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Hotel discounts, promos help fuel your fun

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BY TOM PARSONS Dallas Morning News

As gas prices continue to climb, hotels are offering fuel cards, rebates and promos to entice travelers. Many offers are available, and we expect the deals to increase as the busy summer travel season approaches.

Nine hotels in Costa Mesa, Calif., are offering Drive and Dine packages for travel through Sept. 30. Guests will receive a \$25 dining certificate for each night of their stay and a \$25 fuel or airfare reimbursement. Restrictions apply. 866-918-4749 or www.travelcostamesa.com.

Some bed and breakfasts have fuel deals for travelers. Sample offers include \$25 off your room rate with stays of two or more nights at the Red Bud Manor in Eureka Springs, Ark., through June 30, and 20 percent off two-night stays and 25 percent off three-night stays at Amelia Island Williams House in Florida from June 1 through Oct. 1. Restrictions apply. www.bnbfinder.com and click on Specials.

Bedandbreakfast.com also has Tanks A Lot promotions for travelers at select B&Bs across the United States and in Canada. Among the deals: Book two nights and receive a \$25 fuel credit or book four nights and get a \$50 fuel credit at Island Goode's in Hilo, Hawaii, for stays through July 31, and save \$25 off room rates at the Inn on the River Walk in San Antonio for stays through Dec. 25. www.bedandbreakfast.com and click on Free Gas Promotion.

The Millennium Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., has a Family Fuel Package. Receive a gasoline voucher for up to \$20 and buffet breakfast for up to two adults and two kids. The offer is valid for stays through Dec. 30. 866-866-8086; www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumnashville.

Fuel is not the only expense to consider when driving during your vacation. Travelers should check rates for parking before booking hotels. Daily parking fees can add a significant amount to travel expenses, especially when staying at city-center hotels.

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