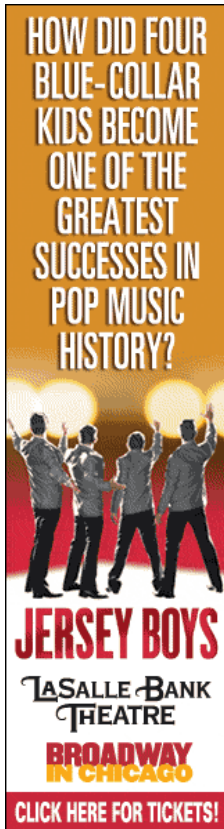




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Bargain Travel Tips and Deals

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Kendra Thornton, travel expert, shares some tips and deals for summer travel.

Travel Tips for finding the best deals

Hundreds of hotels and bed & breakfasts are giving away gas cards worth up to \$25 for each night of your stay. See a list at bedandbreakfast.com and

[bnbfinder.com](#) or contact Marriott, Hilton and Holiday Inn.

Going to Vegas? Circus Circus is giving guests \$50 in free gas with a three-night stay if you book online before July 1.

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If traveling abroad, pay for whatever you can in U.S. dollars before you travel (book a package, cruise, etc.) so you don't get hit with the poor exchange rate.

Most airlines allow travelers to sign up for their e-mail newsletters, where they inform subscribers about their sales, offer special discounts or announce their new routes.

All inclusive packages set the mind at ease because you no longer need to worry about how much you will spend on the trip; everything is paid for in advance.

Buenos Aires, Argentina (CREDIT: Argentina Tourism Office)

Argentines used to travel to the United States to vacation and shop at bargain costs, but now it's our turn. A typical steak dinner and wine for two, which used to run past \$200, is now only around \$60.

The best prices for roundtrip airfare out of O'Hare are available on international travel Web site www.vavama.com. For only \$1,175 on American Airlines for travel June 2-June 11. This is a great deal because round-trip fares to Buenos Aires during the summer months are often cheaper than fares to Europe that time of year.

Rooms start at \$80/night for travel in June at [The Cocker](#), located in the heart of the charming San Telmo district. The Belle Époque-inspired hotel has only five rooms in a building that dates from the late 1800s. It's decorated with antique furniture, hardwood floors, Egyptian cotton sheets, double-height ceilings and terraces.

Visitors can learn how to tango from Argentina's most famous choreographer and dancer, Carlos Copello. His school features a program for first-timers and visitors and group classes are only \$6 an hour.

Norwegian Cruise of Bermuda (CREDIT: NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE)

Royal Travel offers an amazing deal where travelers experience two days at sea and four days in the charming Bermuda town, St. George's during this 7-night cruise with Norwegian Cruise Line. June is an ideal time for travelers to fit in a cruise before hurricane season begins this summer.

For \$534/person, enjoy 7 nights on the Norwegian Majesty, which departs Charleston, South Carolina on June 7. Roundtrip flights to Charleston are available for these travel dates on Northwest Airlines for only \$154 out of O'Hare.

St. George's is deeply embedded in rich history. Dazzling regional scenery includes pink sand beaches, pastel-colored houses and emerald-green golf courses. Local cultural landmarks include art galleries, libraries, private gardens and churches.

Enjoy a leisurely hike up to Fort St. Catherine's, an impressive fortress first built in 1614 and then rebuilt in 1812. The views of the village below are spectacular.

To book, go to www.royal-travel.com or call 800-747-7695.

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (CREDIT: APPLE VACATIONS)

Apple Vacations is offering a bargain deal to Riviera Nayarit, an exclusive area north of Puerto Vallarta in Mexico.

Starting at only \$599.99, this package includes a 3-night all-inclusive stay at the Allegro Nuevo Vallarta, roundtrip, nonstop airfare on USA3000 out of O'Hare, transfers to/from the hotel, all meals/drinks and more. Kids, 12 and under, fly, stay, play and eat for \$299.99.

This family-friendly resort is located on Banderas Bay, one of the most beautiful stretches of beach in Riviera Nayarit, and offers a variety of land and water sports, buffets and á la carte restaurants, and a nightly entertainment program.

Book by May 30 for travel May 10-31

There are web special at www.applevacations.com.

For assistance with booking your next vacation, please call Royal Travel & Tours at 800-747-7695 or visit www.royal-travel.com.

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