



Holiday snaps

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Disneyland Paris has such a thing as a free meal...

I THREATENED to dump the Son and Heir in the Tiber when he demanded that we stop for a full lunch instead of a pezzo (piece of pizza) on the go. We were pushing to make our tour of the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel. His long-suffering mum saved the day and I ended up in the dog-house. Mums and sons!

I know exactly how filling food monsters can kill the vibe of any holiday... there was Paris, New York, London, Mallorca... need I go on?

Thankfully Abbey Travel has come to the rescue of harrassed parents everywhere with a Free Meals deal to mark the 25th anniversary of Disneyland Paris. Abbey Travel is also offering a saving of up to 30% on your hotel and park tickets. The deal is valid for arrivals from March 29-October 31. Minimum stays apply. Sale ends March 28.

So, what do you get?

Well, a family of two adults and two children under seven staying for three nights in the Santa Fe Hotel on selected value season dates in May/June and September/October works out at a total of €995.

You'll also get one free breakfast voucher for Cafe Hyperion and one free lunch or dinner voucher per person for



each night of your stay and four days' park tickets. Flights and transfers not included.

And free half-board gets you what exactly? For each night booked you receive a breakfast voucher plus a lunch or dinner voucher per person booked (if you stay three nights you get three breakfast vouchers plus three lunch or dinner vouchers for the whole family). Half board lunch or dinner vouchers are redeemable in a wide choice of restaurants in the resort: table service, buffet or counter service, according to the meal plan and hotel option chosen.

To book, call Abbey Travel on 01 804 7160 or visit abbeytravel.ie.

And having battled manfully with humungous portions in Orlando, I can only imagine that it's the same in Paris and you won't have to threaten your eldest with a dunk in the Seine.



■ I'VE hung up my walking boots temporarily...they're in Glasgow (long story). I'll get them back soon. But maybe I'll win a pair in the CaminoWays.com and 53 Degrees North competition. The prize is six nights/seven days on the last stage (100km) of the Camino for two plus hiking gear from 53 Degrees North.

- Columbia Women's Pouring Adventure Jacket (navy)
- Columbia Women's Newton Ridge Plus Waterproof II Boots



■ Columbia Men's Pouring Adventure Jacket Blue
■ Columbia Men's Newton Ridge Plus Waterproof II.
The three runners-up will get walking socks. Winners announced on March 10. Visit <http://caminoways.com/win-a-week-on-the-camino>.

■ CONGRATS Porto, European Best Destinations' best destination. Ryanair flies Dublin-Porto. Sample price March 6-17, round trip €92.



■ C'EST Le Jour de la St Patrick dans Montréal. That's as far as my French will go but they've long celebrated St Paddy's Day in the French/Canadian city - there's been a parade since 1824 while it was first celebrated there in 1759 by Irish soldiers in the Montreal Garrison. Trailfinders offers four nights from €869pp at the 4* Hyatt Regency

Montréal. This year's parade is on Sunday, March 19. The price includes: flights from Dublin, Cork or Shannon to Montréal with American Airlines & British Airways, all taxes & charges and four nights accommodation in a standard room. For more information visit Trailfinders: www.itaa.ie/2016/10/17/montreal.

■ I MET a couple in Bulgaria 20 years ago who were back for a second trip that year because they had money left over from the first visit. It's still well cheap. Basing its survey on a one night's stay inc. meals, drink and entertainment, the airport transfer firm, Hoppa, has placed Sofia the least expensive of its 84 cities (£38.21/€45) with Zurich top (£170.43/€200.61) and Dublin 11th (£122.80/€144.30).

■ IT'S Oscars week and I'm off to a an Aer Lingus table quiz. I've a couple of youngsters on the team who know the works of the likes of Jennifer Lawrence, pictured. I've got a winner's speech written! Aer Lingus has Dublin-LA from €299 as part of a return trip. Travel from April 1-October 31.

