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By Carol Sottili and Andrea Sachs, Friday, August 24, 1:29 PM

Land

• Seven Stars Resort in Providenciales, **Turks and Caicos**, is offering **40 percent off fall stays**, with rates for a junior suite garden-view room starting at \$339 per night (normally \$565), plus about \$71 in taxes. Stay five nights or more and receive a **\$150 resort credit**, good at the spa or any of the restaurants and bars. Book by Sept. 15; travel Oct. 16-Dec. 15. Info: 866-570-7777, sevenstarsgracebay.com.

• Five **boutique hotels in Mexico, Honduras and the Dominican Republic** are offering a deal in honor of the 46 gold medals that U.S. athletes won during the London Olympics. The Bring Home the Gold special promises a maximum discount of 70 percent. Prices vary by property. For example, rates at the Dominican Republic's Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge (800-961-5133, www.casabonitadr.com), typically \$205 per night, now start at \$62, plus 26 percent resort fee and taxes. Other participating properties are Esencia Estate (877-528-3490, www.hotelesencia.com) and Hotel Guaycura (800-468-6039, www.guaycura.com.mx) in Mexico, the Lodge at Pico Bonito (888-428-0221, www.picobonito.com) in Honduras, and Sublime Samana Hotel & Residences (888-896-9416, www.sublimesamana.com) in the Dominican Republic. You must book by phone by Aug. 31. Nonrefundable prepayment required, and discount is restricted to specific room categories at some properties. Stay by Oct. 31.

• Earn a **free rental day** at National Car Rental **for every two qualifying rentals**. To participate in the One Two Free promotion, you must be an Emerald Club member (register for free at www.emeraldclub.com) and the two rentals must be of a mid-size or larger car, each for two or more consecutive days, by Jan. 31. The deal is valid at any National location in the United States; there is no limit to the earned free days. Redeem the credit for a compact through full-size car between Sept. 11 and June 16, 2013. Taxes are additional. Info: 800-328-1234, www.nationalcar.com.

Sea

• **Save \$500** per person on seven **South American sailings** with Compagnie du Ponant. The 10-to-16-night voyages aboard the line's two newest ships — the 264-passenger Le Boreal or L'Austral — depart between Nov. 6 and April 4. Prices vary by itinerary. For example, pay from \$3,730 per person double for the 10-night sailing between Lima and Valparaiso, Chile, departing Nov. 6. Price includes meals, open bar, tips and taxes. Info: 888-400-1082, en.ponant.com/cruises/special-offers.

Air

• American has **sale fares** to select cities in **Central America**. Round-trip fare from Reagan National to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, is \$409, including taxes; fare on other airlines starts at \$477. Depart through Nov. 10, and complete travel by Nov. 15. Fourteen-day advance purchase required; restrictions include a Saturday-night minimum stay. Book by Aug. 27 at www.aa.com.

• Aer Lingus has sale fares from **New York's JFK to Dublin**. Round-trip fare starts at **\$599**, including taxes, for travel Nov. 9 through Dec. 12 and Jan. 9 through March 31. A minimum Saturday-night stay required; sale fare is sold out on some flights. Other airlines are matching. Book by Aug. 30 at www.aerlingus.com.

Package

• With Overseas Adventure Travel, couples **save \$1,200** on the 2013 departures of the **Heart of India** package, and solo travelers save up to about \$900 on single supplement fees. The 16-day trip starts at \$3,995 per person double or single and includes round-trip air from Washington Dulles to Delhi; four nights' lodging in Delhi, three nights in Jaipur, two nights near Ranthambore National Park, two nights in Agra, one night in Khajuraho and two nights in Varanasi; 33 meals; in-country transport; 25 small group activities; and all taxes. Departures January through April and also in the fall; for the lowest rate, travel in April. Info: 800-955-1925, www.oattravel.com.

• Book the 14-day **solar eclipse package to Australia** by Sept. 7 and Zicasso, the online luxury travel referral service, will throw in **two free half-day tours** of Sydney and Melbourne worth \$250. The customized November trip starts at \$4,449 per person double and includes round-trip air from Los Angeles to Sydney (return from Port Douglas); internal flights; airport transfers by private car in Sydney, Melbourne & Cairns/Port Douglas; four nights at the Four Seasons Sydney, three nights and daily breakfast at the Grand Hotel Melbourne, and four nights at the Shantara Resort & Spa in Port Douglas; Nov. 14 eclipse tour by hot air balloon (add \$550) or sailing vessel on the Coral Sea; and taxes. Add \$414 for air from Washington. Info: 650-395-8890, www.zicasso.com.

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