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Great Vacations Travel EXPO slated for Jan. 19-21 in Columbus

COLUMBUS, OHIO – Travelers are advised to mark their calendars for the one-of-a-kind Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA, which takes place **Jan. 19-21, 2018, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Downtown Columbus**. This one-stop shop for everything travel-related offers consumers exclusive access to the world's top travel suppliers. Guests have a unique opportunity to talk one-on-one with top travel experts and take home the best advice, values and EXPO-only deals on everything from exotic cruises and European vacations to affordable, close-to-home escapes.

In addition to offering exclusive information and discounts, the AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean, will feature round-the-clock activities, presentations and entertainment, making the EXPO a destination in itself. Favorite travel spots come alive with engaging, helpful and educational interactive experiences. The EXPO features different zones highlighting regional destinations, so visitors can quickly and easily find the ideal getaway for their interests, lifestyle and budget. Guests will also have exclusive access to EXPO-only deals. Thus, travelers are encouraged to bring a calendar and a form of payment and be ready to book on the spot.

Special attractions include:

- **Vacation Marketplace:** featuring hundreds of the world's top travel destinations
- **Paradise Pavilion:** with information and deals on warm, tropical vacations and resorts throughout the Caribbean and Mexico
- **AAA Explore Store:** Packed with FREE guidebooks, maps, brochures and travel gear
- **Ohio Amish Experience:** A brand new exhibit featuring the rich and intriguing culture and sites of the world's largest Amish population
- **AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean:** Appearances, live entertainment, events and workshops led by leading travel experts and well-known celebrities
- **The Great Outdoors, presented by Metro Parks:** A large, lush, living landscape where guests will be inspired by outdoor experiences

The Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA, opens Friday, Jan 19 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Downtown Columbus. Hours are Friday: Noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store. AAA members who show their AAA card receive 50 percent off admission. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional event details are available at www.AAGreatVacations.com.

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