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This luxury bonus package is valued at over \$1,000 per couple and is free for a limited time only.

IslandsEscapes, 800-667-6601, IslandsEscapes.com

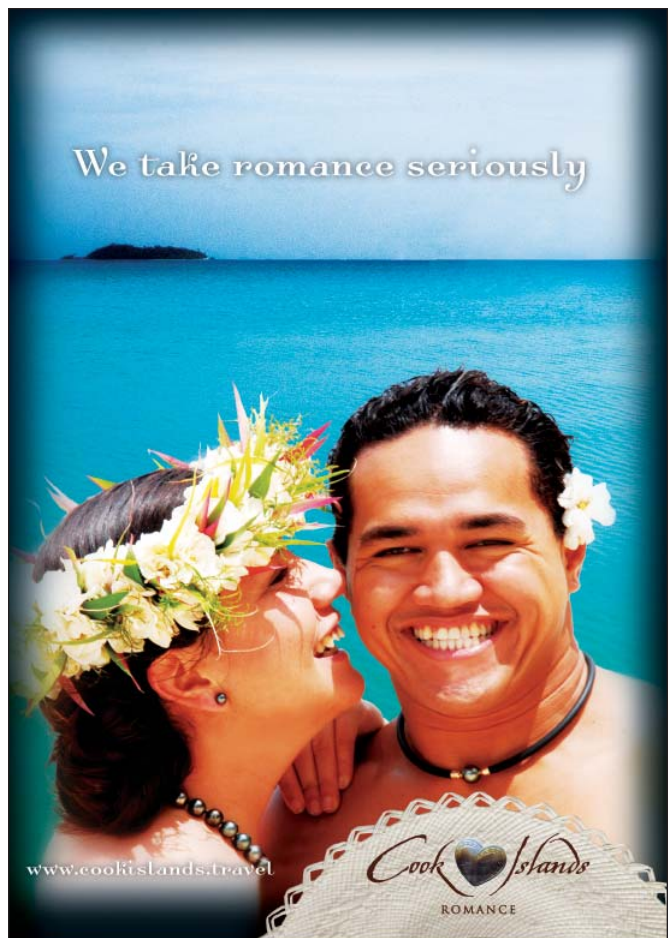
STAY EVEN LONGER AT YASAWA ISLAND RESORT & SPA

Yasawa Island Resort & Spa is offering an extra month and a half at their 'Paradise' rate. The stay three/pay two offer has now been extended until March 31, 2009 (but excludes the period from December 15 to January 15). This amounts to an extra month and a half and means guests can stay three nights for the price of two, or any other multiple - six nights for the price of four, nine nights for the price of six, and so on. The offer is ideal to be linked with the discount fares currently being offered to Fiji and cannot be combined with any other resort offers.

Yasawa is also announcing that kids are welcome during each of the main school holiday breaks, including Easter for the first time. This means they will waive their usual minimum age of 12 for Family Weeks throughout December and January, April, June/July and September/October. While parents relax the kids will be able to enjoy supervised games and activities, from water play and fish feeding to crafts and songs drawn from the traditions of the Fijian people. Special children's rates, children's meals and babysitting services will be available.

Yasawa Island Resort & Spa has launched their new website at www.yasawa.com. The site has an updated look, is more user-friendly, contains everything to know about a Yasawa stopover, and makes wonderful use of some stunning images.

Yasawa Island Resort & Spa, www.yasawa.com



VISIT THE AUSTRALIA OF MOVIES WITH ORION EXPEDITION CRUISES



With the upcoming release of Baz Luhrmann's love story *Australia*, starring Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman, the country of Australia is taking center stage and Orion Expedition Cruises, the Sydney-based luxury cruise line, can take travelers on expeditions to seldom-explored destinations in Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and Antarctica.

The period film takes place in Australia's Northern Territories, and many of the scenes were filmed in the Kimberley and Arnhem regions, which are two of Orion's major destinations. Fans wishing to retrace the character's footsteps can take part in 10- or 11-night expeditions that sail from Darwin to the Kimberleys and Arnhem regions, where they will experience rugged gorges, 330-foot waterfalls and awe-inspiring vistas.

Orion, founded in 2004, is ranked the No. 2 expedition cruise vessel in the world (according to the Berlitz Cruise Guide for 2008). Its only vessel, the *MV Orion* is custom-made for expedition cruising, yet is the epitome of elegance.

