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BEST DEALS IN TRAVEL

1. Free voyage

WHEN: October 26

WHERE: Cruising America's Deep South

CRUISECO is offering a "bring a second passenger for free" special promotion on the Rhythms of the Deep South voyage, aboard *Louisiane* – the first premium, boutique riverboat to explore America's heartland. Exclusively available to CruiseCO passengers, the 14-night voyage departs New Orleans on October 26, exploring the Mississippi, Memphis, Cumberland and Red Rivers, before concluding in Nashville, Tennessee. The Rhythms of the Deep South voyage provides an array of highlights, including an exclusive after-hours private tour of Elvis Presley's Graceland in Memphis. Guests can also visit the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, as well as two special performances and a talk from critically acclaimed Australian country music duo O'Shea. Prices start from \$9320 for the first passenger and the second passenger travels free in a Superior Stateroom. Visit www.cruising.com.au.

2. Pacific Loop

WHEN: Now available

WHERE: US, Tahiti and New Zealand

AIR Tahiti Nui has released a combination fare offering Australian travellers the ultimate way to travel to the United States with a stopover in Tahiti one way and a seamless non-stop flight home. The new Pacific Loop allows guests to make a stopover in Papeete en route to Los Angeles with the convenience and value of one airfare. The return journey is a swift non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Sydney with American Airlines. The journey can also be reversed. Guests can take advantage of a stopover in Auckland to combine three countries for the price of one. The Pacific Loop from Sydney to Los Angeles via Auckland and Papeete is priced from \$1599 in economy class. Visit www.airtahitiniui.com

3. Mountaineer deals

WHEN: Selected itineraries next year when booked by August 26 this year

WHERE: North America

BOOK a selected 2017 journey on the Rocky Mountaineer and receive up to \$1000 per couple in added value to tailor your ideal holiday. But you must book by August 26, with packages available through

International Rail. This credit can be used towards a variety of products such as pre- and post-accommodation, meal plans, extra activities or towards a pre- or post-Rockies Alaskan cruise itinerary. International Rail offers a variety of Rocky Mountaineer packages such as the popular Canadian Rockies Getaway

Tour, which can be done in SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf service. This nine-day itinerary includes four days on the Rocky Mountaineer with breakfast and lunch, eight nights hotel accommodation across Vancouver, Kamloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, and Calgary, comprehensive touring, rail station transfers, luggage handling and National Park Passes. The package is priced from \$5599 per person, twin-share, and departs regularly between April and September next year. Visit <http://www.internationalrail.com.au/other-rail-products/luxury-trains/rocky-mountaineer.aspx> or call 1300 387 245.

4. Fijian experience

WHEN: On sale until August 31 for travel from October 30 this year to March 31 next year

WHERE: The Westin, Fiji
THE full Fijian experience

comes for 40% less on a luxury Pacific escape from

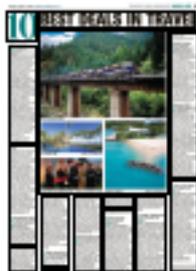
TravelOnline. For example, the Westin Denarau Island Resort and Spa is from \$769 per person, twin-share. The package includes a meet and greet with shell lei garland at Nadi Airport, return airport transfers by private vehicle, five nights in an Ocean Breeze Room, daily breakfast and free Wi-Fi. The deal is valid for sale until August 31 and for select travel periods from October 30 this year to March 31 next year. Visit www.travelonline.com or phone 1300 883 887.

5. Special Anzac Day

WHEN: From April 18 next year

WHERE: The Western Front
ALBATROSS Tours' Anzac Day on the Western Front tour will immerse travellers in the life of the diggers who fought so bravely for Australia. Travellers will be accompanied by an expert war historian as they retrace the footsteps of the diggers throughout the Western Front: from the staggering devastation of the trench warfare on the Somme

and Flanders battlefields to the moving Last Post under the Menin Gate in Ypres. Priced at \$3989 per person, twin-share, the 10-day tour departs Paris on April 18 next year. Call 1300



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6. Asia on sale

WHEN: Book before
September 16

WHERE: Asia itineraries

THE Wendy Wu 2017 early bird specials are continuing, with significant reductions on offer for bookings made before September 16. The newly released brochure from the Asia all-inclusive expert tour company sees more tours included than ever before, offering travellers savings of up to \$1400 per person as well as new dates for some of the most in-demand tours. The specials feature over 330 departures across 44 popular tours through China, Vietnam, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Nepal and Tibet. These include

the 11-day Myanmar Explorer tour now priced from \$4690 per person, twin-share. Visit www.wendywutours.com.au/early-bird, call 1300 815 269 or speak to your local travel agent.

