify, go to <http://www.hertz.com>, click on "Special Offers to Caribbean & Latin America" and print out the free-day coupon. When booking a car online or at 800-645-3131, request promotion code 993554; the cost of one day's rental will be deducted upon payment and presentation of coupon.

SEA

· *Two sail for the price of one* on Windjammer Barefoot Cruises' sailings through September. Deal applies to all four ships, which offer itineraries *throughout the Caribbean*. For example, a six-night St. Vincent and Grenadines cruise aboard the S.V. Yankee Clipper is now \$1,200 per couple (including port charges). Cruise departs every Sunday from St. George's, Grenada. Info: 800-327-2600, <http://www.windjammer.com>.

· Carnival is offering *savings* on three- to eight-night *fall sailings* to the Caribbean, [the Bahamas](#) and [Mexico](#). For example, a week-long *Eastern Caribbean cruise* aboard the Carnival Victory now starts at \$429 per person double (plus about \$58 taxes). Depart [Miami](#) on Dec. 9. Brochure rate was \$1,669. Info: 888-227-6482, <http://www.carnival.com>.

· Get *two-for-one fares* plus *free air* on select seven-night *fall foliage sailings* of the American Queen and the Delta Queen along the [Tennessee](#), [Ohio](#) and [Mississippi](#) rivers. Deal, which starts at \$995 per

person double plus \$199 taxes and fees, applies to four departures in September and two in October aboard the American Queen, and one departure in September and five departures in October aboard the Delta Queen. Info: 800-434-1232, <http://www.majesticamerica.com>.

AIR

· USA 3000, a discount airline with flights from [BWI](#), is offering an *extra \$20 discount* on all flights through Nov. 15. For example, a nonstop flight to [Cancun](#), Mexico, now starts at \$353 round trip (including \$96 taxes); nonstop fare from the Washington area is \$593 on competing carriers. Buy by Aug. 29. Go to <http://www.usa3000.com> and plug in promo code "FALL" to receive the discount. USA 3000 also flies to [Bermuda](#), the [Dominican Republic](#) and [Melbourne, Fla.](#); some service is seasonal.

· Fly nonstop from [Dulles](#) to [Cincinnati](#) on Delta for *\$198 round trip* (plus about \$21 taxes). Sale is good for travel through Dec. 12. (Holiday blackouts apply.) Book by Aug. 30; 14-day advance purchase and minimum two-night stay required. Other airlines are matching, but round-trip nonstop fare is typically about \$410. Info: <http://www.delta.com>, or pay \$20 more at 800-221-1212.

PACKAGES

· Club ABC Tours has a four-night *Romancing Rome* package starting at *\$698 per person double*, including \$99 taxes and fees -- a savings of about \$166 per couple. The deal, good for six departures in January and February, includes round-trip airfare from [New York](#) to [Rome](#) and four nights at the Hotel Villa Glori, in the Flaminio district, several miles north of Rome's historic center. Info: 888-868-7722, <http://www.clubabc.com>.

· Book a seven-night *Keen on Kenya* safari with 2Afrika by Nov. 15 and receive a *free two-night beach vacation* extension at the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa in [Mombasa](#), Kenya, worth about \$350 per person. Also, singles pay no supplement. The seven-night safari tour, which departs March 31, costs \$3,295 per person single or double and includes round-trip airfare from Washington to [Nairobi](#), two nights at the Sarova Shaba Game Lodge in the Shaba National Reserve, one night at the Serena Mountain Lodge in Mount Kenya Forest, one night at the Sarova Lion Hill Lodge in Lake Nakuru National Park, three nights at the Sarova Mara Game Camp in the Masai Mara reserve, overland transfers between parks, 23 meals, nine safari game-viewing drives, park entrance fees and guides. Info: 866-462-2374, <http://www.2afrika.com>.

-- Carol Sottili

Prices were verified and available on Thursday afternoon when the Travel section went to press. However, deals sell out quickly and are not guaranteed to be available. Restrictions such as day of travel, blackout dates and advance-purchase requirements sometimes apply.

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