FYI Travel: Think pink this spring

by Amy Winter

Experience the upcoming spring season on a pink beach. The Pink Beach Club in Bermuda offers a spring package with daily English breakfasts and afternoon teas as well as a junior suite. If this package is purchased online, more than 25 percent will be taken off the original price. From March 12-April 30, guests can receive a room for $350 a night rather than $465.

BEACH SETTING - The Pink Beach Club in Bermuda offers a spring package with daily English breakfasts and afternoon teas. It offers a swimming pool, two tennis courts, a fitness center, scuba diving and sailing. Two message therapists perform in-room messages, such as Swedish and Aromatherapy. CNS Photo.

Located in Tucker's Town, resort accommodations include 24 oceanfront cottages along with 62 junior suites and 32 suites. For those who want to stay active, the resort has a swimming pool, two tennis courts, a fitness center and pingpong tables. Trips and tours can also be arranged. Guests can experience the sea by scuba diving, sailing or taking a boat cruise.

For those who come to relax, guests can enjoy the pink beaches or purchase a massage. Two massage therapists perform in-room messages, such as Swedish and aromatherapy.

The resort provides restaurants and bars to satisfy all appetites. The Bermudiana Restaurant serves meals accompanied by live music. During the afternoon, an English tea is presented with scones, cakes and cookies. For cocktails and drinks, guests can venture over to the Cedar Bar or the Hibiscus Lounge, or they can be served at the beach or pool.

FYI: For more information on this package, visit www.pinkbeach.com or call the U.S. office at 800-355-6161.

SHOW MOM YOU LOVE HER

Show your mom you care on her special day. For Mother's Day, the Hyatt Regency San Francisco extends a "we love mom" package. To celebrate your mother, the Hyatt offers a "deluxe" room for two, valet parking, $25 to spend on food and drinks, as well as a bottle of wine. This package, available May 11-13, is $199 plus tax.

Situated in San Francisco's Embarcadero neighborhood, the hotel is near several attractions. If in a shopping mood, guests can explore the Embarcadero Center and Jackson Square. For a nice leisurely walk, wander through the Ferry Building or go up the Filbert Steps to experience the "Stairway to Heaven." For a nice ride, travel on one of the F-line streetcars to view the San Francisco Bay. For a more adventurous outing, ride on an Adventure Cat sailboat or experience the bay by renting a kayak.

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A lively night life and many restaurants are located close to the hotel. Experience salsa dancing and jazz music at the Monte Cristo Cafe. Enjoy Mediterranean seafood at the Waterfront Restaurant, or have a 360-degree view of the city from the Hyatt Regency's Equinox Lounge.

FYI: For more information, or to reserve this package, visit www.sanfrancisohyattregency.com or call 415-291-6619.

A SWEET TIME AT STOWEFLAKE

Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort and Spa. This AAA, four-diamond resort is hosting the first Vermont Chocolate Show May 26-27. Guests will have the opportunity to sample different chocolates as well as learn how to make it.

In connection with the show, the resort is offering a two-night package called "Stowe's Sweet Retreat." The rates start at $440 per person, double occupancy. This means guests save 30 percent on accommodations. In addition to a room, guests will receive an 80-minute chocolate spa treatment, a chocolate welcome basket, passes to the chocolate event, breakfast daily, and use of the spa and fitness centers.

Stoweflake's dining and spa will be integrated into the chocolate event. It features discussions on chocolate by pastry chefs and health experts; a chocolate art display; children's activities at chocolate land; and chocolate spa treatments.

The resort allows guests to eat chocolate for breakfast. On Saturday, May 26, chefs will prepare a chocolate breakfast. If you are in the mood for a nip, chocolate martinis are available in the lounge.

Located in the mountain town of Stowe, Vt., the resort provides outdoor activities as well as more than 120 spa treatments. Guests can hike, mountain bike or ski.

FYI: For more information about the chocolate event visit www.vermontchocolateshow.com. To learn more about the resort and spa, call 800-253-2232 or go to their Web site www.stoweflake.com.

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