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News to use

Here are some of the more interesting deals, websites and other travel tidbits that came across our desk recently:

■ You could spend Thanksgiving or Christmas in Italy for just \$1,339 per person double occupancy with a Rome and Florence package from Tourcrafters. The package includes round-trip air from New York, four nights' lodging in Rome and three nights in Florence plus train travel between the two cities. Airport and hotel taxes are extra, and air add-on from other cities can be arranged. 800-482-5995, tinyurl.com/o9cedfr

■ From rock climbing to whitewater rafting there are lots of family adventures available in southern Utah's red-rock country. You can find 10 of them from the folks at the Moab Adventure Center at tinyurl.com/k9o9gy3.

■ Nov. 9 will mark the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Information on activities related to the anniversary is at tinyurl.com/lwdsusq.

■ The Online Vacation Center has a 16-night trans-Atlantic cruise next April, sailing from Miami to London (Southampton). Priced from \$2,599 per person double occupancy for a veranda stateroom, it includes return air to Miami, two nights' hotel in London and a \$75 onboard credit per cabin. Port stops include two days in Bermuda and one day each in Ponta Delgada, Azores; Lisbon, Portugal; Bilbao, Spain, and Paris (Le Havre). 800-780-9002, tinyurl.com/mxdyomx

■ Members of the Preferred Hotel Group are having a summer sale with some rates reduced as much as 35 percent and some properties offering a free night. For example, the Hotel Metropole in Brussels has rooms as low as \$122 per night. tinyurl.com/oa6yg4l

■ CroisiEurope is offering three cruises in 2015 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War I. Visiting historic sites in France and Belgium, the cruises are priced as low as \$1,809 per person double occupancy. 800-768-7232, tinyurl.com/nuf9lwg

■ A variety of musical performances are scheduled in July and August as part of the Crested Butte Music Festival in Colorado. crestedbuttemusicfestival.com

■ The Orange Tree Golf Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., has one-bedroom suites as low as \$82 per night if booked by Sept. 8 for travel by Sept. 11. A two-night minimum stay is required, and taxes are extra. 866-701-3950 and use promo code JUNNL or visit tinyurl.com/lpwykfw

■ Readers of SmarterTravel.com offer air travel tips at tinyurl.com/ozv9d5e.

■ The Victoria International Buskers Festival is July 18-27 in the capital of British Columbia. victoriabuskers.com

■ The 23rd annual Zimbabwean Music Festival is July 24-27 in Tacoma, Wash. 2014. zimfest.org

■ Barbecue might not be the first thing you think of when you think of Canada, but the Canadian National BBQ Championships will be Aug. 1-3 in Whistler, British Columbia. tinyurl.com/kanyhvc

Prices include taxes and fees unless otherwise noted. Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not endorsements.

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