



You can catch a 170-mph ride at the Vegas speedway



Rather than going at it alone, you can hitch a ride at the Las Vegas Speedway with a professional driver in a car similar to these. (Jamie Squire / Getty Images)

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Here are some of the more interesting deals, websites and other travel tidbits that have come across our desk recently:

Drive Vegas, which offers the opportunity to slip behind the wheel of a race car at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, has added an option that lets you ride with a professional driver in an Indy Car at speeds up to 170 mph. 800-237-3889, <http://tinyurl.com/ozx3n7u>

The Online Vacation Center has a variety of cruises aboard Regent Seven Seas Cruises that include a Visa gift card ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. An example is a 12-night Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Rio de Janeiro itinerary, priced from \$9,999 per person double occupancy for a concierge suite, including round-trip air from several gateways. 800-760-5418, <http://tinyurl.com/nlahjjs>

•R.O.A.M. Adventures has a nine-day multisport tour that includes whitewater rafting on Chile's Futaleufu River and options such as hiking, kayaking, mountain biking, horseback riding and trout fishing. You also can indulge in salsa lessons or a massage. It's priced from \$3,400 per person double occupancy, and airfare is extra. 888-639-1114, <http://tinyurl.com/p4rxemd>

Big Sky Resort in Montana is offering 30 percent off lodging at the slopeside Huntley Lodge Dec. 10-25 and March 28 to April 16, based on availability. 800-548-4486, <http://tinyurl.com/oxzh9bq>

Submit your best vacation photos from anywhere outside of North America, and you might win two round-trip tickets to any Delta Airlines destination from Tripmasters. <http://tinyurl.com/q3ku4bb>

You can view the Madison, Wis., fall and winter visitors guide at <http://tinyurl.com/pkfwypj>.

Missouri has a variety of historical museums, including the Route 66 Museum and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum. <http://tinyurl.com/qgdga4k>

Enter for a chance to win an Africa safari vacation from KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Asilia Africa at <http://tinyurl.com/phakjew>. Deadline is Nov. 17.

Applications are being taken now for the Global Scavenger Hunt, which will be April 15 to May 7. www.global scavenger hunt.com

The fourth annual Blue Wahoos Craft Beer Festival will be Nov. 21 in Pensacola, Fla. www.pensacolacraftbeer.com

More than 8,000 cyclists from around the world will ride Nov. 28 in New Zealand's largest cycling event, the Contact Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge. <http://tinyurl.com/ndx4m65>

The 32nd National Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be Jan. 25-30, in Elko, Nev. <http://tinyurl.com/n4y8xuo>

Prices include taxes and fee unless otherwise noted. Deals and websites listed here have been checked for availability as of press time, but the listings are not endorsements.

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