

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

LAND

■ Ten **luxury hotels in New York** are offering a **third night free** through Feb. 27. Participants include the Plaza, Loews Regency and Trump International Hotel & Tower. Prices vary. For example, rates at the Jumeirah Essex House start at \$339 per night for the first two nights (plus 13.4 percent taxes), with the third night free (except taxes). Details and hotel promo codes: www.nycgo.com/thirdnight. The deal can be booked online for some hotels, but telephone reservations are preferred.



■ Bolongo Bay Beach Resort in **St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands**, is commemorating its 35th anniversary with **35 percent savings**. The discount is valid on both European plan (five-night minimum) and all-inclusive (seven-night minimum) for travel March 1-Dec. 22; book by Jan. 31. Prices vary by date and accommodations. **All-inclusive** rates, for example, start at **\$2,905 per couple**, including taxes, for a week-long visit in early April, a savings of more than \$1,000. Info: 800-524-4746, www.bolongobay.com.

■ Get **three nights for the price of two**, or four nights for the price of three, at the Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort, located at the foot of the Arenal volcano in **Costa Rica**. Double rate for three nights in a superior room starts at \$705 (including taxes), a savings of more than \$200. Package also includes spa credit of \$100 per room, Temazcal sweat lodge experience for two (worth \$130) and admission to hot springs (\$170 value). The deal is good through March 31 (some dates are sold out). Info: 877-277-8291, www.tabacon.com.

SEA

■ Cruise West is offering a **Stowaway Program**, with **savings of 25 percent** for passengers with flexible schedules. The traveler puts down a \$700 deposit and requests an itinerary and cabin category within a 30-day window. At least 30 days before departure, the passenger is assigned a date. The deposit is refunded if the guest cannot be accommodated. If the departure date is declined, the deposit can be applied to a fu-

ture tour. Savings vary.

For example, a seven-night cruise in Mexico's Sea of Cortez, with departures January-March, starts at \$2,319 per person double (plus \$278 taxes and fees), a savings of \$680. Info: 888-851-8133, www.cruisewest.com.



■ Ecruses is offering **shipboard credits** on Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Azamara sailings. Credit amounts range from **\$50 to \$200 per cabin**, depending on trip length. Ten-night or longer cruises, for example, receive a \$200 credit. Cruise prices vary. For example, a 10-day Mediterranean sojourn on Azamara's Quest departing Athens on Sept. 6 starts at \$1,299 per person double, plus \$84 taxes. Ecruses is also offering **travel insurance rebates** valued at \$40 for each \$500 spent on a cruise. Book by Jan. 19. Info: 800-223-6868, www.ecruses.com.

AIR

■ **Air Tahiti Nui** has sale fares from **Los Angeles to Papeete, Tahiti**, on select dates in February and March. Fare is **\$862** round trip, including \$86 taxes; fare on other airlines starts at \$1,288. Deal applies to nine departure dates Feb. 7-March 11 and nine returns Feb. 11-March 16. Book by Jan. 22. Add a separate ticket between Washington and Los Angeles (currently about \$300 round trip) and fare to Papeete is \$1,162, about \$555 cheaper than if ticketed directly from Washington. Info: 877-824-4846, www.airtahitinui-usa.com.



■ Aer Lingus has spring and **summer sale fares to Ireland**. Round-trip nonstop flight from **Dulles to Dublin** is **\$688**, including \$90 taxes, for high-season travel June 16-Aug. 31 (\$100 cheaper April 19-June 15). Other airlines are charging \$841 round trip for connecting flights during summer. Some blackout dates apply. Book by Jan. 21 at www.aerlingus.com, or pay \$32 more by calling 800-474-7424.

PACKAGES

■ SmarTours is offering **savings of up to \$800** per couple on its Eastern European tours. Savings vary by date and tour. For example, a 13-night **Great Cities of East-**