



St. Croix's The Buccaneer

Let Pleasant Holidays turn winter dreams into realities

Find perfect remedy for cabin fever in Caribbean

SUMMER IS THE MOST ANTICIPATED SEASON OF THE YEAR. Beautiful weather, swimming pools and the scents of outdoor barbecue and freshly cut grass break our cabin fevers.

It's a great time to get your vacation on! Extend your summer by rewarding yourself with a getaway to a tropical climate. And let a AAA Travel Advisor make this dream become a reality by assisting with your plans and making sure you take advantage of member benefits.

Perhaps the best option is a visit to a Caribbean island. Some don't even require a passport.

They greet you with open arms and treat you like family. These intimate nooks are slices of heaven. Resorts are unique but share similar settings – masterpieces, to say the least.

Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix rank among the Caribbean's more popular islands – and they don't require a passport. Puerto Rico is a sovereign state of the U.S. and St. Thomas and St. Croix are part of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

AAA East Central and Pleasant Holidays are eager to make these trips become realities. Book a vacation at an all-inclusive Caribbean resort (Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and St. Croix are not all-inclusive) for seven nights or more and receive a discount of \$75 off per person double occupancy, if booked with a deposit between August 1 and September 15, 2023, for travel from August 15, 2023, through April 30, 2024. Prices include airfare.

It's difficult to ignore. Light breezes ruffle your hair under the beauty of clear skies dotted with puffy, white clouds. Sandy beaches nibble at your toes, and the crystal-clear water of the Caribbean Sea puts a bow on a well-earned prize.

These islands of the Caribbean help form a bracelet of shiny diamonds that brighten the days of millions of vacationers annually. Tranquility erases your daily concerns and the calming sounds of waves breaking on the shoreline allow time to stand still. It's a getaway few trips can match and one that won't soon be forgotten.

By the time your trip concludes, you won't ask yourself *will I return*, but rather *when*.

Bask in the glory of these palatial destinations. The finest restaurants are blessed with eclectic themes. Pools have swim-up bars. Pristine beaches are populated with comfortable chairs. Music and entertainment are plentiful. First-class lodging is a given. And a list of other amenities will turn this vacation into a blessing.

Discover the El Yunque rainforest in Puerto Rico. It's the only tropical rainforest in the United States Forest System. It encompasses 28,000 acres and reaches an elevation of 3,526 feet. The rainforest averages 200 inches of rainfall a year, as well as roaring waterfalls. The guides will lead you along well-marked trails through the lush woodlands, where you will be able to see the nest of the Puerto Rican parrot,

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Free VIN Etching Event

AAA East Central will be hosting several Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching events. Permanent engraving of a vehicle's federally registered VIN deters auto theft because it prevents thieves from switching the VIN plate on the dashboard to mask its identity. The process does not harm windows and doesn't detract from the vehicle's appearance. Participants are asked to preregister inside the branch the day of the event. All events will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Upcoming events include:

- August 17, AAA Huntington, 1126 6th Avenue
- August 18, AAA Bridgeport, 138 Barnetts Run Road
- October 4, AAA Parkersburg, 1500 Grand Central Avenue

For more information, contact AAA Huntington at 304-523-6423, AAA Bridgeport at 304-842-2221 or AAA Parkersburg at 304-295-9715.

Yellow Dot Clinic

AAA East Central is partnering with Highway Safety Network for Yellow Dot Clinics. This program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic crash when they might not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. At the clinics we will help navigate the process, including taking your photo and printing it. You will walk away ready to put your emergency information in your glove compartment and your yellow dot decal in the rear windshield of your vehicle. All events will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Upcoming Yellow Dot Clinics include:

- September 14 at AAA Uniontown, 209 Wal-Mart Drive, #C-10
- October 10 at AAA Washington, 196 Murtland Avenue

These are FREE events. To make an appointment, call AAA East Central's Safety Department at 412-365-7212.

Free Car Seat Roundup September 15

Children deserve the best protection we can give them, so don't forget to check the expiration dates on your child-safety and booster seats. Exposure to sun, cold and heat, as well as general wear and tear, degrade the plastic and foam in the seats, so they begin to lose their effectiveness. Many car seats in storage have also exceeded their "lifespan" and should be collected and destroyed. AAA will be hosting the following Free Car Seat Roundup on Friday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at AAA Bridgeport, 138 Barnetts Run Road. For more information, call 302-842-2221.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II TOUR



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Join AAA on September 9-18, 2024, on a special historical tour, visiting London, Normandy and Paris to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Explore London's connections to World War II during a city tour focused on The Blitz. Immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's D-Day Landing on the Omaha and Utah beaches. Visit the Normandy American Cemetery. Learn about the brave paratroopers who parachuted

into Normandy on the night of June 5-6, 1944. The cost is \$2,999 per person double occupancy, land only. **TURN TO PAGE 9 FOR MORE DETAILS.**