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IT'S BEEN A LONG, HOT SUMMER, FRIENDS. BUT DON'T LET THE DOG DAYS—OR GLOOMY ECONOMIC FORECASTS— CURTAIL YOUR FUN. WII THE PEOPLE CAN GET FIT, FIND OUR INNER PICASSO IN NEW YORK AND SAVE A SOU (OR TWO) IN EUROPE. C'MON!

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Fiscal Therapy

A STIMULATING AFFAIR Now that Uncle Sam has tossed you that \$600 bone, why not use it to rev up the economy? Instead of forking it over to Wal-Mart, consider dropping it on the **Economic Stimulus Package** at the Capitol Hill Suites (200 C Street SE, Washington, D.C.). The deal includes a standard guest suite, breakfast every morning, a city map, a \$20 gas card and complimentary DVD rental. Rates go as low as \$600, based on double occupancy (though the package is open to families of up to four people). The offer ends September 3. Go ahead: Do your patriotic duty!

Info: 202-543-6000 or www.capitolhillsuites.com

It's a Lock!

A FIXED AFFAIR We've all been hearing it: The euro is trouncing the poor old greenback. But that doesn't mean you have to break the bank to have a good time in Europe. Look into **JDB's Rate Fix**, courtesy of JDB Fine Hotels & Resorts. The chain has locked in an exchange rate of €1 to US\$1.30 (as opposed to the current €1-to-US\$1.55 rate). What this translates to is nightly rates for doubles ranging from \$188.50 at the Hotel Colombina in Venice, Italy (Calle del Remedio), to \$351 at Rome's luxe Hotel Splendide Royale (Via di Porta Pinciana, 14). Che bella!

Info: www.jdbhotels.com



Cube-ee-Doo-be-Doo

AN ABSTRACT AFFAIR It's hip to be square with the two-night **Traditional Luxury Meets Modern Art package** at New York's Loews Regency Hotel (540 Park Avenue). What's the—heh—angle? The traditional ambience of the hotel itself—home of power breakfasts, luxe lodging, burnished wood and plush banquettes in The Library lounge—and the mod, mod world of the Museum of Modern Art. Bypass the lines of visitors with a couple of VIP tix and head straight to some of Wanda's faves: Picasso's *Demoiselles d'Avignon*, Georges Braque's landscapes and Kandinsky's playful canvases that look like a clock spring has sprung. After you've sated your craving for culture, sate your appetite with a three-course meal at Danny Meyer's resto, The Modern. Offer is good through September 1. Rates start at \$1,285, based on double occupancy.

Info: 800-233-2356, 212-759-4100 or www.loewshotels.com



Mais Wii!

A VIRTUALLY FIT AFFAIR One of the big challenges of the road is staying in shape, which is why Westin Hotels & Resorts has instituted a workout program for its guests. Now 10 of the chain's hotels have added a different dimension to the program: a partnership with Nintendo that offers a special edition of Wii. Titled **Wii Fit**, the game console includes the popular *Wii Sports* that challenges users to virtual tennis, golf, baseball, boxing or bowling. If you need to exercise the gray matter, you can also play *Big Brain Academy: Wii Degree* or other kinds of games with *Wii Play*. Additionally, *Wii Fit* offers yoga, aerobics, and strength and balance training with a special Wii Balance Board. When it's time to check out, you'll



Friends, half the fun of travel is sharing with others; that's why Yours Truly has created a Facebook page (www.facebook.com). Stop by to sign up to be one of my "Fans" and to leave a note on my Wall. We'll sing and tell tales and laugh, as good travel companions do.

be singing "wii, wii, wii" all the way home. Starting rates range from \$129 (weekends) at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, to \$349 at The Westin New York at Times Square.

Info: www.westin.com

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