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Here are some of the more interesting deals, websites and other [travel](#) tidbits that came across our desk recently:

For bicyclists looking for a different destination, Ciclismo Classico offers the Gran Canaria tour, which explores the second largest of the Canary Islands with rides from sea level to 6,300 feet. The Dec. 29-Jan. 4 [trip](#) is priced from \$3,995 per person double occupancy and includes six nights' lodging, some meals, guide services, vehicle support and bike rental. 800-866-7314, [tinyurl.com/nwxojqs](#)

If a wintry visit to Ireland sounds appealing, GreatValueVacations has you covered with its Luxury Irish Villa and Dublin City package, priced from \$799 per person quad occupancy. That includes round-trip air from New York, five nights' lodging in a three-bedroom Adare Villa, two nights' lodging in Dublin and a manual-shift rental car. Price from Chicago starts at \$965. You must book by Sept. 27, and travel dates are available from Dec. 1-Feb. 6. 800-896-4600, [tinyurl.com/ol28368](#)

Geringer Global Travel is offering a 14-night tour of India that concentrates on exploring the country's textile industry through meetings with local artisans. Priced from \$3,479 per person double occupancy, it includes lodging, most meals, English-speaking guides and various cultural activities. Airfare is extra. 877-255-7438, [tinyurl.com/ogbdmw2](#)

BestPriceCruises.com has a seven-night western Caribbean cruise in January on Norwegian Cruise Line priced from \$549 per person double occupancy. Sailing round trip from Tampa, Fla., it makes port stops in Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize; and Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico. 800-344-0401, [tinyurl.com/qjxvlsr](#)

Guilin, China, is a new property from all-inclusive Club Med. Pricing in October and November is slightly more than \$1,200 per person double occupancy for a seven-night stay. Airfare is not included. 888-932-2582, [tinyurl.com/og8hdzo](#)

Hot-air balloons color the skies in New Mexico during the 2013 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Oct. 5-13. [tinyurl.com/3j8exkp](#)

The Missouri Civil War Museum opened this summer in historic Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. [mcwm.org](#)

Enter by Sept. 30 to win a Hong Kong getaway at [tinyurl.com/nodwlu9](#).

The 10th Annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest is Oct. 3-5 in Fairhope, Ala., on the state's Gulf Coast. [alabamacoastalbirdfest.com](#)

The Lake Geneva (Wis.) Cruise Line is offering its 2014 [passports](#), which allow unlimited rides on its tour boats and can be used this year through Oct. 31. Cost remains \$74.95 plus tax. 262-248-6206, [cruiselakegeneva.com](#)

CruiseCritic.com lists seven reasons to stay [loyal](#) to a cruise line at [tinyurl.com/owv8a78](#).

[Family Vacation](#) Critic has downloadable free family vacation guides for Orlando, Fla., Disney World and the Caribbean at [tinyurl.com/ldz3wls](#).

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