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February Special: A 29th Day to Save

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The extra day in this month's calendar is an extra opportunity for consumers to score travel deals, as hotels are promoting leap-year-themed bargains.

In honor of Feb. 29, 29 Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant properties are offering discounts and packages. At seven Kimpton hotels in Washington, D.C., for example, guests who book two nights during the last weekend of February (Feb. 28-March 1) get Feb. 29 free. In Portland, Ore., guests born on Feb. 29 can get a \$29 room rate on Feb. 29, and all other guests can get 29% off at Hotel Monaco and Hotel Vintage Plaza.

Elsewhere, the Westin Aruba Resort has a "Leap Into Spring" package, available Feb. 29 to June 29, which includes 29% off each night booked. At the Las Palomas Beach & Golf Resort, Puerto Penasco, Mexico, guests booking two or three consecutive nights this month can get a third or fourth night free through Feb. 29.

Let It Snow

Record snowfall is enabling ski resorts to stay open later than usual this spring, and some are offering late-season deals.

Heavenly Mountain Resort in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., is extending its season by two weeks to May 4. In Vail, Colo., guests who buy three nights' lodging and three-day lift tickets can receive an additional night and day free. The deal, which can be booked at www.vail.com or by calling 800-404-3535, starts at \$417 per person and is valid March 30 to April 13. At Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg, Idaho, from March through the end of the ski season, kids under 18 can ski for no additional charge with a minimum two-night stay at Morning Star Lodge.

Westin Takes Flight

This year, Westin Hotels & Resorts will start putting products from its Heavenly Bed line on United Airlines flights. Customers flying United business- and first-class routes between New York and California will receive oversized Heavenly Bed blankets and pillows "inspired by the iconic all-white, 10-layer" Heavenly Bed found in Westin hotels, according to a statement from the hotel company.

Presidential Dining

The Waldorf Towers, a boutique hotel in New York adjacent to the Waldorf-Astoria, has a four-course "presidential tasting menu" available to all Towers guests. The menu reflects preferred meals of past presidents, all of whom since Herbert Hoover have stayed at the Waldorf, according to the hotel. It includes seared scallops with osetra caviar and potato-chive mousseline, a favorite of Bill Clinton's, and poached turbot with caviar-champagne sauce, which was prepared for Ronald Reagan in 1985. The menu is priced at \$480 per person, including tax, gratuity and butler service.

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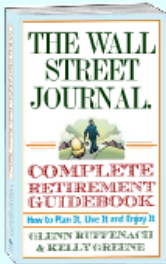
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