

# TRAVEL TIPS

## Finding Free VIP Upgrades

(NAPSA)—Whether you like to vacation at the season's hottest spots or hit the road less traveled, there are usually ways to upgrade your vacation. For instance, savvy travel agents can often get people upgrades ranging from free breakfasts to luxurious spa treatments or resort credits. Whatever the upgrade, it can add value to your vacation and create a more memorable experience.

Try these tips to get upgraded the next time you travel:

- **Consult a Travel Agent**—Travel agents often have access to exclusive upgrades and value-added offers that are not available through any other source. So ask what might be available when consulting with an agent.

- **Book Early**—Some travel packages include free upgrades to people who book their trips well in advance of leaving. It can pay to get started with your vacation planning early.

- **Get Information**—Publications such as the 2005 “ENSEMBLE™ Hotel & Resort Collection” from Ensemble Travel™ can help you secure upgrades. The program offers hundreds of free amenities and sought-after services at some of the most fashionable resorts in the world. The directory highlights perks ranging from spa and resort credits to round-trip airport transfers, full daily breakfasts and room upgrades—all at four- and five-star properties.

- **Consider A Villa**—If traveling with a group of friends or family, villas can offer a great experience—comparable or even less in some cases than a luxury resort. ENSEMBLE™ Villas & Vacation Homes offers benefits and exclusive such as the “concierge service.” The service offers customized



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support and assistance—such as personalized meet and greet at the airport, premium car rentals and limousine service, a private villa chef, arrival provisioning, nanny service, golf tee times, dinner reservations at top restaurants, custom excursions and more. Fees vary based on the services requested. Every villa booked through an Ensemble Travel member agent comes with a free international calling card with 100 minutes of talk time.

The private-villa program features a variety of luxurious accommodations, ranging from a one-bedroom penthouse apartment in Paris to a 10-bedroom elegant hilltop estate in Tuscany. Many of the private residences feature waterfalls, gourmet kitchens, ocean-view pools and Jacuzzis, lush landscaping and panoramic views.

For more information on villas or to find an Ensemble Travel member agent call 866-350-7460. To order a copy of the 2005 “ENSEMBLE Hotel & Resort Collection” call 866-334-7460 or visit [www.ensembletravel.com](http://www.ensembletravel.com).