

28 travel bargains that will save you money on holidays in 2016

January travel sales



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#MagicMonday: Fancy a getaway?

Beat the winter blues with our round-up of the best January travel sales, discounts and early-booking offers!

1. Airline sales

Ryanair's winter airfare wars

Ryanair has been running sales on a near-weekly basis since November, with its latest - featuring seats from €9.99 on up to 400 European routes - valid for travel in January and February. See ryanair.com for more.

CityJet seat sale

CityJet (cityJet.com) is offering fares from €29.99 for sale from Cork and Dublin to London City from December 26 to January 9. The travel period is up to May, with onward connections to Florence, Nantes, Rotterdam and other cities.

[Aer Lingus](#) summer sale

Forget winter - Aer Lingus's Summer Sale has five million seats up for grabs with lead-in fares including Britain from €19.99 each-way and up to 50pc off selected European destinations including Rome, Madrid, Paris, Malaga and Faro. The airline's transatlantic routes start from €255 each-way. The sale runs to midnight on January 18, with a travel period of May 1 to September 30.

Emirates global sale

Emirates (emirates.ie) has a global sale on bookings made between January 5 and 18, with return flights to Dubai from €499 for travel between January 15 and November 30. All-inclusive business class sale fares start from €2,199. Dubai is a nifty hub for connections, too - economy class fares to Bangkok start from €649.

2. Sun holiday savings



€299pp: Hot deals in Lanzarote

Prices to the Canary Islands have rocketed in the past six months, but Independent Travel has flights plus seven nights' 2-star accommodation in Lanzarote's Costa Teguisse from €299pp, departing February 21. Get €50 off any sun holiday booked on

December 26 by using the promo code 'Dec26'. Book [here](#) or see travel.independent.ie.

Free child places with Falcon

Falcon Holidays is offering thousands of free child places in selected hotels and apartments across its brochures this January. Booking deposits start from €300 per family, and early booking offers include family holidays from €949 (2+1), for a seven-night package to the Algarve in May. 1850 94 61 64; falconholidays.ie

€179pp: Summer holiday bargains

Cassidy Travel has lots of summer 2016 specials on sale, and is expecting a busy January after a huge run on vouchers before Christmas. Sun holidays in May start from around €179pp, with family deals including a family of four in Majorca from €1,959 departing May 7. 0818 332500; cassidytravel.ie

30pc off 4-star Fuerteventura

Blue Sea Holidays (01 901-0175; blueseaholidays.ie) has seven nights' self-catering at the 4-star Broncemar Beach apartments in Caleta De Fuste from €299pp. The trip departs Shannon on March 31, and must be booked before January 15.

Free child places in Kos

Dawson Travel has flights plus seven nights at the 3-star Smargadi Hotel in Kos from €1,399 departing June 25 - a price that includes two adults and one child sharing. It's also offering savings of up to €250pp on couples' breaks to the Greek Island. 021 427-4397; dawsontravel.ie. See also itaa.ie/offers

Irish Ferries Haven Holiday Deals

Irish Ferries has a host of bargain deals and early booking offers at popular UK Haven Holiday Parks in 2016. Deals include a four-night break in June from €575, while a seven-night holiday for up to six people, staying in a deluxe caravan from June 3, starts from €816, inclusive of return cruise ferry crossing. irishferries.com/haven

Let's talk Turkey...

Turkey and Morocco offered some of the best holiday deals in 2015, and that looks likely to continue in 2016. Sunway has seven-night packages at the 3-star Esat Hotel in Kusadasi from €384pp, departing in May from Dublin and Cork. For a limited time, it is also offering €15 off per person for holidays booked online. sunway.ie

€50 off at Wallace Travel

ITAA member Wallace Travel Group is offering a €50 discount on 2016 holidays booked from its Summer Sun brochures. Vouchers can be obtained from them directly by quoting reference SUMMERSUN2016 (valid until the end of January). 01 834-7888; wallacetravelgroup.ie; itaa.ie/offers

3. City break specials



€69pp: Two nights in Edinburgh

Yes, it will be cold. But... two nights in Edinburgh! Cassidy Travel has flights plus two nights in a 3-star hotel from €69pp departing January 28. It also has 3-star Amsterdam from €103pp. 0818 332500; cassidytravel.ie

12 gifts of Christmas

ClickandGo.com is giving away a different gift to customers every day from December 21 to January 1, including upgrades, promo codes, gift vouchers, airport lounge passes and more... like its Facebook to avail (facebook.com/clickandgo.ie). It also has early-booking discounts on 4-star holidays to Algarve and Lanzarote in June from €429pp, and holidays can be secured with a €1 deposit. 01 539-7777; clickandgo.com

