

Deals

Economy Class

If you're taking classes at a U.S. college or university, you aren't just learning stuff: You're often eligible for the same travel deals available to younger students. A free membership in StudentUniverse, an online student travel service, can get you discounts on airfare, rail fare, hostel stays, and package trips. Sample fares at press time include Detroit to New Orleans for \$200 and Miami to Cancun for \$243. (www.studentuniverse.com)

>> Best Bet for Vets

Veterans are eligible for a 50 percent discount off Amtrak rail travel on most routes within the continental U.S. through 2003. To take advantage of the savings, vets must sign up for the Veterans Advantage program, which has an annual membership fee of \$19.95. Call 866-838-7392 or go to www.veteransadvantage.com.

>> Good Queen Fun

Book any 10-day package for the historic QE2 and you'll receive \$100 off per person. Departure dates for these final cruises—the QE2 will stop running transatlantic routes in December—are September 15, 25, and 27; October 19; and December 11. The deal is an

exclusive AARP Privileges discount. Call Virgin Vacations at 888-937-8474 or go to www.aarp.org/virginvacations.



>> Family Values

Want to turn your family reunion into a group vacation? Elderhostel, a leader in educational travel programs for people over 50, is allowing families to charter any program in its 2003–2004 catalog for their exclusive use, from a walking tour of Boston to a Greek mythology tour in Crete. U.S. programs begin at under \$500 per person. 877-426-8056, www.elderhostel.org.