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Win A Free Trip To The Edge Of Space And Back

(NAPSA)—For one lucky traveler, 2003 will be the year of a unique space odyssey. A new contest will bring him or her to the edge of the atmosphere, where he or she can glimpse the blackness of the universe above and the curvature of the Earth below.

Thanks to Travelers Advantage, the winner will have the opportunity to take a supersonic flight at Mach 2.5—that's 2.5 times the speed of sound—aboard a MiG-25, the highest flying and fastest fighter jet in the Russian Air Force. The flight will climb to an altitude of 85,000 feet (25 kilometers), soaring above 99 percent of the Earth's atmosphere.

The Edge of Space Sweepstakes is made possible by a partnership between Travelers Advantage and Space Adventures. The grand prize includes round-trip airfare for two to Moscow, Russia, and a two-night stay for two with breakfast at the Marriott Grand Hotel. The winner will receive the flight aboard a MiG-25 "Foxbat," following planning, training and medical check. The winner also gets a leather flight jacket, a model of the aircraft, a photograph with the pilot and aircraft and a Space Adventures Flight Certificate.

"Travelers Advantage is always looking for new and exciting travel locations and vacation experiences we can offer to our members," Travelers Advantage Vice President Julia Ryan said.

All legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older and who satisfy the physical criteria and physical tests imposed by Space Adventures, Ltd., may participate in this sweepstakes. Employees and the immediate families of Sponsor and Space Adventures, Ltd. living in their households and the participating promotional companies, their subsidiaries and advertising agencies are not eligible. This sweepstakes is void wherever prohibited or restricted by law and is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations. No purchase required. Odds of winning are based on the number of entries received.



A new contest will bring one lucky traveler to the upper reaches of the atmosphere, on the edge of space.

"We're pleased to be at the forefront of offering people a chance to explore the exciting potential of space travel. Someday, space tourism will be both commonplace and affordable.

"Flying aboard the MiG-25 at 85,000 feet is the closest one can get to outer space without actually going there," said Eric Anderson, Space Adventures, Ltd. president and CEO.

To enter the contest, visit the Travelers Advantage Web site (www.travelersadvantage.com) and click on the Edge of Space Sweepstakes icon. No purchase is necessary. The sweepstakes ends December 31, 2002. For complete rules and additional information, visit www.travelersadvantage.com.