No expense has been spared when it comes to the quality of fittings and furnishings, and the range and caliber of onboard recreational facilities are nothing short of five-star. Orion's luxurious appointments means she is more mega-yacht than cruise ship and her guests are few; around 50 couples, all cared for in five-star comfort by a crew of 75.

Orion offers a range of included and optional Shoreside Expeditions designed to enhance the destination exploration for guests. From Camel Safaris in Broome to snorkeling over pristine coral formations, there are many unique opportunities for guests to visit areas of Australia that even most Australians don't get to see.

Their innovative expeditions are year-round and vary with the seasons. The Kimberley and Arnhem regions are visited in Winter (April to September).

The also sail in Summer (December, January and February) to Antarctica and New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands; Autumn (March, April) in remote and unspoilt parts of Papua New Guinea and Melanesia; and Spring (October, November) to New Zealand and South-East Asia.

Orion Expedition Cruises, www.orionexpeditions.com

THE VERY BEST OF NORTHERN INDIA FROM THE GREAT CANADIAN TRAVEL COMPANY

Join the "Darjeeling Mail Train" for a two-week-long tour from Bombay to Calcutta. See the Taj Mahal and many other iconic buildings on this unique train tour across northern India, along with spectacular countryside and exciting cities with colorful marketplaces and cultures that date back thousands of years.

It's a tour that gives you insights into northern India ranging from the "Ghost City" of Fatehpur Sikri to the famed Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

This unique rail tour is offered by The Great Canadian Travel Company. This two-week adventure is priced from \$11,395 ppdo and include accommodations aboard the Viceroy of India, most meals and drinks, services of a tour manager, portage services, an off-train sightseeing program and gratuities. Departure dates are: eastbound from Bombay – April 6 and September 14, 2009; and westbound from Calcutta – April 10 and September 18, 2009.

On the eastbound itinerary, you'll be met at Bombay airport and transferred to the Taj Mahal Hotel for a two-night stay. There's a morning boat trip to Elephanta Island. The next morning features a tour of Bombay. Relax onboard the train for the journey into Udaipur, known as "City of Lakes."

Delhi offers a city tour that includes the Jama Masjid Mosque. Also visit the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi and Qutab Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world.

At Siliguri, you'll embark on the journey toward the hill station of Darjeeling. The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - the "Toy Train"—climbs to a height of 7,400 feet at Ghum, where snow-covered Mt. Kanchenjunga dominates the skyline. The ancient steam locomotives climb through zigzags and loops to gain height and the cooler air of India's most famous Hill Station. Have dinner at the Hotel Windermere, where you will stay for three nights.

Explore Darjeeling with its colonial grandeur and plan an early morning start to experience the sun rising over the Himalayas. There's a private transfer from Darjeeling to Bagdogra airport for a one-hour flight to Calcutta. A tour includes a visit to Dalhousie Square.

The Great Canadian Travel Company, Ltd., 800-661-3830,
www.greatcanadiantravel.com

'MALAYSIA: TRULY ASIA' CAMPAIGN WINS PATA GOLD AWARDS

Tourism Malaysia's 'Malaysia: Truly Asia' international campaign, conceived and produced since 1999 by TBWA-ISC, has bagged two more Gold Awards in the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Awards 2008 marketing media category under the categories "Marketing Media - Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media for Visit Malaysia Year 2007", created and produced by TBWA-ISC, and "Marketing Media CD-Rom, Travel Manual Interactive CD."

The winning campaign, aptly themed One Golden Celebration, was developed to propel Visit Malaysia Year 2007 into the forefront of global interest and focused on the millions of offerings during the year-long celebration of Malaysia's 50th year of independence.

The awards reiterated Malaysia's appeal to the international community, showcasing a destination rich in history, culture, and an abundant variety of experiences.

Compelling the world to cast its eyes on Malaysia yet again, they also reflect Tourism Malaysia's clear and consistent approach to celebrate Malaysia as the most exciting place on Earth in 2007 and beyond.

The President of the TBWA-ISC Group, Austen Zecha, said, "The marketing media awards are a significant recognition of the accomplishment by the Tourism Malaysia team and its partners in promoting and positioning Malaysia as a preferred holiday destination.

The awards are also a reflection of professional dedication towards excellence in the hospitality industry, and have tripled tourist arrivals into Malaysia."

