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## Everywhere you look (or go), there's a travel deal

Everybody seems nervous about travel these days. Resort owners, hotel owners, restaurant owners, shopkeepers, the airlines, you name it. Why? Because prices are up for just about everything, and many travelers (that would be you) are rethinking their plans.

Nobody knows what's going to happen, primarily because the huge summer travel season is just beginning.

Which makes this prime time for deals. They're everywhere, and growing.

So today we're taking a look at the deals—tips on how to find them and judge them, a long list (both here and on-line) of deals offered primarily throughout the Northwest and other stories on who's beginning to suffer from lack of tourists.



We put out the word in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, looking for summer travel deals. And we received lots of them—sent to us from hotels, resorts, restaurants, you name it. We even have a few summer deals from farther away.

Our goal is to give you some idea of the savings you might find as you travel in a time of pricey gas, food and airlines.

As always, as you read through these, be skeptical—remember that these are not our deals, but those submitted to us by business owners, public relations offices and readers. So ask questions when you book. Double

**Tacoma and Pierce County** are offering 44 travel deals and discounts in the "Fuel the Fun" program organized by the Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitor Bureau. The deals include 14 special hotel packages, \$20 discounts on dinner at designated restaurants and discounts on attractions such as the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad. Go to [www.traveltacoma.com](http://www.traveltacoma.com) and click on "Fuel the Fun," then "Tip #5: Great Deals"

**The Hotel Murano in Tacoma** is offering 25 percent off weekend stays during July and August. [www.hotelmuranotacoma.com](http://www.hotelmuranotacoma.com) or 253-572-3200.