

GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

EUROPEAN TRAVEL

Americans can visit Europe on a shoestring this autumn with three-night inclusive holiday packages to London, Paris and Rome. These package holidays are valid for travel Nov. 1 through Dec. 12, 1997, and must be purchased by Sept. 15. Additional restrictions apply.

A London holiday ranges in price from \$489 to \$629 per person based on double occupancy, including roundtrip transatlantic airfare on British Airways, three nights at the Tavistock Hotel with continental breakfast. Price varies depending on date of departure.

A Paris holiday ranges in price from \$499 to \$649 per person based on double occupancy, including roundtrip air, three nights at the Campanile Italia Gobelins Hotel.

A Rome holiday ranges in price from \$609 to \$789 per person based on double occupancy including roundtrip air and three nights at the Annalia Hotel.

Six night holidays are also available.

Additional rates are available from all 21 U.S. gateways served by British Airways. For more information, call 1-800-359-8722.

THEATER TOURS

Berkley Tours & Travel is featuring several theater tours including a trip to the musical "Chicago" in East Lansing at the Wharnton Center for the Performing Arts on Oct. 11 or 12. These one-day trips will include round trip bus, buffet luncheon before the show and a matinee performance of "Chicago." The cost is \$79 per person.

Also offered are trips to Toronto on Oct. 17-19 and 24-26 to see "Jolson, the Musical." Included are round trip bus, two nights at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in downtown Toronto and a Saturday evening performance of the play. The cost is \$289 per person based on double occupancy. Nov. 29 through Dec. 27 will

Tell us your travel story, holiday trips

We want to hear from you! Tell us about your recent travel adventures. Share your story and your pictures with friends and neighbors in your hometown.

This time of year we want to hear from you about the best places to spend the holidays.

Do you enjoy a Caribbean Island, a desert ranch or a ski resort? Do you escape to the mountains or the seashore?

Do you know of any places where they celebrate the season in a special way?

Do you have pictures to share, ideas for avoiding hassles, ways to amuse the children?

We're also interested in hearing about tips you've learned to make travel easier. What's the easiest way around Metro, which airline serves the best food, what's the best way to send your child unaccompanied?

If you have a story or a tip to share, call Hugh Gallagher at (313)593-2118 or fax him at (313)591-7279.

river on a high steel bridge going through wooded scenery to Raisin Center.

The Society's 44-ton diesel motor cab engine hauls a South Shore passenger car, two cabooses and an operator gondola car, allowing seating for approximately 126 people. Tours leave Tecumseh from the northeast corner of Evans Street and Chicago Boulevard at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on all Saturdays and Sundays of October.

All Thursdays and Fridays on October are available for large groups of 30 or more and depart only at 11 a.m.. Reservations must be made in advance.

Reservations are necessary for all trips. Those not reserved will be on stand-by only. Seating is first come, first served. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 and \$8 for seniors 65 and older.

For more information, call (517)423-7230.

FREE BROCHURE

Through its 1-800-TRAVERS number, the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau is offering a free brochure to help visitors plan fall travel in the Traverse City area. The 1997 Fall Packages and Calendar of Events highlights nearly 50 events scheduled for September and October as well as more than 30 specially priced accommodation packages.

While some of the packages are full color tours, others are romantic getaways and golf weekends. The events cover a wide spectrum of interests - snowmobile grass races to modern art exhibits to performances at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and more.

When ordering the free brochure, callers to 1-800-TRAVERS can also request information about Traverse City, reserve accommodations or set golf tee times.

ALPHA TRAVELERS

If you love exotic adventures, you'll love a new class at OCC Orchard Ridge: Hawaiian for Travelers. This class teaches you a few dozen phrases in the Hawaiian language and tells you all the fun things to do in Hawaii, 5:30-7 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 26 to Oct. 17. Tuition is \$44. Call 248-471-7620 to enroll.

feature "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" with the world famous Rockettes in Detroit including dinner at Mario's. The cost is \$99 per person. For more information on these trips, call 248-559-8620.

TRAIN RIDE

The Southern Michigan Railroad Society in Clinton and Tecumseh, Mich., is offering its annual Fall Color Tours on the Old Clinton Branch Railroad. The tour consists of a round trip between Tecumseh and Raisin Center. The track follows the Raisin River path as it flows through Tecumseh and south through Raisin Township, crossing the River Valley, through country scenery, crossing the

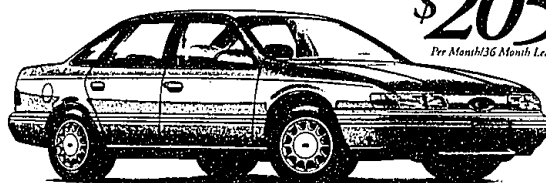
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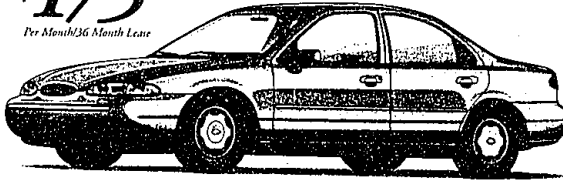
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36 Month/36,000 Mile Red Carpet Lease Capitalized Cost.....	\$ 11,620.00
Down Payment.....	\$ 1,200.00
Refundable Security Deposit.....	\$ 225.00
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1995 Contour features...

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Refundable Security Deposit.....	\$ 175.00
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