

✦ Travel Deals of the Week

United States: Resorts

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

The deal: What credit crisis?

The details: Come winter, discounts in Florida are as rare as snowballs. But with the rest of the world feeling the credit crunch, hotels around Sarasota are bucking the trend by *giving* guests credits. For example, the [Ritz Carlton Sarasota](#), where rooms start at \$399 a night, gives guests a \$150 credit to use for dining or activities. The suites-only **Colony Beach and Tennis Resort**, whose one-bedrooms start at \$1,319 for a three-night stay, ups the ante with a \$500 resort credit—good for tennis lessons or perhaps an on-site boutique shopping spree.

The dates: Spring 2009; exact dates vary among participating hotels (www.sarasotafl.org).