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THE BUZZ

We've been busy as virtual bees lately at [travelandleisure.com](#), compiling more of our authority-filled "best-of" lists to help you plan your next vacation. So what's new?

* **[THE WORLD'S BEST BUSINESS HOTELS](#)**—

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* **[THE WORLD'S TOP 125 TRAVEL AGENTS](#)**, along with their specialties and dream trips. These agents don't sit at desks—they're on the ground in the places you want to go, gathering vital information about hotels, restaurants, guides, and services. It's fascinating to read what these super-agents are thinking about and to consider how it'll shape future trips.

* **[THE WORLD'S BEST GOLF RESORTS](#)**, over at our sibling site, [tlgolf.com](#), come out this Wednesday, to the delight of duffers worldwide.

* **[THE 50 BEST RESORTS FOR FAMILIES](#)** at our other sibling, [tfamily.com](#). This eagerly awaited list is a must-read before hitting the road with the whole clan.

—Ann Shields

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PUERTO VALLARTA RESORT FOR \$150

The deal: Puerto Vallarta's Villa Premiere Hotel & Spa—an AAA Four Diamond property with a beachside location along Banderas Bay, a short walk from downtown—has a summer Escape Rate promotion that continues through September 30, offering savings of nearly 50 percent off regular rates. Priced at \$150 a night, double, the rate includes an oceanfront room; welcome champagne; a pair of neck massages upon arrival; in-room aromatherapy, butler service and WiFi Internet access; use of the sauna, steam room and fitness center; and weekly workshops on meditation, yoga and reflexology. Purchasers also get discounts on all food and beverage at the hotel as well as spa services.

The dollars: \$150 a night.

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FREE NIGHT AT SANTA FE'S LA POSADA

The deal: For select periods in September, the renowned La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa, a RockResort in New Mexico's capital city, is offering a third night free for guests who stay and pay for two nights, an effective discount of 33 percent. The deal applies from September 2-5 and September 10-13. With the free night, the average nightly rate comes down as low as \$213 for a classic room, \$219 for a fireplace room or \$313 for a classic suite.

The dollars: from \$213.

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FLORIDA'S CHEECA LODGE FROM \$164

The deal: One of the most luxurious resorts in the Florida Keys, Cheeca Lodge on Islamorada has a 1,200-foot beach, two pools, a spa, and sports options like golf, tennis, and fishing. And as the summer season winds down, Cheeca Lodge not only has low rates starting at \$219 a night, but it's offering a fourth night free to persons who arrive on Sunday or Monday and stay for three paid nights—a savings of 25 percent—through October 15. With the free night, your average cost comes down as low as \$164 a night. One-bedroom suites are available for \$429 a night, also with a fourth night free.

The dollars: from \$164.

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WESTIN ST. MAARTEN FOR \$149

The deal: Stay at St. Maarten's newest full-service resort this fall at rates that are 25 percent less than its already low summer prices. The Westin St. Maarten Dawn Beach Resort Casino & Spa has rates starting at \$149, double occupancy, from September through November. The rate requires a minimum stay of four nights. Opened in January 2007, the upscale Westin resort boasts the island's largest infinity pool, a spa, nightclub, fitness center, casino and supervised children's activities program.

The dollars: from \$149

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VIRGINIA'S KESWICK HALL FROM \$295

The deal: One of the jewels of Virginia's Hunt Country—near the historic town of Charlottesville and close to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello estate—is Keswick Hall, a former private estate converted into a luxury hotel. Operated by Orient-Express Hotels, it offers a range of gentlemanly leisure activities like golf, tennis, a pool and fitness center. Room rates here normally start at \$415 a night, but with the hotel's "Ultimate Breaks" promotion, the price drops as low as \$295 on select dates this fall and winter. [editor's note: I used to live in Charlottesville and can vouch for the sublime autumns along the Blue Ridge. Go!]

