

Travel deals: Big Bear Lake, Carmel

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- The Big Bear Lake Visitors Bureau is kicking off the season by cutting room rates in half for Memorial Day weekend. The offer requires a three-night stay, with check-in starting May 23. To book the special prices, travelers must make reservations during the 72-hour sale window, May 19-22. You can go to www.bigbear.com or phone 800-424-4232 during daytime hours. Events occurring over the holiday weekend include the inaugural Starlight Festival, the Big Bear Lake Half Marathon and 5K Fun Run, and a Jefferson Starship concert.
- Join an innovative car tour in Carmel and save on your accommodations. The MindDrive team of at-risk students from Kansas City, Mo., will drive the Karmann Ghias that they transformed into alternative-energy vehicles from Eureka to Carmel in early June. Visitors who mention the MindDrive event will get room rate discounts (15 to 25 percent) on June 3-5. Deals vary; contact Hofsas House, Inns by the Sea, Vagabonds House Inn, Carmel Lamp Lighter Inn and Forest lodge for specifics. Details: <http://minddrive.org>, www.carmelcalifornia.com.

Restrictions such as blackout dates and advance-purchase requirements may apply. Prices do not include taxes or fees unless noted.

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