

# World warms up

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For those of us who shake and quake at the very thought of being outside in cold weather, it is nearly

## Real Deals

time to end our hibernation. With April in reach, outdoor activity will beckon once again, and there will be plenty of money-saving options. For example:

■ Visitors to Olympic National Park in Washington can save up to 33 percent at three wilderness lodges. A Trio of Treasures package for \$299 per couple is available through May 24 and includes a three-night stay at any — or each — of three properties managed by the park concessioner ARAMARK: Lake Quinault Lodge in Olympic National Forest; and Kalaloch Lodge and Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort, both in Olympic National Park. In addition to lodging accommodations, the package includes Kalaloch's signature French toast breakfast for two and souvenirs from Lake Quinault Lodge and Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort.

Go to [www.visitkalaloch.com](http://www.visitkalaloch.com) or call 866-525-2562; [www.visitlakequinault.com](http://www.visitlakequinault.com) or call 800-562-6672; or [www.visitsolduc.com](http://www.visitsolduc.com) or call 866-476-5382.

■ In New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley, the mud season is cause for celebration, with many events and specials. For instance, the Inn at Crystal Lake in Eaton has a Wildlife & Birdwatching package for \$295 a couple that includes two nights' lodging, two full country breakfasts for two, one three-course dinner for two, one lunch, and information and trail maps about the Hoyt, Watts, Dahl, and Lovejoy sanctuaries, all of which are owned and managed by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and are a short drive from the inn. Participants also get a gift pack with bug repellent and heavy-duty soap to scrub away that seasonal mud. Also, a small donation to the New Hampshire Audubon Society will be made in the name of each guest who books the package, available April 1-June 20 except for school vacation weeks or holidays.

flights, transfers to the castle, beverages, lunches except when fishing, dinners, and gratuities are not included.) Call 800-547-4322 or visit [www.orvis.com](http://www.orvis.com).

■ Ocean Edge Resort & Club, an upscale resort in Brewster, features golf, tennis, indoor and outdoor pools, and a 700-foot private beach. Through April 30, a Let Spring Begin package gets you three nights' accommodations for the price of two in oversized guest rooms or one- to three-bedroom villas plus breakfast daily. The cost is \$164 per person, per room, per night, with a two-night minimum.

Call 800-811-3457 or visit [www.oceanedge.com](http://www.oceanedge.com).

■ Alaska's weather can be a pleasant surprise in May and June. For \$189, plus tax, guests can book one room at any one of Denali Park Resort's four properties — McKinley Chalet Resort, McKinley Village Lodge, Denali Bluffs Hotel, and Grande Denali Lodge — and get a second night free, May 15-June 5, single or double occupancy.

Call 800-276-7234 or visit [www.denaliparkresorts.com](http://www.denaliparkresorts.com).

## A treat for Mum

British Airways has brought back its Mother's Day Package, starting at \$634 from Boston's Logan International Airport. The offer includes airfare, three nights at the three-star Royal National Hotel, daily continental breakfast, a Kensington Palace pass, and afternoon tea at Fortnum & Mason, home of London's first teahouse. The package is for sale through May 5, and although Mother's Day is May 14, travel can be from April 3-May 28.

See a travel agent, call 877-428-2228, or visit [www.ba.com/mothersdayoffer](http://www.ba.com/mothersdayoffer).

## Free for military families

Free admission to Anheuser-Busch theme parks for more than 900,000 members of US and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through this year. The Here's to the Heroes program provides one-day admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Ad-