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Vermont farm stay to Daddy Diaper Pack

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Liberty Hill Farm in Rochester.

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VERMONT FARM VACATION

Families can experience real Vermont farm life with the “Mittens, snowflakes, hot cocoa, the favorite things of winter” package offered by Liberty Hill Farm in Rochester. In the barn, kids

can cuddle kittens, collect eggs, chase chickens, feed newborn calves, and watch farmers milk Robeth Holsteins. Or enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding on miles of trails surrounded by the Green Mountain National Forest before returning to the farm for hot cocoa with fresh whipped cream. Package includes two-night lodging, home-style dinners, hearty farm breakfasts, gift pack of Cabot Cheddar, use of sledding tubes, and guide maps to trails. Family of four \$600. 802-767-3926, www.libertyhillfarm.com

MAINE ROMANCE PACKAGE

Escape the winter blahs with a weekend idyll in seaside Kennebunkport. The Five Shades of Red package, offered by the Kennebunkport Resort Collection, is a romantic getaway. Stay two nights at one of three properties and receive a three-course dinner at One Dock (with stay at Grand Hotel or Kennebunkport Inn) or David's KPT (with stay at Boathouse Waterfront Hotel). Includes bottle of red wine and chocolate-covered strawberries upon arrival, evening turndown service with red velvet whoopie pie and a red rose, and deluxe continental breakfast (Grand Hotel guests receive light breakfast bag). Available until March 31. Rates from \$339. Promo code: RED. 800-573-7186, www.kennebunkportresortcollection.com

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DREAM DEAL IN CARIBBEAN

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Italian cruise line MSC Cruises celebrates its first season in the States with its Divina Dream Deal, a variety of seven- to 10-night itineraries sailing from Miami to the Eastern and Western Caribbean. Wake to azure waters aboard the MSC Divina (pictured below) at ports in St. Martin, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Tortola, Bahamas, Colombia, Panama, Mexico, and more. Shore excursions feature snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, off-road safaris, river tubing, and more, depending on destination. Book by March 31 (ask for Winter Sale) for cruises through December. Rates from \$499 with shipboard credits up to \$300. Ages 12-17 sail at reduced rates; 11 and under sail free. 877-665-4655, www.msccruisesusa.com

SUMMER CLASSES IN OXFORD

Learn something new at the Oxford Experience, a one-week series of academic courses with no requirements, exams, or papers (June 6-Aug 16). Participants live on campus, dine on High Table in the hall featured in Harry Potter films, and study some 60 subjects including Paradise in an English Garden, Jane Austen's Heroines, Music at the Court of Queen Elizabeth I, and more. Extracurricular activities may include tours of Christ Church and Oxford, excursions to stately homes, castles, and museums, pub crawls, special lectures, wine and croquet in the Masters' Garden, and Evensong in the chapel. Classes at Christ Church (pictured above left), limited to 12 students, fill quickly. Registration deadline May 1. \$2,017 includes tuition, accommodation, and all meals. www.conted.ox.ac.uk/oxfordexperience

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CUSTOMIZED TRAVELS IN BRAZIL

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In time for the 2016 Summer Olympics and the 2014 World Cup (starting in June), Adventure Life has added a new itinerary to its experience-based travels in Brazil. Costa Verde of Brazil, a 10-day tour, explores the rain forest, mountains, beaches, and remote islands south of Rio de Janeiro (pictured above). Includes Ipanema and Copacabana beaches, Corcovado Mountain's Christ the Redeemer statue, Sugarloaf Mountain, colonial town of Paraty, coastal town of Angra dos Reis, and more. Itinerary can be customized to include many activities ranging from hiking to boat tours. With no set departure dates, travelers can choose what best suits them (two-person minimum). Rates from \$1,975. 800-344-6118, www.adventure-life.com

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STAY SAFE BIKE CUFFS

Stay safe on bike trails from Cambridge to Cartagena with the StaySharp Commuter Cuff. Designed for commuters by the Boston-based company Exposed Seam, these lightweight fabric cuffs are also perfect for those who bike on vacation. Safety features include reflective trim on the back seam, and ability to keep your laces or pant leg away from the bike's gears and chain. Made in the United States, available in six colors. \$15. www.exposedseam.com

BACKPACK FOR DADS

"I'm The Daddy" is printed on the Daddy Diaper Pack, a stylish black backpack that lets dad stay organized while traveling with a little one. Durable side pockets can hold baby bottles and sippy cups; a larger pouch accommodates diapers, wipes, and a change of clothes; a

zippered front pocket keeps keys, money, cellphone, pacifier, and small toys together; and an insulated cooler pocket can be used for snacks. One size (19-by-12-by-9 inches) and fits easily under an airplane seat. \$69.95. 310-320-3775, www.daddyscrubs.com/the-daddy-diaper-pack.html

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