Mr. Zecha also adds that "PATA is recognized as the region's leading travel trade association. To be short-listed is already an honor in itself; to win two awards having previously won three others for our work with Tourism Malaysia is simply phenomenal. We on behalf of Tourism Malaysia are truly proud of this achieve-

ment and will endeavor to keep Malaysia in the spotlight."

During the span of nearly eight years, the 'Malaysia: Truly Asia' campaign has won more than 25 awards worldwide, including the region's Media Magazine's Marketing Effectiveness Award in 2006.

The campaign's success has resulted in more than a tripling of annual visitors to Malaysia with a record 20.7 million arrivals at the end of 2007.

PATA, www.pata.org

SINGAPORE TOURISM LAUNCHES SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Singapore Tourism Board has launched a new online program to familiarize travel agents in the U.S. and Canada with the island nation. The Singapore Specialist program is an informative, interactive and useful way for travel agents to learn about and sell Singapore.

The first 500 agents who pass the exam will receive a \$50 Gift Card. All travel agents who register for the program, study the lessons, and pass the online exam will become certified Singapore Specialists. Benefits to agents for joining the program include receiving continuing education credits; a Singapore Specialist Pack, containing a Singapore Specialist certificate and Singapore collateral materials; and a quarterly e-newsletter with news and opportunities for specialists, and other incentives.

The two top-selling agents also stand to win a trip for two to Singapore. The winners for this program will be announced in early 2009.

Singapore Specialists will also have 24/7 access to the specialist website where they can find a plethora of information including: FAQ's, a list of tour operators selling Singapore product, target traveler profiles/demographics, a downloadable destination video, a digital photo library, information on new hotels, attractions and events, special consumer and agent offers, FAM trip invitations, a brochure order form and further educational opportunities,

just to name a few.

"We believe the Singapore Specialist Program will pave the way for a wealth of resources for travel agents interested in selling Singapore to their customers. Agents will have direct access to inside information, updates, marketing materials, attractive rates for FAM Trips and other incentives. We hope this program will open many doors, both for agents and for Singapore," says Kershing Goh, Regional Director for Americas at the Singapore Tourism Board.

After becoming a Singapore Specialist, travel agents will have additional opportunities to receive even more benefits of the program by attending a Singapore FAM trip and submitting general sales information.

The more active travel agents are in the Singapore Specialist program, the more benefits they are eligible to receive.

Singapore Specialist Program, www.SingaporeSpecialist.com

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“WE LOVE PANDA” PROGRAM LAUNCHES AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, CHENGDU



Xiang Xiang enjoys her first-ever birthday cake, presented by Johnson Wong, General Manager, and Andy Yew, Executive Chef, of Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu

Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu’s “We Love Panda” program was recently launched with a staff visit to the hotel’s adopted giant panda in Yaan Bi Feng Xia Resort – a temporary home for giant pandas from the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve that was damaged in the Wenchuan earthquake on May 12, 2008.

The Wolong Giant Panda Reserve, 74 miles from Chengdu, was one of the most important habitats for giant pandas in China. It is currently undergoing a five-year re-building, with the eventual return of its former panda residents. Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu adopted a baby giant panda there in 2007. The baby panda was named “Shangri-La” with the nickname “Xiang Xiang.”

Johnson Wong, the hotel’s General Manager and Andy Yew, Executive Chef, paid a visit to Xiang Xiang’s new home to celebrate her first birthday. They brought with them milk powder, balls, a swing and toys for the rest of the 14 baby pandas in the reserve.

“We hope they love their new home and have as much fun in Yaan as they had in Wolong,” said Wong. “Everyone at Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu is determined to help create a happy and thriving environment for Xiang Xiang and her panda friends.”

Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu will continue its “We Love Panda” campaign with gifts of supplies and toys for the pandas, field trips for children to visit Xiang Xiang, and fundraising activities.

Sichuan has been known for its fertile land and rich natural resources since ancient times. The pleasant climate and natural conditions provide an excellent living environment for the giant pandas. In China, Sichuan is known as the panda’s home.

“We Love Panda” is just one element of the hotel’s corporate social responsibility programs. Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, Asia Pacific’s leading luxury hotel group, signed a corporate social responsibility (CSR) policy into effect in 2007 and launched a two-year development strategy to enhance its existing CSR activities. A corporate CSR Committee guides fulfillment of the group’s responsibilities in five key areas: the environment; employees and the community; health and safety; supply chain management; and stakeholder relations.

Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu, www.shangri-la.com

DISCOVER THE MANY TASTES OF VIETNAM WITH TRAVEL INDOCHINA

Vietnam is becoming Asia’s must-visit destination. With more than 15 years experience in operating tours throughout Vietnam and Asia, Travel Indochina is launching a collection of Vietnam itineraries that offer U.S. travelers an unmatched taste of Vietnam. This exclusive collection of tours ranges from the “7 Day Taste of Vietnam” to “19 Day cycling Vietnam” then the grandest of them all, the “27 Day Vietnam Grand Adventure.”

Each tour features authentic experiences of the true Vietnam, including tours of cultural and historic landmarks (such as the Cu Chi Tunnels); a home stay in Mekong Delta; fisherman for a day in Hoi An; a home stay with the hill tribe people in Mai Chau; cyclo ride through the Old Quarter of Hanoi; experiencing the cultural melting pot of Hoi An and the quiet seaside town of Quy Nhon; learning about the art deco architecture in the former French hill station of Dalat and the contrasting cities of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and Hanoi; tranquil cruises of Halong Bay; cooking classes, and much more. Travel Indochina recognizes the value of responsible tourism, and offers options such as “know one teach one” (KOTO) which support the local tourism industry. One option, for example, visits a non-profit restaurant at which disadvantaged youths are trained in hospitality skills.

Travel Indochina has been leading small group journeys throughout Vietnam and Asia for more than 15 years, so all the details of each itinerary have been painstakingly prepared. With permanent offices in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Danang and Hanoi, Travel Indochina provides around-the-clock support for every traveler on every tour. On a Travel Indochina Small Group Journey you share your experience with a maximum of 15 like-minded travelers – which means you will have plenty of space for discovery, and go home with a brand new set of friends.

Travel Indochina, 866-459-6158, www.travelindochina.com

POST-OLYMPIC BEIJING FROM ORIENT FLEXI PAX TOURS

Orient Flexi Pax Tours is offering a Post-Olympic Beijing tour plus Xian and Shanghai. Trip is 11-days / nine-nights with daily departures, valid September 18-March 09. Air and land is priced from \$2,275 per person and includes \$330 per person air fuel surcharge. The package includes roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco via United Airlines; all flights within China; nine-nights superior first-class hotel; meals, including American breakfast daily and five lunches; comprehensive sightseeing by private car, including a visit to the Olympic Plaza and the Beijing Shichahai Sports School; all transfers upon arrival and departure by private car; services of local English-Speaking guides; and USTOA \$1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. There is also an optional extension to Lijiang, Guilin, Yangtze River Cruise or Hong Kong.

Orient Flexi Pax Tours, 800-545-5540, info@orientflexipax.com, www.orientflexipax.com

ASTUDO TO MANAGE NEW HOTEL IN SAMUI: AWAY KOH PHA NGAN



Astudo Hotel & Resort Management's portfolio has been growing at a record pace across the region during the past years. After successfully launching four resort properties under its X2, Away and Le Bayuri brands, Astudo will represent Away Koh Pha Ngan, Thailand, scheduled to open in late 2009.

Away Koh Pha Ngan is a modern beachside resort, located within walking distance from the market and the famous full moon party that attracts visitors from around the world; yet it far enough from the resort to ensure a peaceful retreat for guests.

The resort offers a combination of 70 standard rooms, eight deluxe rooms with sea views and one Beach Front Villa. Situated on the West coast of Had Rinn, guests will surely be delighted with the romantic sunset scenery.

The facilities of the resort include reception pavilion, El Fresco open-air restaurant offering an astonishing view looking back to Samui, beachfront infinity-edge swimming pool with pool bar, Spa and Massage Center, and complimentary use of hi-speed internet.

Koh Pha Ngan (Pha Ngan Island) is located in the Gulf of Siam as a neighboring island of Koh Samui, 10 minutes away by speed boat. Koh Pha Ngan is unique in many ways: it has been known for unspoiled beaches, undamaged coral reefs, the primitive nature of jungles and waterfall.

"Astudo Hotel & Resort Management has also been growing its representation and support capability in key locations," Commented Klaus R. Rauter, Astudo Group General Manager, "We are focusing on assisting Thai hotel and resort owners who are in need of professional management and overall support. As we continue to grow our network of hotels across the region putting equal emphasis on ensuring the long-term success of the hotels, which in turn ensures better returns for our owners."

