

# Vacations Of A Lifetime

## Find A Home In Europe: Fall Bargain Rentals

(NAPSA)—A strong U.S. dollar and gracious homes to rent at off-season bargain rates are beckoning American vacationers to Europe in droves this fall.

"It costs considerably less per day to rent an entire house or villa than a comparable apartment," says Tony Haeusler, North American president of Interhome, the European leader in vacation home rentals.

He finds more Americans now want more unusual rentals, in off-the-beaten-path locations, but feeling closer to local people, especially if they have vacationed abroad before.

"With a real home to stay in, travelers get to know the local people better, shop at local food markets and weekly fairs, cook some of their own meals and try new recipes, browse exotic antique markets, practice the local language, take day trips in the region—so many things that are hard to fit into one- or two-night stays at hotels," Haeusler observes.

He also notes that a fall vacation for people who can take the time off has two main appeals:

(1) the crowds are smaller but the weather is still good, generally without the debilitating heat of mid-summer in some areas;

(2) off-season discount rates for both air fares and desirable rental homes are very common.

For example, a three-star, three-bedroom house in Ireland's beautiful "Ring of Kerry" region (where *Ryan's Daughter* was filmed), that sleeps seven rents for \$350 a week



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in September, compared to \$548 in July. A one-bedroom luxury home in Italy's Lake Garda region is \$330 per week, including booking fee and cancellation insurance. An 1,150-square-foot apartment in the Tyrolean Alps can be booked in September for \$611—seven nights for the summer price of five nights.

In 2002, the dollar is strong against the euro. This is a special inducement for Americans, not only in lower travel expenses but in shopping for clothing and other goods that are hard to find in America, or expensive in the U.S.

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