

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

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The week's best travel bargains around the globe.

- Spend Thanksgiving at a ski resort in Kellogg, Idaho, with a deal from Silver Mountain Resort. Pay for two nights, including Thanksgiving, and receive the third night free. A studio unit for two, for example, costs \$218 for three nights (after discount), plus \$22 taxes. Info: 800-204-6428, www.silvermt.com.

- Skyland Resort in Shenandoah National Park is offering a late fall special through Nov. 20. Stay Sunday-Thursday (except Nov. 11) and pay \$99 per night for lodging and breakfast for two, a savings of about \$37. Taxes and fees included. Info: 800-778-2872, www.visit-shenandoah.com.

- Six Fiesta Americana resorts in Mexico are offering room discounts of up to 30 percent for travel through Dec. 21; several also are offering spa and food discounts. For example, rates at the Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun now start at \$135

per night (usually \$189), food and drinks are reduced by 25 percent and spa treatments by 20 percent. Add 12 percent taxes. Book by Nov. 30. Info: 800-343-7821, www.fiestamericana.com/fall.

- Book a 2008 Alaska cruise on Holland America through Cruise Web and receive an onboard coupon book worth \$340 per person. The coupon book includes discounts for spa treatments, fitness classes, wine, casino play, etc.; book by Nov. 12. Also, the third and fourth guests in a cabin sail for free on select cruises. For example, the May 3 Alaskan Explorer cruise on the Oosterdam, which sails round trip from Seattle, starts at \$779 per person plus \$115 taxes for the first two guests; the third and fourth passengers pay \$115 tax each. Info: 888-250-7803, www.cruiseweb.com.

- Save \$800 per person on a seven-night Sea of Cortez cruise from Mexico's La Paz to Loreto. ExpeditionTrips is offering the deal on the Dec. 27 sailing of the Safari Quest, with rates starting at \$4,695

per person double. Taxes and port charges are included. Info: 877-412-8527, www.expeditiontrips.com.

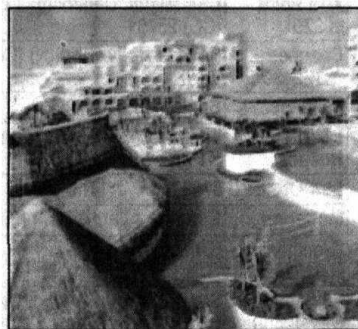
- Book a Taste of Malaysia (Including Borneo) trip with Friendly Planet by Dec. 28 and save \$800 per couple. Price after discount starts at \$1,499 per person double plus \$130 taxes for March 17, April 7 and Nov. 17, 2008, departures (other departures slightly higher). Trip includes round-trip flights from Los Angeles to Kuala Lumpur; round-trip flights from Kuala Lumpur to Kuching on the island of Borneo; seven nights' lodging; 11 meals; sightseeing; and tour guide. Priced separately, airfare and hotel alone would cost about \$1,660 per person. Info: 800-555-5765, www.friendlyplanet.com.

Prices were verified and available on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 1. However, deals sell out quickly and are not guaranteed to be available. Restrictions such as day of travel, blackout dates and advance-purchase requirements sometimes apply.



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Phase II of the Morning Star Lodges at Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg Idaho.



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Fiesta Americana Condesa Cancun, features an amazing palapa which shelters its three main buildings, lies in a privileged location next to one of the most beautiful beaches in Cancun.