Astudo Hotel & Resort Management, www.astudo.com;
Away Resorts, www.awayresorts.com

WYNDHAM BRAND TO EXPAND IN CHINA WITH SHANGHAI HOTEL

Wyndham Hotel Group International announced plans to expand the Wyndham brand in China with the construction of a 337-room, 15-story luxury hotel in Shanghai.

The Wyndham Baolian Hotel, scheduled to open in April 2010, is being developed by Shanghai Baolian Real Estate Company Ltd. in the city's Baoshan district.

Weijie Zhu, principal owner of Shanghai Baolian Real Estate Company Ltd., signed a 10-year agreement with Wyndham Hotel Group International to manage the property.

The hotel will feature four full-service restaurants; two bars; lobby lounge; nightclub; Wyndham Blue Harmony spa and fitness center; swimming pool; business center; and 1,650 square meters of meeting space including a 1,000-square-meter ballroom, boardroom and additional function rooms.

The Wyndham Hotels and Resorts brand is scheduled to make its debut in the Asia Pacific region during the fourth quarter this year with the opening of a newly constructed, 609-room luxury hotel in Xiamen, Fujian province.

The Wyndham Xiamen Hotel also will be managed by Wyndham Hotel Group International.

Wyndham Hotel Group is the largest U.S.-based hotel franchising company in China today with 138 hotels open and under development under the Ramada, Days Inn, Howard Johnson and Super 8 brand names.

Steven R. Rudnitsky, Wyndham Hotel Group President and Chief Executive Officer said the development of the Wyndham brand in China fulfills a key corporate objective to grow the brand in Asia. "Our Shanghai project is a testament to the strength of the Wyndham brand and our management expertise," he said. "We anticipate strong growth of the Wyndham brand in key gateway cities."

Shanghai serves as one of China's most important commercial, financial, industrial and communications centers and is widely regarded as the showpiece of one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

Wyndham Hotel Group, www.wyndhamworldwide.com

SIEM REAP AIRWAYS TO ADD HO CHI MINH CITY

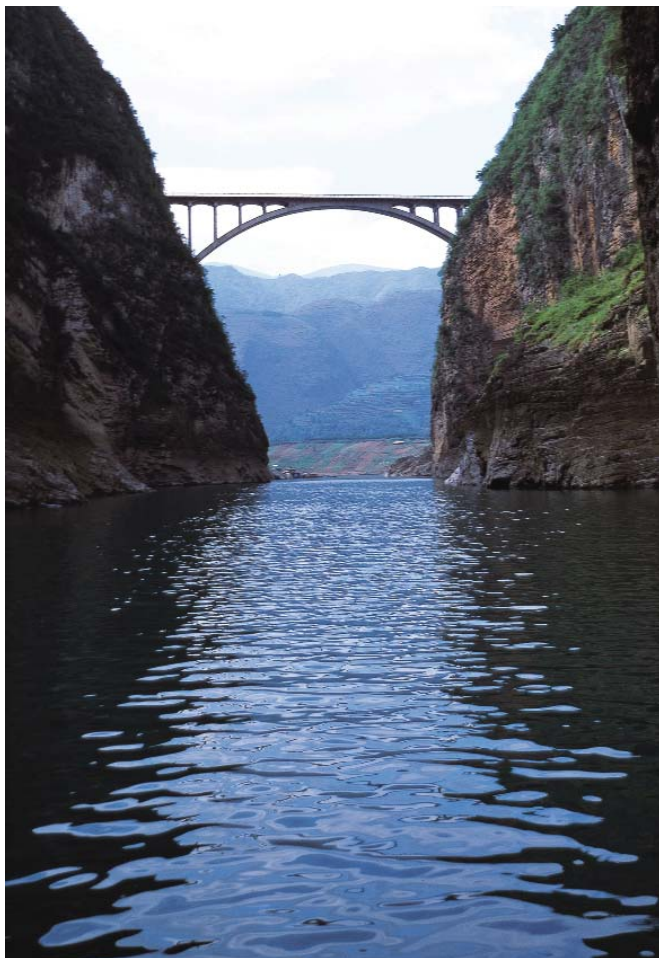
Siem Reap Airways International (FT) will launch a new air link between Siem Reap (REP) and Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) on a daily non-stop basis beginning October 26 onwards.

