

Europe and Hawaii trips popular Student travel packages available

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Daydreams of exotic vacations grow in number and detail as the summer approaches.

Students who want their dreams to come true should begin making travel plans now if they want to find the best bargains.

According to local travel agencies, trips to Europe and Hawaii seem to be the most popular this year.

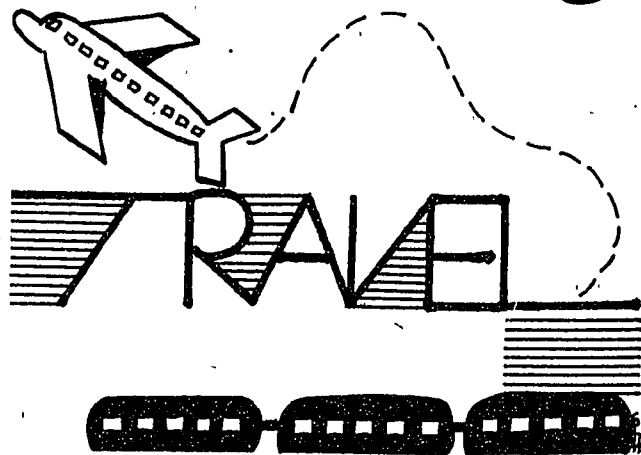
"Because regular airline rates were raised this April, straight charters are most frequently used in travel to Europe," said Debbie Rossman of Ask Mr. Foster, Calder Way.

In this area, the Advance Booking Charter (ABC) is growing in popularity. The ABC provides transportation only and you must book at least 50 days before departure. However, it is usually the lowest in price.

"The ABC fare is relatively new," said Ruth Hollingsworth of University Travel, 139 S. Pugh St. "People are just starting to get used to it and take advantage of it," she added.

Caution is needed in booking a chartered flight, said a representative of Centre for Travel, 114 S. Heister St. There are restrictions with charters, especially involving cancellations, she said.

"You can often lose part or all of your deposit if you cancel your flight," she said. "A way to avoid this is to take out cancellation insurance which will guarantee the return of your deposit in case of illness or for some other



legitimate reason," she added.

When booking a charter, make sure you know what your package includes. According to Rossman, most packages cover your air fare, hotel expenses, trip transfers from the airport to your hotel and either meals or a sightseeing tour.

If meals are offered, be sure to know which ones they are, as many deals include only breakfast and one other meal. This will differ, however, with the time of year and your destination.

Another relatively inexpensive charter fare is the

Advance Purchase Excursion (APEX) fare. Under the APEX, your flight must be booked and paid at least 60 days before departure.

At the University, Jim Foster is the APEX representative for Holidayair Limited. "In an APEX charter, the air fare is set," Foster said. "The traveler decides where he wants to go and I arrange hotel accommodations and rail travel for him. No meals are included in the price," he added.

Foster said that in the APEX package he sells, a person leaves from either Boston or New York and can arrive in any one of 51 European cities.

"One restriction with APEX is that a person can only stay in Europe 14 to 45 days," he said. "This can turn into a hassle when people really want to stay all summer."

Once in Europe, you will have to find a way to get from place to place.

Considering that gas prices range from about \$1.32 to \$2 a gallon (in addition to car rental fees), a Eurailpass is almost an economic necessity if you plan to move around a lot. The pass is a ticket good for unlimited first class travel on any train in 13 countries on the continent.

The passes are available to cover different amounts of time. They must be purchased in this country prior to going to Europe. A Eurailpass can be obtained through a travel agent or through the government tourist office of any of the 13 participating nations.

It is important to remember that a Eurailpass cannot be replaced if lost.

Rhodesia starts black relocation

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI) — Rhodesia said yesterday it has begun an operation to move 250,000 blacks from rural tribal lands to "protected villages." A black leader denounced the heavily guarded, fenced compounds as "concentration camps."

"We're satisfied that control of the population is one of the keys to the successful conclusion of a counterinsurgency war," a security forces spokesman said.

More than 17,000 blacks from the Honde Valley in the east, where a guerrilla infiltration route enters Rhodesia from Mozambique, will be escorted to the villages "within a matter of days," the spokesman said.

"We haven't had to resort to press-gang or forcible move," the spokesman said.

"If somebody is being a bit reluctant to move, it's a case of driving up to them and standing over them and saying, 'Right, grab that sewing machine and put it on the truck. Do it because you're moving whether you like it or not.'"

Nationalist leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa said the protected villages, which recalled the "strategic hamlets" program the United States backed during the Vietnamese War, were "concentration camps."

The relocations, affecting 250,000 blacks throughout Rhodesia, are designed to deprive nationalist guerrillas access to tribesmen who might provide them with food, information or recruits.

Seven villages, with an average capacity of 2,500 people, are being created to take the Honde Valley tribesmen. The villagers must build their own housing within the villages and provide their own subsistence.

Castro, Soviets discuss Communist strategy on southern Africa

MOSCOW (UPI) — Cuban President Fidel Castro met Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev yesterday in what was officially described as "an atmosphere of exceptional cordiality" for talks expected to coordinate Communist strategy on

southern Africa. Western diplomats said the racial strife in southern Africa between the "front-line" black states and white-ruled Rhodesia and South Africa almost certainly dominated discussions between the two Marxist allies.

Castro came to Moscow Monday for a surprise visit on his way home from a month-long tour of black Africa, arriving only hours after Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny returned from his own 13-day tour of Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique and

Somalia. The official Tass news agency said yesterday's talks were "held in an atmosphere of exceptional cordiality and mutual understanding." Podgorny, Premier Alexei N. Kosygin and Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko

joined the Brezhnev-Castro talks.

Castro's trip to Moscow coincided with visits here by Tunisian Premier Hedi Nouria and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to Washington.

Diplomats said the Soviets clearly were anxious not to let President Carter steal the initiative in shaping developments in the Middle East and Africa.

The Castro talks were expected to focus on three main areas:

— The volatile state of affairs in southern Africa, where Anglo-American efforts to negotiate the transfer of power to the black majority in Rhodesia are at a standstill.

— Angola, where Castro has promised Marxist

President Agostinho Neto unlimited military assistance.

— Relations between Ethiopia and Somalia, on the horn of Africa. Both are governed by leftist regimes but are split by territorial and religious squabbles.

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