€159pp: Budget city breaks

Budget Travel has January travel sales on city breaks in March and April, including Brussels from €159pp (3-star, departing April 7), Rome from €192pp (4-star,

departing April 4) and Prague from €197pp (4-star, departing March 27). 01 435-0022; budgettravel.ie

4. Long-haul and honeymoon deals



New York with extras

ITAA Member Navan Travel has return flights to NYC with four nights at the Amsterdam Court Hotel in Midtown, plus a New York explorer Pass from €799pp. The deal also includes access to three of the following - Hop-on Hop-off bus tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Empire State Building and more. 1890 289 255; travalue.ie

Sri Lankan steals

Sri Lanka offers some of the best long-haul prices of 2016. Trailfinders has flights from Dublin plus seven nights at the 4-star Avani Kalutara resort from €989pp, including transfers, taxes and charges. Travelmood has nine nights from €1,069pp. trailfinders.ie; travelmood.ie

50pc off Bermuda

Aloha Holidays has early booking offers for Bermuda. Book before January 31 and save up to 50pc on 2016 holidays at the 3-star all-inclusive Grotto Bay resort. Prices for one week including flights and transfers start at €2,831 per adult and €1,880 per child before the hotel discount is applied. See 01 210-8391 or alohaholidays.ie.

Two free nights on safari

Mahlatini (01 906-1883; *mahlatini.com*) has six nights for the price of four on safari in Botswana and Zambia. Prices from €4,380pp include flights from Dublin, meals and drinks, light aircraft transfers and safari activities. The itineraries take advantage of summer low-season (or 'green' season).

Thailand with Tropical Sky

Tropical Sky (01 664-9999; *tropicalsky.ie*) has deals on holidays booked before January 31. Highlights include a saving of €500 on a seven-night stay at the 5-star Santhiya Koh Yao Yai Thailand, departing between 11th January and 23rd March 2016, from €1,609pp. The price includes flights from Dublin with Etihad Airways.

5. Cut costs on cruise holidays



Royal Caribbean goes 'all-in'

RC's Go 'All In' offer, starting December 26, has 50pc off cruise fares for second guests, 25pc off third and fourth guests in a stateroom, and a reduced deposit of €70 on sailings booked more than 57 days in advance. The travel sales apply to bookings made before February 29 on select 6+ night 2016 sailings. *royalcaribbean.ie*

Free all-inclusive drinks package

Book by January 15 to avail of ITAA member King Travel's free, all-inclusive drinks package on a seven-night Western Med cruise aboard MSC Poesia. The trip departs

October 7 and 14, and includes return flights and full board from €755pp. See 01 845-3600, kingtravel.ie or itaa.ie/offers for more.

€809pp: 11-night fly/cruise in the Med

Tour America doesn't just do American holidays. It also does cruises, with an 11-night Mediterranean cruise on NCL's Epic up for grabs from €809pp, departing January 13 (REF: 503413). The price includes return flights to Barcelona.

It also has a seven-night, all-inclusive honeymoon offer in Cancun from €1,399pp, departing October 5 (REF. 503420)... including a complimentary honeymoon package and 25pc early-booking discount. 01 817-3535; touramerica.ie

PS. A little extra



€299pp: On the piste with Topflight

Topflights' January sale kicks off early on December 26, with ski holidays from €299pp (2-star in Pas de la Casa, Andorra, departing January 10). It also has significant reductions on holidays to Portugal (from €449pp in May), Lanzarote (from €489pp in April) and Italy (from €399pp in March). 01 240-1700; topflight.ie.

€69pp: Flynn Hotels January room sale

Flynn Hotels has a January Room Sale running from January 8-13 on its four, family-owned hotels, with nightly rates from €69 per room - including full breakfast, free Wifi and early check in or late checkout. Valid on select dates. *flynnhotels.com*

5pc off the Camino...

2016 is a Holy Year of Mercy and *CaminoWays.com* has a special early bird offer of 5pc off advance bookings (at least 2 months in advance) for self-guided holidays on both the Camino de Santiago and Camino to Rome (Via Francigena).

DirectSki.com's January Sale

The DirectSki.com January sale kicks off on December 26. Ski holidays start from €299pp, based on two-star packages to Pas de la Casa in Andorra, with 3-star rates in Austria from €349pp. All prices include accommodation for seven nights, return flights, transfers and taxes. 01 254-6300; *directski.com*

Jurys Inn flash sale

Jurys Inn has a flash sale planned for January 6-8, with 25pc off stays across its 36 hotels in Ireland, the UK and Prague. Log onto *jurysinns.com* from 9am.

NB: *All prices subject to availability/change.*