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TI GAY & LESBIAN TRAVEL PROGRAM OFFERS PACKAGES TO CANADA, EUROPE
FOR TRAVELERS ATTENDING GAY & LESBIAN CELEBRATIONS

FARMINGDALE, NY (June 17, 2008) - Through the TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program (<http://www.travelimpressions.com/gaytravel>) - offered exclusively through Travel Impressions - agents can book clients' vacations to Canada and Europe to coincide with gay pride celebrations taking place this summer. Package rates start at \$319 per person, based on double occupancy.

Through the TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program, three-night Canada packages feature accommodations, three-day Hertz rental car (excluding Toronto and Halifax, where roundtrip airport/hotel transfers will be provided) and hotel taxes and service.

Following are corresponding gay and lesbian festivals taking place throughout Canada. Sample packages with rates quoted per person, based on double occupancy, include:

Toronto

June 20 - 29, 2008

- Delta Chelsea -- from \$489
- The Fairmont Royal York -- from \$595

Vancouver

June 28 - Aug. 4, 2008

- Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina -- from \$499
- The Fairmont Waterfront -- from \$565
- The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver -- from \$579

Halifax

July 20 - 27, 2008

- Delta Halifax -- from \$399
- Delta Barrington -- from \$405
- Westin Nova Scotian Halifax -- from \$459

Montreal

July 27 - Aug. 3, 2008

- Novotel Montreal Centre -- from \$365
- Hyatt Regency Montreal Centre-Ville -- from \$419
- Omni Mont Royal -- from \$425
- Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth -- from \$509

Ottawa

Aug. 15 - 24, 2008

- Delta Ottawa Hotels & Suites -- from \$319

- Lord Elgin -- from \$325
- Fairmont Chateau Laurier -- from \$405

The TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program's European packages include five nights hotel accommodation and taxes. Sample packages to European festivals, quoted per person, based on double occupancy, include:

Paris

Gay Pride Paris: June 28, 2008

- Duminy Vendomea -- from \$585
- Home Plaza Jardin Du Marais -- from \$609

Madrid

Gay Pride Madrid: July 3 - 6, 2008

- Intercontinental Hotel Madrid -- from \$835
- ME Madrid -- from \$1,169

London

Pride London: July 5, 2008

- MyHotel Bloomsbury -- from \$859
- The May Fair Hotel -- from \$1,435

Amsterdam

Amsterdam Gay Pride: Aug. 1 - 3, 2008

- Swissotel Amsterdam -- from \$859
- The Dylan -- from \$1,495

Airfare is available from gateways nationwide to Canada and Europe and can easily be added to the cost of the hotel stay. Airport/hotel transfers and travel insurance protection options can also be added on to the vacation package for an additional fee.

Travel agents can opt in to the TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program on the http://pull.xmr3.com/p/6-E922/10066753/clickto2_avelimpressions.com-gaytravel.html website home page, in the "Book Gay-Friendly Hotels" section. Registration allows agents to book on the site and it will authorize Travel Impressions to send agents faxes, e-mails and promotions that are specific to the TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program.

The TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program offers the same services already available through Travel Impressions: "Cancel for Any Reason Travel Protection Insurance," 24/7 Customer Care, upgraded documents, highly skilled reservations staff and sales support, and much more. The added benefit is the confidence that travel agents are selling a "gay-friendly" property while receiving all the benefits of booking with a major U.S. tour operator.

Agents who book Canadian or European vacation packages via <http://www.travelimpressions.com/gaytravel> will earn a 1% commission bonus in addition to their standard commissions.

For more information about the TI Gay & Lesbian Travel program, visit <http://www.travelimpressions.com/gaytravel> or contact Travel Impressions at 1-800-284-0044.

Travel Impressions

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Since its founding in 1974, Travel Impressions has taken approximately six million travelers on vacations to Mexico, the Caribbean, the Islands of the Bahamas, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Panama, Argentina, Brazil, Europe, the Islands of Tahiti, Canada, Hawaii and the Continental U.S. And, its newest destinations are Croatia, Dubai and South Africa. Today, Travel Impressions provides leisure vacation packages to 150 destinations and more than 1,800 resorts and hotels worldwide, departing from cities nationwide.

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