

# A peaceful retreat on Vancouver Island

Globus's Italian vista package and Destination Resorts Hawaii among sweet offers

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SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Vancouver Island's Oak Bay Beach Hotel has an Experience Oak Bay package that comes with your choice of golf, spa treatments, culinary tour or whale-watching tour, plus a two-night stay and dinner for two. Prices start at \$392 per person, per night with accommodation in a king suite, a dining credit for the on-site pub the Snug, 24-hour access to the hotel's outdoor heated mineral pools and valet parking, plus either a round of golf at the private Uplands Golf Club, a \$120-per-person spa credit for the Boathouse Spa & Baths, an Epicure in the Village tour with partner Feast Concierge or a three-hour whale-watching tour with picnic lunch and transfer to the harbour. Activities can be booked separately or as a couple and the savings is between 10 and 20 per cent. Upscale Oak Bay sits on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, about six kilometres from Victoria. See oakbaybeachhotel.com.

## \$999 Italy airfare with Globus

Priced from \$3,618 per person including airfare — as long as you book by Oct. 29 — Globus' new eight-day Italian Vista is about 25 per cent less than the company's other Italy trips, with the tour itself costing just over \$200 per person, per day. Italian Vista travels to Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan as well as Orvieto, Assisi, Padua and Verona and includes ev-

erything from the Sistine Chapel to a Milanese risotto dinner. Other Globus options to Italy include the nine-day Gems of Umbria & Tuscany and the 11-day Grand Catholic Italy. The company's \$999 tax-inclusive airfare deal runs until Oct. 29 and applies to select Italy tour packages.

See globusjourneys.ca.

## California Dreamin'

Deerhurst Resort has partnered with Treasury Wine Estates for a two-

night California Dreamin' weekend Oct. 18-20, featuring wine pairings, a cooking demonstration and a five-course dinner.

With accommodation prices start at \$289 per night for two people, based on a two-night stay. See deerhurstresort.com.

## Best buy of the week

With Destination Resorts Hawaii's latest promotion, E Komo Mai (that's "welcome" in Hawaiian), rates start at \$156 (all prices U.S.), a savings of up to 30 per cent off regular prices. The travel deadline is Dec. 19.

See destinationresortshawaii.com.

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The Grand Lobby at the 100-room Oak Bay Beach Hotel on Vancouver Island offers fireside ocean views.

### > PICKS OF THE WEEK

**Sunquest:** Costa Rica, air & hotel, \$1,313 (Nov. 11). [sunquest.ca](http://sunquest.ca)

**Air Canada Vacations:** Antigua, air & hotel, \$1,697 (Oct. 20). [aircanadavacations.com](http://aircanadavacations.com)

**Nolitours:** Riviera Maya, air & hotel, \$978 (Oct. 19). [nolitours.com](http://nolitours.com)

**Signature Vacations:** Aruba, air & hotel, \$1,375 (Oct. 28). [signaturevacations.com](http://signaturevacations.com)

**Transat Holidays:** Cayo Coco, air & hotel, \$619 (Oct. 18). [transatholidays.com](http://transatholidays.com)

**Hola Sun Holidays:** Cayo Santa Maria, air & hotel, \$732 (Oct. 13). [holasunholidays.ca](http://holasunholidays.ca)

**Bel Air Travel:** Bahamas cruise, \$706 (Nov. 10). [belairtravel.com](http://belairtravel.com)

**Sunwing Vacations:** Daytona Beach, air & hotel, \$913 (Nov. 2). [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca)

**Sell Off Vacations:** Puerto Plata, air & hotel, \$601 (Oct. 7). [selloffvacations.com](http://selloffvacations.com)

**itravel2000:** Lisbon, air & hotel, \$1,393 (Nov. 10). [itravel2000.com](http://itravel2000.com)

**WestJet Vacations:** Grand Cayman, air & hotel, \$1,514 (Nov. 10). [westjetvacations.com](http://westjetvacations.com)

**Tour East Holidays:** 11-day China, air, hotel, most meals, sightseeing, \$2,419 (Nov. 20). [toureast.com](http://toureast.com)

**All Picks of the Week prices include taxes and fees.**