The dollars: from \$295

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FREE DAY WITH LAKE POWELL HOUSEBOAT RENTALS

The deal: You won't find it on their web site, but if you call Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas by September 15 and use promotional code "NOPROB," you can rent a 46- to 59-foot houseboat from September 4 through October and get an extra night for no cost with a four, five or six-night rental. Prices start at \$1,595 for a four-night paid booking of a 46-foot boat that sleeps up to eight people. You'll also get a gas credit of \$250 to \$350 depending on the length of the rental. Lake Powell, on the Arizona-Utah border, is part of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area—perhaps [the most scenic houseboating venue](#) in the country.

The dollars: from \$1,595

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50% OFF SEABOURN TO CENTAL AMERICA

The deal: The Yachts of Seabourn, the luxury line with three small (200 passengers) ships, has put a pair of 14-day Central America sailings on sale for travel this fall and winter. The cruises on the Seabourn Legend depart Ft. Lauderdale on November 21 and January 2, visiting ports in Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama, and transiting the Panama Canal. The line is offering fares at 50 percent off brochure rates, starting at \$3,998 per person, double for the November sailing and \$4,373 for the January cruise.

The dollars: from \$3,998

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BARBADOS SEPTEMBER AIR + HOTEL SPECIAL FROM \$499

The deal: Several weeks ago, we told you about the "Best of Barbados" promotion, with a booking deadline of August 31, offering air fare credits of \$200 per person and other benefits for fall travel. Now the Barbadians have gone one better with a new

"September Special": Book a seven-night package by September 10 for stays through September 30, and get air fare credits of \$300 per person, a first night free at dozens of participating hotels, full breakfast daily for two, and 25 percent off a variety of island tours and activities. Package prices vary by departure city and hotel selection, but start as low as \$499 per person from several vendors.

The dollars: from \$499

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BONAIRE SCUBA DEAL FROM \$455

The deal: The little Caribbean island of Bonaire is renowned for the quality of its underwater activity—it's one of the region's top scuba destinations. Through November, the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino on Bonaire has a "Create Your Own Dive" package special that includes two free nights with five paid nights, with rates for seven nights starting at \$455 per person, double. The package also provides two days of unlimited shore diving, daily breakfast, airport transfers and all tax and service charges, as well as a welcome drink and beach towels.

The dollars: from \$455

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SPA DEAL AT NAPA'S SILVERADO RESORT FROM \$240

The deal: A short drive north of San Francisco, the Silverado Resort is Napa Valley's largest destination spa. And through mid-November, its "Spa Girl" package provides savings of up to 40 percent. Starting at \$240 per person, per night for four people sharing a two-bedroom suite (or \$285 per person for two people in a one-bedroom unit), it includes a 50-minute spa treatment per person for each day of your stay, along with daily breakfast at the hotel and use of its extensive spa facilities and tennis courts. Package purchasers also get a wine-tasting at the William Hill Estate and a souvenir canvas tote bag.

The dollars: from \$240

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PRAGUE AIR AND HOTEL FROM \$385

The deal: Even when you add in the mandatory \$299 in airport and government taxes and fees, this is still a good deal. Nordique Tours is offering an off-season package to Prague with roundtrip air and three hotel nights priced at just \$385 per person, double (plus those fees) from New York, \$395 from Boston, \$468 from Miami, \$488 from Chicago, etc. The lowest price packages are for midweek departures from October 29 through December 13. The accommodations are in three-star hotels like the Hotel Apollo and Hotel Stirka, with breakfast included. You

can throw in a two-hour city tour for \$25 per person.

The dollars: from \$385.

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ROUNDRIP TO BANGKOK: \$989

The deal: Korean Air is having a fall sale on travel from the U.S.—not to Korea, but to Bangkok (although the trip requires a change of planes in Korea). The roundtrip economy fare is \$989 from Chicago or \$1,018 from New York JFK. That includes a \$150 fuel surcharge, but government and airport taxes and fees are extra. To get the special fare, you have to book and buy your ticket no later than September 10 and depart the U.S. between September 1-November 30, 2007. You can cancel and get a refund for a \$150 fee.

The dollars: from \$989

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