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Tour Vietnam, meet Pope Francis and other travel deals

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Photo credit: AP | One Pillar Pagoda in central Hanoi is among the city's most famous sites. (May 24, 2000)

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Perillo Tours' Italy Vacations is offering a "Meet Pope Francis" tour. The six-day, five-night trip starts at \$879 a person, based on double occupancy, and includes a visit to St. Peter's Square for a seat at a papal audience, with an apostolic blessing by Pope Francis. Also on the itinerary are tours of St. Peter's basilica and the Vatican Museums (including the Sistine Chapel) and a day trip to Orvieto and Assisi, city of St. Francis. The deal includes five nights at a three-star hotel in Rome plus daily breakfasts; airfare is separate.

INFO 800-ITALY-25, italyvacations.com/vacation/meet-pope-francis

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Save \$500 a person on Overseas Adventure Travel's **Inside Vietnam** trip. The 18-day, land-only package starts at \$1,995 a person double or single -- \$500 less than 2012 rates -- and includes three nights' accommodations in Hanoi, one night on a private junk in Halong Bay, two nights in Hue, two nights in Hoi An, two nights in Nha Trang, two nights in Dalat, three nights in Ho Chi Minh City and two nights in Bangkok, most meals, small-group activities, all land transportation and five internal flights, guide and taxes. Depart October-December.

INFO 800-955-1925, oattravel.com

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Book four consecutive nights at any of 82 participating **Hilton resorts** and earn a free fifth night. To qualify, you must book by April 30 (choose the Resort Escapes package rate or use promo code PGRES1 or RE1) and stay by Sept. 30. Resorts are in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Latin America. For example, in mid-April, five nights at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Breckenridge, Colo., costs \$594, including taxes -- a savings of about 20 percent.

INFO 800-446-6677, hilton.com

Smyth TriBeCa, a Thompson hotel in Manhattan, has discounted weekend rates for stays through Aug. 31. Stay at least two consecutive nights on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday and receive discounts of up to 10 percent on standard rooms and 20 percent on suites. The deal includes continental breakfast for two, Wi-Fi and a 3 p.m. checkout. Prices vary by room category and dates. For example, a queen superior room for two nights in mid-May now costs \$862, including \$117 in taxes and fees. No booking deadline, but deal is based on availability. Request promo code WKDS.

INFO 888-587-6984, thompsonhotels.com

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