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# *How Pathfinder Magazine says:* **You CAN DISCOVER THE SECRET OF LOW-COST TRAVEL**

*from an article in the bi-weekly news magazine, THE PATHFINDER:*

*Dream trips you can afford:*

## **ROUND THE WORLD FOR \$475**

**T**HE LITTLE Tyrhennia Line steamer *Olbia* takes a couple of days to butt through the Mediterranean, from Genoa via Leghorn to brigand-riddled Corsica. If you're aboard, don't stay up late watching the wild mountain dances of Ligurian peasants on the steerage deck. For you must be on deck at dawn—while you pass the lone island of Capraia, with salt-blown Elba to the south—to watch for the high Corsican peaks to show above the horizon.

At \$6.50 (including five full meals), the *Olbia's* voyage is a fair example of dream trips you can afford. And there are others—colorful journeys to exotic lands that often cost little more than your vacation at home. Trade your usual beach for a houseboat in the Vale of Kashmir, or a cruise among the lesser Caribbean islands by native trading schooner.

You can travel clear around the world—to South Seas coral isles and the misty lakes of New Zealand, to Australia and the plains of Africa, to Europe's leisurely antiquity—for just \$475 in fares. That long steamer jaunt can be duplicated in ten days by plane for \$1,700, but where's the fun?

Last year, 52 million Americans spent a record of \$12 billion on vacations. Many went on organized cruises at prices from \$125 to \$25,000. But some traveled off the tourist track, got cheaper and more glamorous vacations.

### **JUST REMEMBER**

- • Bargain paradises get that way because they haven't been discovered by tourist mobs. They're harder to find and to reach—but more rewarding.
- • Chromed ocean liners and international hotels are America transplanted. For fun at budget prices, go by freighter and stay at pensions.
- • Make your longest hop from Europe, not directly from the U.S. Currency differentials and lower European rates can save up to 50%.
- • Don't go unless you're ready to plan well ahead and to shop for travel bargains.

**CARIBBEAN.** There are still undiscovered Edens at America's back door. Tobago, the Robinson Crusoe island that rivals Tahiti, where living is so cheap the island's chief official gets only \$240 a month. Or Grenada, which, as a native described it: "Dis islan', suh, is 'ing Gahd mek from rainbo'." There, for \$12 a week, you can rent a three-bedroom house with its own private beach. Many of the best spots can be reached only by trading schooner: Go down to the waterfront at Grenada or elsewhere and bargain with dusky skippers to make your own price—keep this up and cruise all the lesser islands of this jeweled chain.

### *Here is a sampling of dream trips*

**Round the World.** Every four weeks a New Zealand Shipping Co. vessel passes through the Panama Canal for New Zealand. Cross the Pacific, change at Wellington for another NZS ship going west via Australia and South Africa back to England, Curacao, and Panama. Minimum fare \$475—but the trip is usually booked up 15 months in advance. (Other round the world trips as low as \$250 a month via deluxe freighters.)

**India.** Minimum fare from New York to Ceylon, India, or Malaya is about \$350. Transshipping in England, you can make the trip by luxury liner (tourist class) for \$319. Go to the lotus-covered mountain lakes of Kashmir, where a furnished houseboat with four turbaned servants rents for \$70 a month. Total costs for a couple run around \$175 a month—in the most beautiful spot on earth.

**South Seas.** You can still live the life of a Tahitian beachcomber—but not in Tahiti, which has found out about the Yankee dollar. Instead, drowse on brilliant Sigatoka Beach at Suva or watch Pacific combers crash on reef-girt Norfolk or Lord Howe Islands. (You can reach the South Seas by freighter from the U.S.)

**Africa.** Perhaps the biggest travel bargain today is an 80-day luxury cruise around the Dark Continent, calling at a score of colorful ports like Dar-es-Salaam, for \$700, round trip from Amsterdam. (You can reach Holland for \$165 from the U.S.)

**Mediterranean.** A two-week cruise to Malta, Naples, Casablanca, and Lisbon starts as low as \$92, round trip from London. But try a longer stay—in the lush valleys of Mount Olympus on Cyprus, where a couple can live comfortably for \$1,400 a year; on Aegean islands that hide remnants of a 5,000-year-old civilization among olive and cork groves; or with the fisherfolk of rocky Sardinia, where hotel rates are 24¢ a day or \$1.12 with three good meals.

**Atlantic Islands.** Green cones standing out of the sparkling waters of the South Atlantic—these are the Azores and the Canaries. Tropical flowers, sandy beaches, and the charm of old Spain are combined here—with rents of about \$20 a month, groceries for a couple at \$10 a week and servants \$5 a month each.

*The vagabond voyager with a fistful of dreams can get aids to planning from these 2 guides:*

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This is a book on how to double what your money can buy. For that is what spending a few weeks or months, or even retiring, in the world's Bargain Paradises amounts to.

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