

FYI Travel: Cruise bargains abound

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Sail on over to SureCruise.com for deals on the seas. Onboard Regent Seven Seas Cruises, guests receive perks on certain seven-night trips to Alaska and the Mediterranean. SureCruise.com provides flights for up to \$1,000 credit per guest.

Each cruise gives guests a "bon voyage" cocktail party before leaving. A concierge is also available to passengers for assistance when trying to find land tours or the best places to buy souvenirs.

ALASKAN CRUISE - The May 23 Mariner's seven-night Alaskan cruise from Vancouver to Seward allows kids to sail free. CNS Photo.

CRUISE ON IN - Surecruise.com is offering cruise deals for all. For example, Regent Seven Seas Cruise guests receive perks on certain weeklong trips to Alaska and the Mediterranean. CNS Photo.

The seven-night cruise to Alaska, which leaves May 23, allows children to sail free. The Mariner travels the seas from Vancouver to Seward. The prices start at \$3,697 per person, and gives guests the choice of included air travel or a \$50 credit. Another Alaskan cruise departs Sept. 5, but kids do not sail free.

The seven-night voyage across the Mediterranean includes air travel or a \$1,000 credit. Departing Oct. 20, guests sail on the Voyager from Venice to Rome for the starting rate of \$5,176.

FYI: For more information or to reserve a spot on one of the trips, call 877-346-3433 or visit the Web site at www.surecruise.com.

PASSIONATE GETAWAY

Feel the passion on a perfect romantic getaway. Long Bay Beach Resort and Villas offers a "honeymoon package" for newlyweds or married couples needing an escape. Through Dec. 20, the three-night deal starts at

\$1,185 per couple while the seven-night experience begins at \$2,348. These packages include hotel accommodations on oceanfront property. Located on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, the resort provides a relaxing atmosphere on its white sand beaches. Couples are taken to the resort from the airport or ferry where they first enjoy champagne in their room. Guests receive a daily breakfast and two candlelit dinners. Visitors may explore the island with a guided tour or a one-day car rental.

The resort offers activities for couples to stay active. A Dive Tortola shop provides scuba lessons as well as scuba outings. For a more relaxing day, guests can be pampered at the Golden Palms Wellness Spa and Salon, or sit out by the swimming pool with a swim-up bar.

For some special time together, couples may enjoy a one-hour aromatherapy message for a 30 percent discount when purchasing this package.

FYI: For more information or to make reservations, call Elite Island Resorts at 800-858-4618 or go to www.eliteislandresorts.com.

SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO

Tired of having to pay too much for family trips? How about receiving free meals for the kids? The Millennium Airport Hotel is offering a "Kids Eat Free" deal through April 30. The package includes overnight accommodations, use of the hotel's indoor pool and free meals for the kids. Room prices start at \$99 per night.

Located in Buffalo, N.Y., the hotel is 15 minutes from downtown Buffalo and 20 minutes from Niagara Falls. Its 300 rooms and suites provide amenities, such as an ironing board, a coffee maker and a hair dryer. For a scenic view, guests can overlook the courtyard with balcony rooms.

Several family attractions are a short distance away. Guests can walk to the Walden Galleria Mall for all their shopping needs. Martin's Fantasy Island offers more than 100 rides, shows and attractions. The Buffalo Zoo is the third oldest in the country. Kids also have the opportunity to learn about the history of toys in the Toy Town Museum.

FYI: For more information or to reserve a hotel room, call 800-323-3331 or visit www.millenniumhotels.com. For more information on Buffalo's attractions, visit www.buffalocvb.org.

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