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RISING GAS PRICES PUTTING A DAMPER ON YOUR SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS? TRY TAKING A MOTORCOACH

As gasoline prices continue to increase to a predicted five dollars a gallon later this spring and summer, many American are considering so-called “staycations” instead of their usual summer travel plans. But the American Bus Association says there is a cure for the gas price blues. Take a motorcoach.

Motorcoaches are the most fuel efficient and green form of transportation available, and they’re affordable and fun. On motorcoach trips of six hours or less, the cost of a round trip motorcoach ticket is easily less than half of what it costs to fly. And a motorcoach takes you directly into whatever city you’re visiting, while if you fly, you have to use another form of transportation to get from the airport to a hotel or other destination. While charters, tourism sightseeing motorcoaches cater to groups, family vacations or other individuals looking to experience every corner of North America.

Many motorcoaches offer passengers free Wi-Fi for the entire length of their trip, plug-ins and in some cases two-by-two seating for added comfort.

Tens of millions of Americans every year take charter and tour trips to thousands of locations around the country, leaving the driving to a professional, well trained driver while they relax, sightsee and use their computer or other electronic device for business or recreation.

Motorcoach companies are also expanding new routes almost weekly to cities across the country, making vacations and business trips more accessible without the hassle of driving. In many cities there are HOV, HOT and BRT lanes and motorcoaches can run in those lanes, bypassing congestion.

“Americans love to travel and motorcoach travel is a very affordable, safe and reliable way for families and individuals to visit relatives and go to tourism destinations and get there safely. More than 730 million passenger trips are taken on motorcoaches each year, second only to air travel in terms of public transportation and the number of people riding is growing. With gasoline prices already increasing, about forty cents higher than they were a year ago, we are urging people to consider motorcoaches as a very viable alternative,” said American Bus Association President & CEO Peter Pantuso.

The American Bus Association is the trade organization of the intercity bus industry with more than 1000 motorcoach owner and tour company members in the United States and Canada. Its members operate charter, tour, regular route, airport express, special operations and contract services. Another 2,800 members are travel and tourism organizations and suppliers of bus products and services who work in partnership with the North American motorcoach industry.