The new service will be operated by A319 with 138 seats in capacity. Flight (FT 981) leaves Siem Reap at 11:00 and arrives Ho Chi Minh City at 11:55.

From Ho Chi Minh City flight (FT 982) leaves at 12:40 and arrives Siem Reap at 1:35. Currently, FT flies from Phnom Penh to Bangkok, Siem Reap, Hong Kong and from Siem Reap to Pakse (Laos).

Siem Reap Airways, www.siemreapairways.com

TOUR THE YANGTZE RIVER WITH VICTORIA CRUISES



The Yangtze River in China, according to Victoria Cruises President James Pi, "offers a unique opportunity to experience the symbolism of China's transformation with modern innovations and old-world charm co-existing side by side."

Victoria Cruises has been the pre-eminent river cruise line on the Yangtze for nearly 15 years. In that time, China's economy has grown immensely, propelling the country into a new modern era. A perfect example, the Three Gorges Dam project, which commenced shortly after Victoria appeared on the Yangtze, is one of the largest structural undertakings in world history since the Chinese built the Great Wall more than 2,000 years ago.

For those interested in China's transformation from old to modern, Victoria Cruises recommends the seven-day Grand Yangtze Discovery, departing the port city of Chongqing every Monday.

Highlights include the Three Gorges, the massive Three Gorges Dam, the "Ghost City" of Fengdu, Huangshan (one of China's most outstanding scenic attractions also known as "Yellow Mountain"), the city of Wuhan (capital of Hubei Province) and Nanjing (capital of the Jiangsu province, where cruisers will experience the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum and a Qing Dynasty-style Bazaar surrounding a Confucian Temple).

Finally, passengers disembark in the sprawling metropolis of

Shanghai, where they will see the full extent of the country's rebirth as they gaze at miles and miles of modern skyscrapers.

Prices start at \$1,470 ppdo in a standard cabin during the shoulder season (March 16-31, June, July, August and November) and \$1,610 ppdo, in peak season (April, May, September and October). Rates in junior suites, deluxe suites and Shangri-La suites are available. Shore excursions cost an additional \$240 per person (inclusive of all excursions).

For those with less time, Victoria Cruises offers journeys as short as four days, starting at \$710 per person.

Victoria Cruises, 800-348-8084, www.victoriacruises.com

RITZ TOURS OFFERS UP TO \$400 SAVINGS WITH EARLY BOOKING OFFER

To encourage advance bookings of its 2009-2010 vacations, Ritz Tours is offering an Early Booking Offer of up to \$400 off per couple (\$200 per person) on its portfolio of Premiere, China & Yangtze River and Asia Series travel itineraries.

The Early Booking Offer is available on bookings made by December 15, 2008, at least 60 days in advance of the departure date. Deposits of \$300 per person must be received within seven days of booking (and by December 15, 2008) in order for the discount to apply.

The Early Booking Offer is valid on the programs in their Deluxe Series, China & Yangtze River Programs, Asia Programs, and Premiere Series for departure dates between March and December 2009 (with select programs featuring winter 2010 departure dates).

For example, programs in their Deluxe Series include the China Discovery (10 days) – Beijing, Xian and Shanghai with prices starting at \$2,377 (\$150 off); the new Shangri-La Adventure (16 days) – Guilin, Yangzhou, Kunming, Lijiang, Shangri-La and Hong Kong with prices starting at \$3,209 (\$100 off); and Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Chongqing, Yangtze River cruise and Shanghai with prices starting at \$3,907 (\$150 off).

Asia Programs include Tantalizing Thailand (15 days) – Bangkok, Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai with prices starting at \$2,173 (\$50 off); Exotic Asia (16 days) – Bangkok, River Kwai, Phuket, Singapore and Hong Kong with prices starting at \$2,827 (\$100 off); and Essence of India (16 days) – Bangkok, Delhi, Agra, Ranthambor, Jaipur and Hong Kong with prices starting at \$3,651 (\$150 off).

Premiere Series programs include Majestic Yangtze River (14 days) – Shanghai, Yangtze River cruise, Xian and Beijing with prices starting at \$4,507 (\$200 off); and Majestic Yangtze River & Asia (18 days) – Beijing, Xian, Yangtze River cruise, Shanghai, Bangkok and Hong Kong with prices starting at \$5,578 (\$200 off).

Other programs are available. Prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy, include fuel surcharges, and do not include the Early Booking Offer (individual tour discounts are included in parentheses, listed as per person).

