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Great Vacations Travel EXPO Coming to Ohio Expo Center, Feb. 7-9

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The world’s top travel companies and destinations are coming to the Ohio Expo Center, in Columbus for the 12th annual [AAA Great Vacations Travel EXPO](#), Friday-Sunday Feb. 7-9. Travel professionals will pack Kasich Hall, offering tips, trips and discounts for travelers seeking everything from close-to-home escapes to exotic dream vacations.

This one-stop-shop for everything related to travel will feature more than 150 exhibits, events, attractions and appearances, all aimed at helping travelers escape the doldrums of winter and plan their next getaway. Guests will have the opportunity to shop for every imaginable experience and accessory - from family road trips to European tours, cruises and even the most functional luggage.

Special events and attractions include:

- **The Vacation Marketplace:** Offering guests one-on-one access to the world’s top travel suppliers and experts. 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:** Featuring appearances by celebrities, travel experts and entertainment related to popular vacation destinations.
- **Destination Showcase Theatre:** Enabling guests to hear firsthand from the world’s top travel providers about vacations of a lifetime.
- **AAA Explore Store** packed with FREE guidebooks, maps, brochures and travel gear
- **Paradise Pavilion:** Giving guests special access to resorts throughout the Caribbean and Mexico, and helping families plan tropical escapes.
- **Explore Hocking Hills:** Providing insight into 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:** Offering a glimpse into Amish culture and the possibilities of a leisurely Amish Country getaway, filled with craft stores, down-home restaurants and cozy lodging.
- **Road Trip Ready Zone:** Enabling guests to speak with automotive and traffic safety experts to ensure their vehicle is ready to transport their family safely on their next road trip.
- **Senior Day, Friday, Feb. 7:** Travelers age 55 and older enjoy special programs and \$2 off general and AAA-rate admission.
- **Taste of the Place, Friday, Feb. 7:** Guests can enjoy tasty samples of food and drink from destinations featured throughout the EXPO.
- **Kids Day, Saturday, Feb. 8:** Families can visit booths throughout the EXPO to get their “Passport to Prizes” stamped and be entered to win an unforgettable family vacation, while celebrity appearances and live performances entertain the whole family.

The AAA Great Vacations Travel EXPO, will take place Friday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, Feb. 9, 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% off admission. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional event details are available at AAAGreatVacations.com.

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