

Exclusive discounts for BT readers

Real Deals

Eight nights in Jordan

Cut from the pink sandstone that defines the surrounding canyons, the ancient city of Petra is one of those undeniable life-list destinations. On this guided tour, travelers will spend two days exploring the city and the nearby Wadi Rum, along with Jordan's capital of Amman, Madaba (the city of mosaics), and the Dead Sea.

THE FINE PRINT Includes eight nights' accommodations ranging from standard hotels to full-service desert camps; stops in Amman, Petra, Wadi Rum, the Dana Nature Reserve, Madaba, and the Dead Sea; tours of historical sites and cities; activities such as a cooking class in Petra; and all transportation. Mention *Budget Travel*. Based on four people traveling. Does not include international airfare. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** BT readers receive up to \$200 off regular rates. **WHEN** Apr. 9, 16, 30. **SS** Not available. Backpacker Concierge, 248/507-4666, backpackerconcierge.com.

\$1,175

The Treasury at Petra, in Jordan



DAVID BEGNER

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\$200 Off All Trips

Global tour company Insight Vacations is offering \$200 off any package booked and paid for by March 31. From Egypt to Europe, Insight promotes more than 100 trips, so you're likely to find one that's right for you. Rates start at about \$1,299 per person not including airfare. Mention *BT*. 888/680-1241, insightvacations.com.

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UNITED STATES

Hawaii

\$831 On this five-night escape to Oahu, travelers will land a prime position on one of Hawaii's most legendary beaches: Waikiki. Trip includes airfare to Honolulu from Seattle, five nights at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach in Waikiki, a welcome breakfast, transfers, and fuel surcharges. Book by Apr. 15 and mention BUDGETMAR11. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Flights on Delta cost about \$510, and the hotel stay costs \$567, so altogether, this deal saves you \$246. **WHEN** Through Sept. 30. **OTHER GATEWAYS** New York (add \$230), Atlanta (add \$436), Detroit (add \$438). **SS** \$500. **📍** Delta Vacations, 800/800-1504, deltavacations.com/budgettravel.



A Week in Argentina

Airfare on LAN from Miami; three nights in B.A.'s Recoleta district at the four-star Hotel De Las Americas; a half-day tour of B.A.; an overnight stay at the Hotel Esturión in Misiones's Jungle, near Iguazú Falls; a half-day tour of the falls; three nights surrounded by vineyards in Mendoza at the five-star Spa Club Tapiz; local flights; breakfast daily; all transfers; and fuel surcharges. Use promo code EUCANOPY11. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare alone is \$2,158. **WHEN** Through June 10. **OTHER GATEWAYS** Many. **SS** Not available. **📍** Escapes Unlimited, 800/243-7227, escapesltd.com.

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\$999

Rome's Trevi Fountain

Six Dreamy Nights in Paris & Rome

Separately, Paris and Rome are dream destinations; together, they're a vacation of a lifetime. Package includes airfare from New York; three nights in Paris at the Comfort Hotel Gare de L'Est, near the Louvre; an onward flight; three nights in Rome at the Hotel Taormina (or similar), a 20-minute walk from the Colosseum; breakfast daily; and fuel surcharges. Book by Apr. 15 and mention BTPRM. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare alone costs \$710. For \$289 more, this package includes accommodations. **WHEN** Through Mar. 25 (\$999); Mar. 26, 28-31 (\$1,099); Mar. 27 (\$1,149); Apr. 1-May 15 (\$1,199). **OTHER GATEWAYS** Chicago, Miami (add from \$139). **SS** From \$119. [Go-Today.com](#), 800/227-3235, go-today.com.

CARIBBEAN

Curaçao

\$884 Known for its spectacular snorkeling, reliably warm weather, and unique Dutch-inspired architecture, Curaçao is a perennial Caribbean favorite. This weeklong package takes you there with airfare from Miami on InselAir and provides accommodations at the four-star Renaissance Curaçao Resort & Casino, a free upgrade to an Island King room, transfers, and fuel surcharges. Mention *BT*. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Booked independently, the airfare and hotel stay would cost about \$1,165. **WHEN** Through Apr. 24. **OTHER GATEWAYS** New York (add \$203), Baltimore (add \$337), Chicago (add \$403). **SS** \$535. [Caradonna Dive Adventures](#), 800/328-2288, caradonna.com.

