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Great Vacations Travel EXPO lands at Ohio Expo Center, Feb. 8-10

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The world’s top travel companies and destinations are all under one roof this February, bringing travelers the best travel packages, experiences and deals. The [Great Vacations Travel EXPO](#), presented by AAA, takes place Friday-Sunday Feb. 8-10 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus. Travel professionals will pack Kasich Hall, offering tips, trips and discounts for guests seeking a quick getaway close-to-home, an Alaskan Cruise or an exotic, far-away escape.

Travelers are encouraged to fuel their wanderlust by talking one-on-one with travel experts about the destinations and experiences they dream about. Senior travelers are a focus on Friday, Feb. 8 with special discounts, programs and ideas for activity-filled trips with the grandkids, leisurely road trips or that vacation of a lifetime.

Special events and attractions include:

- **The Vacation Marketplace** – Hundreds of experts are on hand so travelers can talk one-on-one with the pros for inspiration and ideas to help them find and book the best trip for their budget and lifestyle.
- **AAA Travel Stage** – A long list of fun, fascinating and informational travel presentations, will entertain and help guests plan their next adventure.
 - Don’t miss our headliners **Eivin and Eve Kilcher**, stars of Discovery Channel’s *Alaska: The Last Frontier* on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.
 - PBS travel expert **Rudy Maxa** takes the stage on Friday, Feb. 8 at 3 p.m.
- **Paradise Pavilion presented by Travel Impressions** – Special access to resorts throughout the Caribbean and Mexico help families plan the tropical vacations they aspire to.
- **Explore Hocking Hills** – Guest can learn more about Ohio’s most diverse region, which offers everything from adventure-packed zip lines and outdoor explorations to pampering spas and fully-loaded luxury cabins.
- **Ohio Amish Country** – Travelers can learn about Amish culture as they dive into a leisurely getaway to Amish Country, filled with craft stores, down-home restaurants and cozy lodging.
- **Senior Day, Friday, Feb. 8** – Travelers age 55 and older enjoy special programs and \$2 off general and AAA-rate admission.
- **Kids Day, Saturday, Feb. 9** – Families can visit booths throughout the EXPO to get their “Passport to Prizes” stamped and be entered to win an unforgettable Hocking Hills family vacation, while celebrity appearances and live performances entertain the whole family.

The Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA, opens Friday, Feb. 8 and runs through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Ohio Expo Center. Hours are Friday: Noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store. AAA members who show their AAA card receive 50 percent off admission. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional event details are available at AAAGreatVacations.com.

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