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**ARIZONA LODGING & TOURISM ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES
NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK WITH ONLINE AUCTION MAY 1-8**

Public Can Bid on Incredible Statewide Vacations

PHOENIX, AZ (April 2015)-- The 2015 “**Discover Arizona Vacations**” bi-annual online auction, benefiting the [Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association](http://www.arizonalodging.com) (AzLTA) kicks off on Friday, May 1 and offers statewide travel packages at a fraction of the retail value until it closes on Friday, May 8 at www.biddingforgood.com/discoverazvacations.

The Discover Arizona Vacations online auction is held in conjunction with [National Travel & Tourism Week](http://www.nationaltravelandtourismweek.com), May 2-10, which provides cities, states and travel-related businesses the opportunity to collectively champion the power of travel. The great array of experiences offered, including golf outings, family activities, romance packages and weekend getaways, also make meaningful and memorable gifts for graduates, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc. as certificates are valid for one year. Follow the Arizona National Travel and Tourism Week activity on Twitter (@aztourismpays) using the hashtag #NTTW2015 for daily prize giveaways and more.

“Tourism employees make up almost 200,000 Arizona residents and generates \$2.9 billion annually in much-needed tax revenues for our state,” said Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association President & CEO, Debbie Johnson, “What better way to celebrate National Tourism Week and the powerful impacts of tourism than to give people an opportunity to experience amazing vacations in our state at a fraction of the price?”

Proceeds from the auction will support the Association’s advocacy and education efforts related to furthering the positive impact of tourism in Arizona.

Auction highlights to date include:

Relax at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia

Experience the flavors of Spain at Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia during a one night stay spa getaway. Package includes breakfast for two and one couples massage at the award-winning, Moroccan inspired Joya Spa.

Estimated Value: \$745

Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Two Night Stay with Golf

Located on over 500 acres in the shadows of the magnificent Pusch Ridge, the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort offers some of the most pristine desert and mountain vistas. Enjoy a two night stay in a one bedroom casita suite and one round of golf for two in a truly spectacular setting.

Estimated Value: \$550

Create Unforgettable Memories at the Arizona Biltmore

Experience the unrivaled grace of this timeless treasure nestled in the heart of the Camelback Corridor with a two night stay in Ocatilla, Arizona Biltmore's Concierge wing and dinner for two in Wright's.

Estimated Value: \$1,450

Weekend Getaway at London Bridge Resort

Enjoy a three day, two night stay, with a \$50 gift certificate to Martini Bay. The all-suite waterfront London Bridge Resort is centrally located nearby restaurants, shopping, recreation, nightlife and golf.

Estimated Value: \$450

Explore with JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa

Enjoy a two night stay at this captivating resort in Phoenix that takes you to a place where luxury, personal service, invigorating recreation and excellent dining are in abundance.

Estimated Value: \$600

Grand Canyon Railway and Getaway

Visit our World Wonder on the historic Grand Canyon Railway with two first-class roundtrip train tickets from Williams to the Grand Canyon, and two nights at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel. ALL ABOARD!

Estimated Value: \$636

Packages will continue to be added daily. Make sure you check back to discover what AZ vacations have joined the auction!

The [Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association](http://www.azlta.com) (AzLTA) is the leading public policy advocate for Arizona's Lodging and Tourism Industries. Representing more than 40,000 rooms statewide and 500 members, including hotels, resorts, attractions, destination marketing organizations, B&B's and related Industry partners, AzLTA's mission is to unify, protect, educate and promote the interests of the Arizona Lodging and Tourism Industries. For more information, visit www.azlta.com.

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