Ritz Tours, 800-900-2446, www.ritztraveltours.com

PACIFIC DELIGHT TOURS ANNOUNCES NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM



JERRY PI

Pacific Delight Tours has announced a new management team.

Jerry Pi, a China travel industry veteran with more than 15 years experience, takes over as President; and Grace Wu, a former Wall Street executive, has been named Executive Vice President.

Mr. Pi will continue to build upon the strong relationships Pacific Delight has enjoyed with its many vendors, airlines and cruise companies, first developed by the company's founder, Frances Luk, 38 years ago.

Besides overseeing the overall operations of the company, he will also be responsible for positioning the company for expansion and launching new marketing programs.

Mr. Pi has worked in China's fast-growing travel industry since 1993, much of it on the expansion of travel along the Yangtze River, one of China's top destinations.

He also worked for BTS USA, a leading global business strategy company, as a consultant and team leader. Mr. Pi holds a Masters Degree from New York University and a Bachelors Degree in Economics and International Relations from Boston University.

Ms. Grace Wu, who assumes the responsibility of Treasurer and Controller for Pacific Delight, has spent more than 10 years on Wall Street, most recently spearheading the development of new products within Merrill Lynch's Global Credit Derivatives Group.

Ms. Wu was also Vice President with JPMorgan's Investment Banking group and holds a Masters in Finance from London Business School and a BS in Industrial Engineering and Economics from Columbia University.

Pacific Delight was purchased by a small private equity group and named Jerry Pi as President and Grace Wu as Executive Vice President.

The company will continue to be run as it has been under the stewardship of the founder, the late Francis Luk, and more recently under Sophia Luk.

Sophia Luk remains on with the company in a high management position and Rosalyn Gershell, the Company's Senior Vice President of Marketing, has decided to move on for personal reasons.

Pacific Delight Tours, 800-221-7179,
www.PacificDelightTours.com



GRACE WU

AIR INDIA ANNOUNCES THREE SPECIAL FALL OFFERS

Air India has introduced three new promotions that are available to passengers traveling to India on any of the airline's flights from New York (JFK and Newark Airports) and Chicago (O'Hare).

"FAMILY SPECIAL": SECOND CHILD FLIES FREE

For travel through October 31, 2008, Air India is offering free round trip Economy Class flights to India for one child when accompanied by two adults and another child. Only the applicable taxes, plus airport and security charges are payable for the child traveling free.

FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRPORT TRANSPORT FOR ECONOMY CLASS

Air India is offering Economy Class passengers to India free transportation to and from the airports in the U.S. The offer is good for travel through October 31, 2008, and applies to four adult passengers who book the same flight and travel together on same routing. Note: Pick-up and drop-off is valid within a 50 miles radius of the airport and to one residence designated by the four passengers.

\$100 REBATE ON NEXT FLIGHT

Through November 30, 2008, all adult Air India passengers will receive a mail-in rebate of \$100 that can be applied to their next flight from the U.S. to India with the carrier. Full details on how to obtain the rebate voucher will be provided at Air India's check-in counters at the time of departure. This offer may be combined with any other special offer effective during the same period. Note: Claims for rebate vouchers must be received by February 28, 2009 and will be valid for up to one year.

"Family Special" and "Free Roundtrip Airport Transport" offers are not combinable. All three special offers apply only for flights originating in the U.S., and for tickets purchased in U.S. Dollars. Other conditions and restrictions apply.

Air India, 800-223-7776, www.airindia.in


EXPLORE THE OLD WORLD CHARM AND RICH HISTORY OF MALACCA

In celebration of Malacca's recent listing as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, The Majestic Malacca, YTL Hotels' first Classic Hotel, has designed a special package as a way to discover this World Heritage City.

Step into the boutique hotel that rests peacefully on the banks of the Malacca River. Reflections of the historic trading port resonate within the intimacy and luxury of this beautiful hotel, designed to provide experiences that are anchored in the past, but woven together with every modern convenience to bear.

The Majestic Malacca's UNESCO World Heritage Package is priced at a special rate of approximately \$203 per room, inclusive of one night stay in a Deluxe room, with breakfast, lunch, dinner (excluding beverages) and one guided tour around Malacca City for two persons. The package is available for a limited period until December 31, 2008.

YTL Travel Centre, travelcentre@ytlhotels.com.my,
www.majesticmalacca.com



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