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REAL DEALS

UNITED STATES

Bretton Woods, N.H.

\$198 One night at the Lodge at Mount Washington Resort and the choice of a half-day canopy tour, 18 holes of golf (until Oct. 19), or a 50-minute spa treatment (massage, facial, manicure, or pedicure) per person. The price is per room. Book by Dec. 7 and mention BUDGET. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Booking each component separately would cost at least \$357. **WHEN** Until Dec. 15. • Mount Washington Resort, 877/873-0626, mountwashingtonresort.com.

Central Coast, Calif.

\$148 One night at the Cass House Inn in Cayucos and the choice of one \$50 dinner credit at the Cass House Restaurant or two tickets to Hearst Castle, about a 35-minute drive away. The price is per room. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** The regular room rate in October starts at \$165. You also receive the dinner credit or Hearst Castle tickets (a \$48 value) at no extra cost. **WHEN** Oct. 1–Dec. 20. • Cass House Inn, 805/995-3669, casshouseinn.com.

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Las Vegas

\$387 Three nights in a junior suite at the Signature at MGM Grand, a \$50 credit at the MGM Grand Spa, and a \$50 beverage credit redeemable at Studio 54, Tabú, Wet Republic, or the Signature or MGM Grand pools. The price is per room. Book by Dec. 1 and mention LUXE. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** You receive the spa and beverage credits at no extra cost. **WHEN** Oct. 15–Dec. 15 (from \$387). • The Signature at MGM Grand, signaturemgmgrand.com, 877/727-0007.

Nashville

\$169 One night at the Hotel Preston; dinner with wine at the Gerst Haus, Valentino's, or Zola restaurants; a guidebook to match on Germany, Italy, or France; a \$25 breakfast credit; and Wi-Fi. The price is per room. Mention CULTURESHOCKBT. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** This price is \$70 less than the regular package rate. You also receive the breakfast credit and Wi-Fi at no extra cost (a \$35 value). **WHEN** Until Nov. 30. • Hotel Preston, 877/361-5500, hotelpreston.com.

New York

\$199 One night at the Muse New York hotel, half a block from Times Square; breakfast; and a flight of wines at Nios restaurant. The price is per room. Mention PINS. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** The regular rate in October starts at \$329. You also receive breakfast for two (a \$40 value) and the flight of wines (worth about \$20) at no extra cost. **WHEN** Until Dec. 15. • The Muse New York, 877/692-6873, themusehotel.com.



The 12th-century Angkor Wat temple outside Siem Reap, with towers shaped like lotus buds

Cambodia & Singapore

\$2,369 Singapore Airlines flights from L.A. or San Francisco to Phnom Penh (returning from Siem Reap via Singapore), transfers and local transportation, eight nights' lodging, and most breakfasts. Spend two nights in Singapore and six in Cambodia (two in Phnom Penh, one in Kampong Thom, and three in Siem Reap). Highlights include visits to the Royal Palace and the Preah Morokot Pagoda in Phnom Penh and to the ruins of Angkor Wat near Siem Reap. Airport taxes and fuel surcharges are covered in the price. Mention BTCMB19. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Airfare typically starts at \$1,231. For \$1,138 more, you get everything else. Day trips to Tonle Bati Lake beach in Phnom Penh and a Tonle Sap Lake boat ride in Siem Reap—a total value of \$130—are exclusive for BT readers. **WHEN** Until Dec. 5. **OTHER GATEWAYS** Houston (add \$150); Denver, Portland, Salt Lake City, Seattle (add \$180); New York (add \$200). SS \$700. • Escapes Unlimited, 800/243-7227, escapesltd.com.

Portland, Ore.

\$155 One night at Hotel Fifty, parking, and a \$50 gift card to Pioneer Place mall. Mention BTMALL. The price is per room. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** Booking each component separately would cost at least \$74 more. You also receive a free room upgrade worth at least \$20. **WHEN** Until Dec. 24. • Hotel Fifty, 877/505-7220, hotelfifty.com.

Sonoma County, Calif.

\$198 Three nights at the Flamingo resort in Santa Rosa, breakfasts, tasting passes valid at one of 11 wineries, and half-price tickets to the Charles M. Schulz

Museum and Snoopy's ice rink. The price is per room. Mention HARVESTBUDGET. **WHY IT'S A DEAL** You receive the third night free and all the extras at no additional cost. **WHEN** Oct. 5–8, Oct. 11–Nov. 25, Nov. 27–Dec. 24, Dec. 26–Jan. 31. • Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 800/848-8300, flamingoresort.com.

MEXICO

Riviera Maya

\$552 Delta Air Lines flights from Atlanta to Cancún, transfers, fuel surcharges, and four nights at the beachfront all-inclusive Iberostar