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One package available through betterweekending.ca, called 'Supercalifragilisticex-beach-alidocious' (yes, really) combines a day at the beach with a performance of Mary Poppins at the Huron County Playhouse. Credit: RTO4 Inc.

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Here in Ontario we have so much on our doorstep but travel planning can be tricky if you're not sure where to start. A new website called betterweekending.ca, backed by the province of Ontario and showcasing the regions of Huron, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington, offers a long list of travel package ideas, all within an hour's drive west of the GTA. All getaways are one night or more, and you can choose from suggested packages or build your own. 'A Taste of History' includes a dinner at Langdon Hall, with accommodation options ranging from Langdon Hall to the Four Points by Sheraton Cambridge - Kitchener, plus the possibility of a horse-drawn buggy ride and a visit to a traditional Mennonite Farm in scenic St. Jacobs, a trip to Waterloo Region Museum's Doon Heritage Village and theatre options. See betterweekending.ca.

Four nights free in Curacao

Part of the 'ABC' group of islands with neighbours Aruba and Bonaire, tiny Curacao is small in size but big on activities like diving. There are plenty of accommodation options on Curacao too, and with a new fall travel promotion, you can get your fourth night's stay free at participating hotels and resorts. Trips must be booked by Sept. 15 for travel Aug. 15 - Dec. 15 and black-out dates may apply. See curacao.com/4free.

South America sale

Trafalgar's 2014 South America brochure comes with new itineraries - like the 13-day Peru's Andean Explorer, the 10-day Colourful Trails of Ecuador and the 22-day Icons of South America - plus a 10 per cent discount on 2014 vacations booked and paid for by Nov. 29, 2013. The company is also offering 10 per cent off flights booked at the same time. See trafalgar.com.

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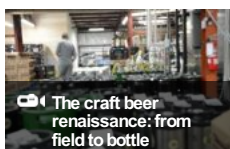


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PICKS OF THE WEEK

Kathryn Follitt is a Toronto-based freelance writer. Prices quoted are subject to change and availability.

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Air Canada Vacations: Rome, air and hotel, \$1,844 (Sept. 23). aircanadavacations.com

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Transat Holidays: Cayo Santa Maria, air & hotel, \$777 (Sept. 6). transatholidays.com

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Bel Air Travel: Eight-night Bahamas cruise, \$529 (Nov. 8). belairtravel.com

Sunwing Vacations: Amsterdam, air only, \$1,229 (Aug. 23). sunwing.ca

Selloff Vacations: Madrid, air & hotel, \$1,465 (Aug. 20). selloffvacations.com
itravel2000.com Punta Cana, air & hotel, \$951 (Aug. 23). itravel2000.com

WestJet Vacations: Turks & Caicos, air & hotel, \$1,185 (Sept. 7). westjetvacations.com

Tour East Holidays: 13-day India, air, hotel, transfers, sightseeing, \$4,270 (Oct. 2). toureast.com

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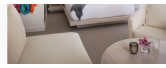
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