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Classic Journeys Starts '09 Tours Off Right With Free Hotel Night

Company picks up tab for pre-trip hotel night on a dozen popular tours

La Jolla, CA – The night before a tour begins is traditionally the first “chi-ching” on an inevitable list of out-of-pocket expenses. So what better way to welcome the gathering group of travelers than a free night’s stay at their pre-trip hotel?

That's precisely how Classic Journeys, provider of award-winning walking adventures worldwide, will be greeting its guests on specially selected trips departing throughout 2009.

Effective immediately, guests who book one of a dozen popular tours by June 5, 2009, will receive one free night at the designated hotel in the departure city before their tour begins.

Among the selected hotels and trips are:

- Hotel Beacci Tornabuoni in Florence, Italy - preceding the [Tuscany & the Cinque Terre](#) Cultural Walking Adventure

Located in the heart of Florence, this converted 15th-century townhouse features 28 uniquely furnished rooms and a rooftop garden with panoramic views of the city. Renowned for its hospitality and service, the antiques-filled boutique hotel is less than 500 meters from the Duomo.

- Hotel Pariz in Prague, Czech Republic - preceding the [Prague to Budapest](#) Cultural Walking Adventure

A landmark Art Nouveau structure in the center of Prague's Old Town, the Pariz has been lavishly restored with generously proportioned rooms. The city's gothic Powder Tower (the medieval gate of entry to Prague) and the bustling arts and shopping district are just steps away.

- Palais Jamai in Fes, Morocco - preceding the [Morocco - Fes to Marrakesh](#) Cultural Walking Adventure

Widely considered to be one of the best hotels in Morocco, the Palais Jamai towers over the heart of the Fes medina, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Once the residence of the Grand Vizir of Jamai, the elegantly tiled, Moorish-style palace is set within lush gardens.

- Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana - preceding the [Montana - Glacier Park Glories](#) Cultural Walking Adventure and [Montana's Glacier Park](#) Family Journey

Surrounded by pine and birch forests and a pristine 36-hole golf course, Grouse Mountain Lodge is built in rustic Montana style with timbered exterior, towering river rock fireplaces and scenic etched glass...an excellent jumping-off point for explorations of Glacier Park.

Other Classic Journeys trips included in this special promotion are:

- [Taste of Tuscany Culinary Tour](#)
- [Southern Tuscany to Rome](#)
- [Amalfi Coast & Capri](#)
- [Italian Lake Retreats](#)
- [Croatia's Dalmatian Coast](#)
- [Croatia's Istrian Peninsula](#)
- [Barcelona & the Costa Brava](#)
- [Costa Rica](#)

Whatever the destination, Classic Journeys' team of experts on the ground handle timing, transport and logistics, with daily agendas and activities fine-tuned to a T. Cultural connections are key; as natives of the region, the company's dedicated guides know the people and the places – from a local craftsman's studio to a winemaker's private tasting room – where the best memories are made.

Readers who want to learn more about the company's signature style of small-group adventure tours, including its special hotel promotion for 2009, may click on www.classicjourneys.com/freenight, or speak directly with a Guest Services Coordinator at (800) 200-3887.

About Classic Journeys:

Classic Journeys offers cultural walking adventures, culinary tours and family journeys in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Guests enjoy luxury accommodations and gourmet meals that reflect the best of each region, coupled with soft adventure activities, daily interactions with locals, and native guides who make countries and cultures come alive. Tours are six to 12 days long with two to four hours of easy-going walking per day. Land-only tour prices range from \$2395 to \$6995 per person (with discounts for small groups and children traveling with parents). Average tour size is 10, limited to a maximum of 18 guests per departure. Full details and links to itineraries are available online at www.ClassicJourneys.com.