

# Leap Year: Special travel deals for leap day babies and more this Feb. 29

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Every four years, we celebrate Leap Day, the day on which the universe essentially realigns itself with our clocks and calendars. Just as with every other day of the year, babies are born on February 29, Leap Day. In fact, according to reuters.com, 5 million people celebrate their birthdays on Leap Day. Here, we look at a handful of travel offers exclusively for Leap Day babies, and a few other fun options as well.

The [Fairmont Copley Plaza](http://www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/) (<http://www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/>) in Boston, Mass., celebrates "29-ers" with its Ultimate Leap Year Day Birthday Extravaganza. Guests who celebrate a Leap Day birthday can go all out in their celebration with a champagne toast and birthday cake party for up to 10 people in a suite on the Fairmont Gold floor, as well as two nights' stay within the suite (from \$2,900; February 28-29, 2016 only). Want to continue the party? Check out the hotel's one-day-only [Pop-Up Speakeasy](http://www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/pop-up-speakeasy) (<file:///C:/Users/Susan/Documents/USA%20Today/Leap%20year/leapdaypopupspeakeasy.eventbrite.com>), complete with secret entrance, classic cocktails and a special menu.

A to-do similar to that found at the [Fairmont Copley Plaza](http://www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/), but a bit smaller, is available at the [Fairmont Copley Plaza and The Plaza](http://www.fairmont.com/the-plaza-new-york/) (<http://www.fairmont.com/the-plaza-new-york/>) in New York City, too: the Leap Day Birthday Package includes overnight accommodations and a personal birthday cake (from \$229; February 29, 2016; valid ID showing Leap Day birthday required).

The owners of the [Caldwell House Bed and Breakfast](http://www.caldwellhouse.com/) (<http://www.caldwellhouse.com/>) in Salisbury Mills in the heart of Hudson Valley, N.Y., are expecting their first grandchild on Leap Day, and invite all Leap Year babies to celebrate their once-every-four-year birthdays together. Simply present a valid ID showing a Leap Day birthday and take advantage of this special offer: Stay either February 28 or February 29 and receive the second consecutive night's stay free, as well as a complimentary bottle of champagne, box of chocolates, three-course gourmet breakfasts and more (from \$245; valid February 28–March 1, 2016).

Leap Year babies can also take advantage of the "Forever Young" package created just for them by the [Melrose Georgetown Hotel](http://www.melrosehoteldc.com/) (<http://www.melrosehoteldc.com/>) in Washington, D.C. "Leapies" who stay at the hotel on their birthday will receive overnight accommodations, and a celebratory dinner for two, complete with birthday cake and champagne toast, at the farm-to-fork Jardenea restaurant (from \$229, valid February 29, 2016).

"Since Leap Day babies only have a birthday every four years, Melrose Georgetown Hotel wanted to make leap year 2016 one they will never forget," said Jale Hashimi, general manager of the Melrose Georgetown Hotel.

For those who are ready to take the leap into marriage on Leap Day, here are a few offers for you, too.

Back at the [Caldwell House Bed and Breakfast](http://www.caldwellhouse.com/), the Irish tradition of women asking men to marry them is fodder for its "Take a Luck of the Irish Leap" package: overnight accommodations February 28 and receive Monday night's stay free if the woman proposes, as well as a complimentary bottle of champagne, box of chocolates, three-course gourmet breakfasts and more (from \$245; valid February 28–March 1, 2016).

"This is such a special holiday and it only comes around once every four years," said Dena Finneran, who co-owns the [Caldwell House Bed and Breakfast](http://www.caldwellhouse.com/) with her husband John. "It's important that we help out guests mark this Irish tradition with some incredible memories."

Further south, the "Take a [Leap of Faith](http://www.nationalhotel.com/)" wedding package at the [National Hotel Miami Beach](http://www.nationalhotel.com/) (<http://www.nationalhotel.com/>) is for spontaneous couples who are ready to take the plunge on February 29. The package includes an oceanfront or garden wedding ceremony for the couple and up to five guests, complete with officiant and bridal bouquet; dinner for two at Tamara Bistro; and wedding night accommodations in a Cabana Suite (from \$700; valid February 29, 2016).

Though celebrated once every four years, this one's as odd as it gets. [Shanty Creek Resorts](http://www.shantycreek.com/) (<http://www.shantycreek.com/>) in Bellaire (just northeast of [Traverse City](http://www.traversecity.com/)), Mich., takes a different approach to Leap Day – for reasons unknown, the Shanty Creek designates February 29 as Brad Day. On February 29, anyone named Brad and has valid ID to prove it can ski and use rentals free; has a special section in Ivan's restaurant "Reserved for Brad;" has a Brad-only restroom within the Day Lodge at his disposal; and can stay February 28 for \$29 (per person). What's more, prizes will be award for the [Brads](http://www.shantycreek.com/) who travel the furthest, and bring the most non-Brads with them.

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