EUROPE

Switzerland

\$1,199 On this highly civilized six-night escape to Switzerland, travelers will stay in a 19th-century chateau between Lake Geneva and the Jura Mountains. The fully restored manor house on 54 acres affords views of the Mont Blanc range of the Alps. The package includes airfare to Geneva from New York; accommodations at the Château de Divonne, 15 minutes from the Geneva airport; and fuel surcharges. Mention BTMAG332. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare and accommodations cost about \$1,261 if booking independently. **WHEN** Mar. 3 (\$1,199); Mar. 10 (\$1,399); Mar. 17-31 (\$1,499); Apr. 7 (\$1,599); Apr. 14-May 26 (\$1,999). **OTHER GATEWAYS** None. **SS** \$499. [Foreign Independent Tours](#), 800/248-3487, fittours.com.

ASIA

Bali

\$1,749 This 10-night trip puts you on one of Asia's top beaches. The package includes airfare from San Francisco or L.A. on Singapore Airlines; a stay at the four-star Grand Balisani Suites on Betubelig beach; five guided tours, including a full-day volcano tour and a half-day sunset tour of Bali's temples; breakfast daily; all ground transfers; and fuel surcharges. Use promo code SAYBT78. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare alone on Singapore Air is \$1,651. **WHEN** Mondays and Thursdays Mar. 1-Apr. 30; add \$100 for Friday-Sunday departures. **OTHER GATEWAYS** None. **SS** \$396. [Sayang Holidays](#), 888/472-9264, sayangholidays.com.

China

\$1,399 A classic, guided itinerary through China, this trip includes: airfare to Beijing from L.A.; eight nights' accommodations in four-star hotels in Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai; sightseeing excursions to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Terracotta Army; an English-speaking guide throughout; 13 meals; transfers and ground transportation; and fuel surcharges. Book by Mar. 31 and mention BTRDC50. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare alone costs \$1,037. For just \$362 more, this package includes all accommodations and sightseeing experiences. **WHEN** Nov. 14 (\$1,399); Mar. 14 (\$1,489); Apr. 11 (\$1,499); May 9 (\$1,669); June 13 (\$2,059); July 11, 25, Aug. 8 (\$1,869); Sept. 12 (\$1,579); Sept. 26 (\$1,589); Oct. 31 (\$1,499). **OTHER GATEWAYS** None. **SS** From \$235. [Gate 1 Travel](#), 800/682-3333, gate1travel.com. >

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The trail to Kala Patthar, en route to Everest Base Camp

A 16-Day Guided Hike to Everest Base Camp

One of Nepal's great treks, this trip is a rite of passage for the truly adventurous. The 16-day tour from Nepalese company Ace the Himalaya includes all accommodations in three- and four-star hotels or guesthouses, a day of sightseeing in Kathmandu to acclimate to the altitude, a mountain helicopter flight to Lukla, most meals, an English-speaking local guide and cooking staff, a down jacket and sleeping bag, and transfers. During the challenging six-hour daily hikes, guests will take in stunning views of the Himalayas and Mount Everest. Does not include international airfare (at press time, flights were about \$891 from New York). Book by May 1 and mention *BudgetTravel*. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** *BT* readers get \$400 off regular package rates: That's a savings of 25 percent! **WHEN** Departs daily through June. **SS** Not available. ☎ 303/898-3376, acethehimalaya.com. ☑

These trips and starting prices ("From") sell out quickly, and details may change. Call the companies for complete info. Most rates are based on midweek dates; weekend travel can raise the price. Under "Why It's a Deal," round-trip flights are based on the lowest departures on kayak.com at press time. Find more gateways at BudgetTravel.com. Usually not included: costs for service, security, or visa ; taxes for hotel, car-rental, or airport. Check each listing for fuel surcharge details. Prices are per person, with two people sharing a room, unless otherwise noted. The single supplement ("SS") is the fee charged to solo travelers. Some companies will pair singles at no additional cost.

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