

## FALL DEALS AIM TO ENTICE TRAVELERS TO HIT THE ROAD

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This Labor Day weekend and beyond, fall travel promises to be the most affordable in years.

Although airlines keep cutting flights, "we haven't seen airfares go up just yet," said Jenn Gaines, who tracks travel trends for the online travel agency Travelocity.

Between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, expect the average domestic ticket to be \$288 round-trip, 16% lower than last year, she said. Meanwhile, average hotel rates are trending below \$100 a night (\$96.70 last week), according to Smith Travel Research of Hendersonville, Tenn.

In Michigan, lodging owners are dreaming up novel ways to snag customers. The quirkiest idea? It just might be the **Munro House** Bed and Breakfast's "Talk Like a Pirate Day" promotion.

Anyone who talks like a pirate while booking a room for Sept. 18-19 at the Jonesville establishment ([www.munrohouse.com](http://www.munrohouse.com)) is to get free dinner on Friday and Saturday. Aye. It's true.

"We are going to be as quirky as we need to be. If people think we're more fun than the next guy, we'll do it," said owner Mike Venturini.

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