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The Best Ways to Save on Europe This Year

Grand European Tours offers discounts and savings tips for travelers

Lake Oswego, Ore., March 17, 2008 – Grand European Tours, specialists in escorted tours for boomers and beyond, is offering a suite of savings this season for travelers hoping to shave costs from their next European vacation. Travelers can take advantage of discounts that reward for things like early booking, repeat trips and even traveling with a special grandchild. And with nearly 30 years experience in tours to Europe, the company also offers advice on when and how to travel for the best value.

“Right now, many are looking to extend their travel dollars and we are making that possible with savings that work for anyone in any situation,” says Hans Sohlstrom, president of Grand European Tours.

Sohlstrom points out that the single greatest way to save money this year on Europe is to travel with an escorted tour.

“We’re able to offer our tour participants much more for the price than they could put together on their own,” he says. “With us, your whole trip is taken care of for one price, plus we have all the extras, like an expert Tour Director to enhance your experience, exclusive engagements and the ease of having someone handle all the bookings, check-ins and luggage.”

Grand European Tours bundles the cost of airfare and transportation, lodging, meals and sightseeing and makes negotiated purchases in bulk, which offers a chance to get more for much less.

“Many travelers find the cost for just airfare, a rental car and lodging booked on their own can actually be higher than an all-inclusive escorted tour,” says Sohlstrom.

Another trick for savings is to pick a trip departing during the slower travel months of fall and spring. Traveling during this “shoulder season” means you will pay the lowest prices of the year, while also enjoying fewer crowds.

Grand European Tours is currently offering a variety of seasonal and ongoing discounts. Here is a sampling of offers, plus all may be combined for even greater savings:

April-June Departure Date Sale

Book a trip departing in April and save \$300 per couple. Book a trip departing in May and save \$200 per couple. Or book a trip departing in June and save an additional \$100 per couple off the price of a tour.

\$300 Early Booking Discount

You can take advantage of Grand European Tour's Early Booking Discount and save \$300 per couple. Simply book your trip by May 2, 2008.

Early Payment Discount

Save over \$450 per couple when you take advantage of Grand European Tour's Early Payment Discount. You are rewarded with percentage discounts off trips booked between four to 12 months in advance.

Frequent Traveler Discounts

Book two or more trips in the same year and save \$100 per person on the second tour. Book two consecutive tours and save \$150 per person on the second tour. Plus, all travelers receive a \$100 frequent traveler coupon at the end of their tour that can be used for their next trip.

Group Travel Discount

Gather together a group of friends or relatives and travel for free. Receive a free land tour for a 10th passenger if nine paying passengers are booked. More freebies are available for even larger groups.

Young Traveler Discount

Receive a 10 percent savings on the land-only portion of a trip for children ages 8-16 when traveling with a full paying adult.

Customer Referral Discount

Previous customers can receive a \$100 travel credit good for a future trip for each referral they make that results in a booking.

In addition to these discounts, Grand European Tours also offers their GET Price Guarantee which locks in the price of your tour when you pay in full, meaning your cost will not change even if fuel and exchange rates do.

For more information on these savings tips and current discounts, or to request a free catalog containing a complete listing of all tours to Europe and worldwide, departure dates and prices, call 1-800-522-5545 or visit www.gettours.com.

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