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**WHAT'S THE DEAL?** | *The week's best travel bargains around the globe, by land, sea and air.*

## LAND

■ The newly renovated Copley Square Hotel in **Boston's Back Bay** will reopen Dec. 31 and is offering **Sneak Peek** rates starting at **\$143 a night** double (plus \$18 taxes) through January. Room typically starts at \$179, plus taxes. Info: 800-225-7062, [www.copleysquarehotel.com](http://www.copleysquarehotel.com).



■ The **Resort at Squaw Creek**, which offers direct access to skiing at Squaw Valley USA in **Northern California**, is offering **discounts** on stays Jan. 4-Feb. 12. Nightly rate starts at \$287, including \$42 taxes and fees; usual rate starts at \$380. Request promo code STORMRSC; book by Jan. 6. Info: 800-401-9501, [www.visitsquawcreek.com](http://www.visitsquawcreek.com).

## SEA

■ Lindblad Expeditions, in conjunction with National Geographic, is **reducing by 25 percent** its seven-night **Costa Rica and the Panama Canal** cruise aboard the MV Sea Voyager. Discount applies to seven departures January-March; price after discount starts at \$3,495 per person double, including taxes — a savings of \$1,165. Cruise includes visits to Manuel Antonio National Park and Corcovado National Park, both in Costa Rica. Book by Dec. 31. Info: 800-397-3348, [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com).

■ Carnival is offering family rates on select cruises. For example, a **five-night Western Caribbean** cruise aboard Carnival Destiny departing Miami on Jan. 31 starts at \$349 each for the first two passengers and \$199 each for the third, fourth and fifth passengers sharing the same cabin; total cost for a **family of five starts at \$1,554**, including \$259 taxes. By comparison, the brochure rate for five is \$3,456. Info: 888-227-6482, [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com).



■ **Two sail for the price of one** on Hurtigruten's **Norwegian Coastal Voyages** departing in January, February and September-December 2009. After discount, prices range from \$665 to \$2,014 per person double (including taxes), depending on length of voy-

## BARGAIN OF THE WEEK

Pay for a three-night package at **Universal Orlando Resort** in Florida and receive two additional nights for free, or **pay for four and receive three free**. Deal includes accommodations, admission to Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure, and transportation between lodging and the parks. For example, a five-night vacation for a family of four at the Comfort Inn starts at \$670, including taxes. Complete travel by June 27 (blackout dates April 4-18); book by Jan. 31. Info: 877-801-9720, [www.universolorlando.com](http://www.universolorlando.com).

age, sailing date and cabin category. For example, a 12-night cruise round trip from Bergen, Norway, in a category P outside cabin starts, after discount, at \$1,514 per person double, plus \$96 fuel surcharge; depart in January, February, November or December. Info: 800-323-7436, [www.hurtigruten.us](http://www.hurtigruten.us).

## AIR

■ Cathay Pacific is offering an **All Asia Pass** for 2009. The starting price of **\$1,499** includes round-trip air from New York to Hong Kong and round-trip flights from Hong Kong to any two of 24 cities, including Bangkok, Singapore, Seoul and Tokyo. Taxes are extra and vary by destination. Cheapest rate applies to Monday-Wednesday flights Feb. 8-May 17 and Aug. 17-Dec. 1. Purchase through travel agent only. Info: [www.cathayusa.com/offers/allasiapass](http://www.cathayusa.com/offers/allasiapass).



■ Air Tran is offering sale fares on flights to a **new airport in Branson, Mo.**, scheduled to open May 11. Round-trip flight from any Washington region airport, connecting in Atlanta, is **\$308**, including taxes, for travel through June 24. Book by Jan. 14 at [www.airtran.com](http://www.airtran.com), or pay \$15 more by calling 800-247-8726.

■ **United** has extended its special **domestic fares** for active-duty members of the U.S. **military** through Jan. 31. For example, round-trip fare from Washington Dulles to Las Vegas is \$318, plus \$21 taxes. Sales are

sometimes cheaper, but military fares require no advance purchase and are valid all days of the week. Call 800-241-6522, and request code MIL. Proper identification is required. Program details: [www.united.com](http://www.united.com).

## PACKAGES

■ TravelScene is partnering with V Australia, the new South Pacific airline that is part of Virgin Group, to offer packages to Australia starting at **\$999**, plus about \$130 taxes. Deal includes round-trip airfare from Los Angeles to **Sydney or Brisbane**, four nights in a three-star hotel, half-day city tour and airport transfers. Priced separately, using V Australia sale fares, the package would cost about \$150 more per couple. Cheapest fares for travel May 1-June 8; book by Dec. 31. Info: 866-459-6145, [www.travelscene.com](http://www.travelscene.com).

■ A 10-night **China Yangtze Spring Special** is **\$1,899** per person double (plus \$100 taxes) for three departures in March. The Pacific Delight World Tours package includes round-trip airfare from New York to Beijing, with return from Shanghai; two flights within China; three nights' hotel in Beijing and three nights in Shanghai; four-night Victoria Cruises voyage; sightseeing; and taxes. Priced separately, the package without tours would cost about \$2,400. Book by Dec. 31. Info: 800-221-7179, [www.pacificdelighttours.com](http://www.pacificdelighttours.com).

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For updated fares to 20 U.S. cities, go to [www.washingtonpost.com/travel](http://www.washingtonpost.com/travel)

Prices were verified and available on Tuesday 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.