

Tips, trends and deals in the world of travel



Hitting the road, the slopes and the spa

For those looking for a sleep-and-ski package, here is something a bit unusual. **Brian Head Resort** in southwestern Utah has put together a package that includes two adult lift tickets and a night in a Westin hotel, complete with sauna, steam room and workout room privileges. The hotel, however, is in Las Vegas.

You need a road tripper's wanderlust for the Vegas Shred and Bed package. It is a three-hour drive from the Westin Casuarina Hotel and Spa, which is about a block east of the Strip, to **Brian Head**, but most of the driving is on I-15.

Rates for the package, which will be available through April 20, start at \$164 per room plus **resort** fees and taxes, according to a **Brian Head** news release. In a serious but not comprehensive online search, the lowest total price we could find was \$274, apparently because of those pesky taxes and fees. More information on rates is available at tinyurl.com/374dpre.

The Sunflower State always beckons

The release from Kansas Travel and Tourism says: "It's Not Too Early to Think Kansas in the Summertime." How many times have you found yourself saying that very thing? The state tourism

agency offers a heads-up for country music fans who will be in Manhattan (meaning the so-called Little Apple and home to Kansas State University, not that rather sizable apple to the east) this summer: Lady Antebellum will headline the Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede on June 24. The group joins Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton and Sawyer Brown.

Tourists put a shine on New York City

Now some news from that other apple.

New York City hosted a record number of visitors in 2010, a sign that the Big Apple's tourism industry is bouncing back after a decline the previous year when travelers tightened their budgets.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said 48.7 million people visited New York last year, surpassing the city's 2008 record of 47 million.

The increase shows the city's travel industry may be back on track after tourism numbers slipped in 2009 for the first time since 2001.

Tourism is New York City's fifth-largest industry — it contributed about \$31 billion in direct spending to the economy last year.

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