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The Publishers of TRAVEL & LEISURE Magazine bring you HOT DEALS, a weekly e-mail of Special Last-Minute Travel Bargains!

PLANES, BUSES AND AUTOMOBILES

Now that Memorial Day has come and gone, if you're like me, you'll be itching to get out of Dodge. This week's Hot Deals focus on transportation -- the cheapest way to get where you're going, wherever that may be.

DRIVING DOWN THE PRICE

Budget Rent-a-Car joins the online auction world
 Ongoing

Everyone seems to be getting into the online auction business these days, and with good reason. As a communication tool, the Internet is ideal for establishing what the market will bear -- for antique pie tins, cigar store Indians, and now -- rental cars. Last week, Budget Rent a Car Corporation announced the car rental industry's first online bidding program. BidBudget is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on Budget's website. Potential drivers fill out a short form indicating pickup location and rental dates, preferred car type and desired price. Like Christie's,

Budget provides a list of target prices, so before you bid on a mini-van or a convertible, you can check out the going rate. Within a day Budget notifies you via an email if the bid was accepted. Do I hear \$200 for the SUV? Going once, going twice....

Website: <http://www.drivebudget.com/>

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GET ON THE BUS

Greyhound takes you anywhere for \$59
Book by June 10, travel by June 24, + extra offers

If you'd rather leave the driving to someone else, Greyhound is offering some sweet deals for cross-country travel, discounted according to the amount of time you book in advance. If you buy a ticket 14 days in advance of travel, you can go anywhere Greyhound travels in the US for no more than \$59 one-way and \$118 round-trip. To qualify for this fare, you have to purchase your ticket by June 10, 1999, and you must finish your travel by June 24, 1999. For travel after June 24, 1999, you can go anywhere Greyhound travels in the US for no more than \$69 one-way and \$138 round-trip for travel originating Mondays through Thursdays only, with a 14-day advance purchase.

For more information or to book: 800/231-2222 or your travel agent

Website: <http://www.greyhound.com/>

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WITH PRICES LIKE THESE, CALL IT THE AIRBUS

Major airlines offer \$39 fares
Travel by October 29

If ground travel is too time-consuming, why not take advantage of the summer ticket sale launched by many of the major airlines? Carriers like Southwest, American, Northwest and Continental will puddle-jump you from city to city for a couple of double sawbucks (that's \$39), based on round-trip travel. Flying regional routes like Austin-Houston, Detroit-Chicago, Baltimore-Cleveland, Tulsa-Kansas City and Tampa-Ft. Lauderdale may not be as scenic -- or as cheap as the bus -- but you'll get there a heck of a lot quicker.

Websites: <http://www.aa.com>, <http://www.continental.com>,
<http://www.nwa.com>, <http://www.flyswa.com>

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A FOGGY DAY IN LONDON TOWN

Round-trip Airfare from JFK and 6 nights from \$649
Buy by June 15, travel September 7 - October 31

So, the warm weather makes you feel more like a wilted blossom than a beach bunny. Why not cap off the summer with a trip to "sunny" England? Go Today is offering a low-key package (like last week's Hot Deals Rome special) from JFK to

London, departing September 7, 1999 to October 31, 1999. You get roundtrip airfare on Virgin Atlantic, transportation into town, a London Underground pass, 6 nights hotel accommodations (with Continental breakfast, even though the actual Continent is a hop, skip and a Chunnel away) and hotel taxes and services charges from \$649. If you opt for one of the nicer hotels, the prices go up, but that's cricket.

Website: <http://www.go-today.com/>

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**YOU KNOW HOW TO SLEEP COMFORTABLY, DON'T YOU?
JUST PUT YOUR LIPS TOGETHER AND BLOW**
Walkabout travel gear offers free inflatable neck pillow

Whether flying or riding to your summer destination, you'll spare yourself a lot of neck ache with the free inflatable neck pillow you get with any order from Walkabout.com. It's a \$6.25 value, which--even at full price--is cheaper than a bottle of Ibuprofen. Sleep tight.

Website: <http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/new.htm>

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BidBudget Terms of Agreement

The bid price entered is for the total rental period but does not include: taxes, surcharges, airport concession fees, possible mileage fees, refueling and optional items, such as Loss Damage Waiver. California vehicle license fee not to exceed \$2.84/day (California rentals only). Hawaii registration and license fee (Hawaii rentals only). The bid price is not combinable with any other discounted rate or promotional offer. Vehicle must be returned to the renting location. Local rental and age requirements apply. All cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance of rental pick-up date. Not showing up without canceling may result in a charge equivalent to a one-day rental fee being assessed to your credit card account

Greyhound Fares Terms of Agreement

To qualify for this fare, you may purchase your ticket anytime between now and August 10, 1999 for travel between June 28, 1999 and August 31, 1999. This discount is not applicable for travel between July 1-6, 1999. Some other restrictions and limitations may also apply. Fares subject to change.

Air Travel Sale Terms of Agreement

Travel through October 29, 1999. The low fares require a seven-day advance purchase and an overnight stay. Please note that fares are subject to change. Seats are limited and may not be available on all flights or at all times. Tickets require a round-trip purchase and are non-refundable. Taxes, surcharges, and passenger-facility charges of \$3-\$12 may apply, depending on itinerary. Other restrictions and rules may apply.

London Package Terms of Agreement

Prices are per person based on double occupancy and are

subject to change without notice. \$50 weekend surcharge for travel Friday-Sunday. Airport tax of \$85.00 per person is additional to package prices and will be added to invoice. Terms and conditions apply. Travel is valid for these dates only. This is a nonrefundable, nonchangable purchase. No request will be processed until full payment is received.

Neck Pillow Terms of Agreement

One per order; order must include merchandise besides a neck pillow. Offer expires 6/30/99.

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