

FYI Travel: After the skiers leave, the summer savings arrive

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Summers at Deer Valley in Park City, Utah, mean outdoor concerts, mountain biking, hiking and scenic chairlift rides, with low rates easy to find. Guests who book overnight stays through Deer Valley's central reservations receive one free chairlift ride on the Silver Lake Express for everybody in the traveling party. The summer chairlift operation is open daily June 14 through Labor Day, weekends only in September, weather and conditions permitting.

FREE RIDE - All visitors to Deer Valley in Park City, Utah, who book through central reservations get free vouchers for the Silver Lake Express chairlift, pictured here. CNS photo courtesy of Deer Valley.
MOUNTAIN MUSIC - When the snow melts, Deer Valley's ski runs provide the perfect setting for outdoor concerts. CNS photo courtesy of Deer Valley. The Kimball Junction Hotel Package includes a standard hotel room with continental breakfast and chairlift vouchers. The hotel is close to the new Redstone Center with shopping, dining and entertainment. Rates are \$79 per night at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites or \$85 per night at the Hampton Inn and Suites, available through Dec. 8 (not available July 8-28 and Aug. 8-12).

The Deer Valley Hotel Package includes one night at the Lodges at Deer Valley, located in the Snow Park base area close to the Silver Lake chairlift, which carries summer guests to the mid-mountain area for mountain biking, hiking and dining. The package costs \$125 per night, chairlift vouchers included. The rate is available through Dec. 8, but not available July 10-28.

Deer Valley condominium packages include the Mont Cervin Plaza and select Royal Plaza condos with two-bedroom units for \$249 per night or a three-bedroom penthouse (three nights required) for \$349 per night. Package valid through Dec. 8, not available in July. Other Deer Valley condos offer the third night free.

The Mountain Romance Package costs \$388 and includes one night in a suite with a king bed at the elegant Goldener Hirsch Inn, gourmet three-course dinner in the hotel restaurant excluding alcohol, breakfast buffet, chilled champagne or sparkling cider and in-suite chocolate-dipped strawberries. The package is available June 8 through Nov. 14.

FYI: Packages are available through Deer Valley's central reservations at 800-558-3337 or www.deervalley.com.

HOME SECURITY

Passengers traveling from Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport on El Al, Israel's national airline, have new off-site check-in options.

As part of a new comprehensive check-in service, a member of the El Al ground staff and a security representative will come directly to the passenger's home, hotel, office or other venue of choice and carry out the airline's full security check process, including baggage weigh-in on-site, eliminating the need for a wait at the airport. Passengers are also issued their boarding passes and all baggage is transferred directly to the airport, allowing passengers to proceed directly to passport control with their carry-on luggage.

The new service will be offered on flights departing from Israel only, in the area between Netanya to the north and Gadera to the south, Tel Aviv in the west and Jerusalem in the east. Passengers must pre-order by phone from 24 hours to six hours prior to the flight's departure, and can specify the best time and location. The service costs \$49 for up to four passengers; \$5 will be charged for each additional passenger and all payments must be made by credit card.

Organized groups can also take advantage of the new service, optimal for eliminating long group check-in waits at the airport, with the cost for a minimum of six passengers \$15 per passenger.

FYI: For reservations, call 800-223-6700 or visit www.elal.com.

DESERT DEAL

Looking for a unique way to celebrate summer in the Arizona desert? "Life in a Cold Place: Arctic Art from the Albrecht Collection" at the Heard Museum in Scottsdale (July 22-31) is one option. Others include desert tours and a trip to Out of Africa Wildlife Park in Cape Verde to wrap up in a giant anaconda snake or help the caretakers throw 800 pounds of raw food to the lions and tigers.

Millennium Resort Scottsdale McCormick Ranch celebrates summer with a \$100-for-\$100 package that includes accommodations and \$100 food and beverage credit at any of the resort's dining venues, including the highly regarded Pinon Grill. Rates begin at \$100, available June 1 through Sept. 17.

There is also a custom golf package, the guest chooses the course, priced from \$199, and a Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art package, including two admissions to the museum, starting at \$199.

FYI: For more information or reservations, call 866-866-8086 or visit www.millenniumhotels.com.

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