7. Unique Kimberley

WHEN: September and
October

WHERE: Berkeley River Lodge

STAY four nights and pay three at one of Western Australia's leading luxury resorts – The Berkeley River Lodge – during September and October. The one night's accommodation for free is a saving of \$1650. The package offers guests four nights' accommodation in a luxury villa with all gourmet meals provided and selected beverages. Guests can experience one of Australia's most spectacular and beautiful retreats, filled with fishing adventures, river cruises, wilderness picnics and beach and bush 4WD tours. Only accessible by air, the unique venue offers the essential

qualities of a remote location,

making the journey half the adventure. Visit
www.berkeleyriver.com.au

8. Island escape

WHEN: On sale until
September 16 for travel to
February 28 next year

WHERE: Daydream Island

STAY four nights and pay for only two at Daydream Island Resort and Spa in the Whitsundays from \$380 per person, twin-share. On sale until September 16, the deal includes four nights in a Garden Balcony room, a full buffet breakfast daily (children stay and eat breakfast for free), a free mocktail and shell necklace on arrival, complimentary Wi-Fi and a free holiday portrait. Travel is from now until February 28 next year. Some block-out dates apply. Call 1800 075 040, contact travel agents or visit www.daydreamisland.com.

9. Discover UAE

WHEN: Book by August 14 for
travel until May 23 next year

WHERE: Abu Dhabi

ETIHAD Airways is inviting Australians to discover the wonders of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, with a range of great travel offers. Fares from \$999 return in economy class or \$4999 in business class mean travellers from Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney can experience Abu Dhabi's beautiful beaches, captivating culture and exhilarating desert adventures. Economy class fares include: all meals and beverages; 750-plus hours of on-demand inflight entertainment; 23kg checked luggage; and a comfort pack including a blanket and a revolutionary pillow/neck support. Fares are valid for bookings from now until August 14, and for travel on selected dates between now and May 23 next year. Contact a travel agent or visit

www.etihad.com/au.

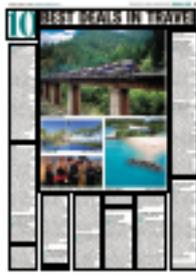
10. Two-cruise deal

WHEN: 32 nights from
October 13

WHERE: Barcelona to Sydney

EXPERIENCE two modern Celebrity cruise ships on a complete air, land and sea package on Celebrity Equinox and Celebrity Solstice from Barcelona to Sydney. This unique itinerary through ecruising.travel begins on October 13 with two nights at the Renaissance Barcelona Hotel, including a city sightseeing pass, before embarking on a 10-night round-trip cruise aboard Celebrity Equinox. Visit Spain, Malta and Italy, then return to Barcelona for two nights before flying to Singapore for a 14-night cruise to Sydney on Celebrity Solstice. Visit Darwin, Cairns, Airlie Beach and Brisbane. This 32-night package starts from \$5999 per person, twin-share. Call 1300 106 466 or visit www.ecruising.travel/Details.aspx?id=33215

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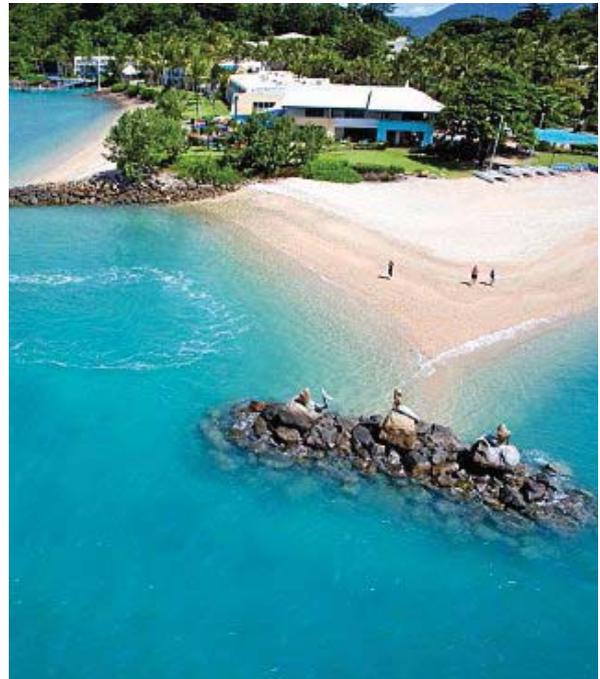
The Rocky Mountaineer.

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Anzac Day on the Western Front.

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