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Geringer Global Travel is offering a new 15-day itinerary with a women's theme through northern India and Udaipur.

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Hurtigruten cruise sales

The Hurtigruten cruise line is offering a half-off sale for your companion on its Norwegian coast voyages if you pay full price for your own ticket and book for the two of you by July 31. The company's Norway tours include stops in Bergen, Alesund, Trondheim, Bodø, Tromsø and Honningsvåg. You get to experience the midnight sun and majestic fjords. There are no specified travel dates in the sale. If you book online include promo code: UKUSROW11HR2nd50w to get the discount.

And Hurtigruten's new 74-page Explorer Voyages brochure details 17 trips, ranging from eight to 19 days, and features four new voyages, and three additional Antarctica departure dates with savings of up to 25 per cent for those who book early. New itineraries are the 14-day National Park Expedition in Greenland, the eight-day Explorer Voyage, sailing along Spitsbergen's west coast; Autumn Adventure, an eight-day course taking in the Isles of Faroe, Orkney and Shetland; and a 19-day Trans-Atlantic Crossing, which sails from the Canary Island's Las Palmas to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Travellers save up to 20 per cent on next year's sailings in Greenland, Spitsbergen and Europe by booking before Sept. 30 and in Antarctica, by booking by Dec. 31. Hurtigruten has a fleet of 12 ships, carrying 100 to 646 passengers. For more information visit [hurtigruten.us](#) or call 877-301-3117.



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Globus tours offers earlybird discount

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Women's tours in India

Geringer Global Travel is offering a new 15-day itinerary with a women's theme through northern India from Feb. 24 to March 9, 2012, at prices starting at \$3,865 per person, double occupancy. If booked by Oct. 15, guests will receive a \$200 U.S. discount per person. Accompanied by Susan Geringer, an India travel and tour specialist, guests will have a peek into the lives of Indian women, from humble widows of Varanasi to the women behind the existence of the Taj Mahal. The Spirit of the India Women tour will visit the cities of Delhi, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Agra, Jaipur, Nimaj, Kumbhalgarh and Udaipur.

The journey begins with a two-night stay at the Manor Hotel in Delhi, where guests will meet a female Delhi University scholar who will speak on the Role of Women with the Change in Society. This will be followed by a tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi, including a rickshaw ride at Silver Street. The next day, it's on to Varanasi, the religious capital of the Hindu faith, where a group leader will speak on religion and women, sensuality and women and the position of women in a patriarchal family. During the two-night stay at the Gateway Hotel Ganges, guests will experience Aarti,

a Hindu religious ritual of worship performed at the Ghats of Ganges, take a boat ride down the River Ganges, visit one of the Widows' Homes in Varanasi, and take a city tour including, Banaras Hindu University and an excursion to Sarnath where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon.

The package tour will include no more than 15 people. The cost includes hotels; all meals; chauffeured transportation; train tickets; Englishspeaking female guides accompanying the entire trip; sightseeing; all domestic transportation and all current applicable taxes. Final payment is due on Jan. 12. For more information visit geringerglobaltravel.com/destinations/India-Tours/India-Women-Tour.html or contact Geringer at 877-255-7438, 203-216-7106 or at susan@geringerglobaltravel.com.

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