

CRUISE THE EXOTIC WITH CRUISE EXCHANGE

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# TRAVEL *life*

JANUARY 2011

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## New Benefits for Weeks Members

*Island hopping  
through Greece*

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## MAIL BAG

With the recent changes to RCI Weeks Membership, we've had a lot of positive feedback from happy members and Reservations Consultants. Take a look to see how your fellow members are taking advantage of the recent enhancements to your membership. If you have a story to share, please email [editor@rci.com](mailto:editor@rci.com)

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### Deposit Credits - A Welcome Surprise

I took a call from a member who has been a timeshare owner for more than 20 years and has been using a competitor for the past 5 years. The member recently re-joined RCI and made his first booking today. We gave him the exact resort he requested. The Week he used to exchange was valued at more than the exchange he booked, giving him a Deposit Credit which can allow him to book another holiday.

He knows the system is unique to RCI and sees it adds value to his timeshare, and was appreciative of RCI giving him something back and is looking forward to making his next booking with us.

Samantha,  
Reservations Consultant

### More Exchange Opportunities

This is such wonderful service and I have never had the opportunity to get into Mariner Shores Resort, especially when it's so close to Easter. It is so wonderful that we can see availability before we combine Weeks together and furthermore I received an extra Week out of the Week I own. It was so easily explained to me and I'm looking forward to receiving the handbook to read how I can get the best opportunity to use my Week. Thank you.

Susan,  
First Pacific member to combine Weeks

### Stress Free Exchanging

The ability to combine Weeks together is wonderful, it means we don't need to make an immediate booking on expiring Weeks, it really takes the pressure off. We were thinking we would have to ask family to use the Week; combining takes the anxiety out of booking and will allow more planning time.

Patricia,  
VIC



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## Combining for Extra Holidays

I had a stressed member who called in because he booked a holiday in Busselton and still had 9 Deposit Credits to use before the end of March 2011 and another two Weeks to use before the end of October 2011. I explained to him that he could combine the Deposit Credits with the two Weeks and have until the end of December 2012 to use the new Combined Deposit Credits.

I'm pleased to say the member was very happy and looking forward to both banking more Weeks and using his credit!

Rebecca,  
Reservations Consultant

## Weeks Enhancement Opens The Door

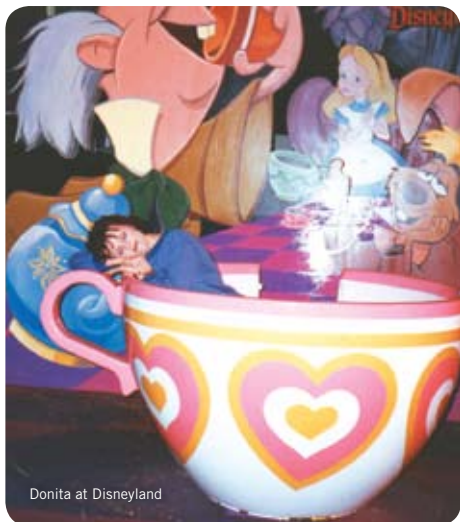
I have been a member of RCI since 1984. Since 2008 I have tried to obtain exchanges in England and Ireland and have cancelled trips because of limited availability under the old exchange system.

In November I combined my Weeks and have been able to achieve five exchanges and am working on a further four exchanges which will complete our trip for 2012.

These early exchanges have enabled us to complete our travel plans and also take advantage of early bird special airfares which will reduce our holiday costs. The new Weeks Enhancements have enabled us to obtain quality exchanges, which under the previous system was beyond our exchange availability.

Mark and Heather,  
NSW





## RCI NEWS

### Congrats to our **South Pacific Cruise winner!**

In the last edition of TravelLife we announced a competition to win a 7 night cruise to the South Pacific. We asked members to email in 25 words or less their most memorable RCI holiday experience. Members wrote poems, haikus, 300 word tomes, and some even tried flat out bribery, but the one recurring factor was that we've helped our members experience some pretty amazing holidays over the years. It was very hard to pick, but we did eventually find a standout –

Donita, NSW.

*After 25 years of "little girl dreams" I walked through the gates at Disneyland and cried. Dreams can come true. Thank you RCI!*

## RCI Goes Social

Did you know you can keep up with the travel tips and advice as well as the latest RCI news through social networks? Savvy RCI members can keep their fingers on the pulse on Facebook, Twitter and on RCI's very own blog. Share your holiday advice, recommendations and happy snaps with other RCI members.

Head to **RCI.com** and click on *Inside RCI* to find the links.



## River Cruise with **The Best**

APT was recently voted Best River Cruise Line in Cruise Passenger's annual Readers Choice Awards. As more Australians and New Zealanders discover the magic of river cruising, the competition between cruise lines has greatly increased.

If you want to experience the world's spectacular waterways with APT, call RCI Cruise on **1300 724 262 AU** or **0800 724 262 NZ**.



## Need help with your **New Year's resolutions?**

Sick of making New Year's resolutions that don't stick? On average, eight out of ten people who make New Year's resolutions lose their way within the first few months. With these tips from RCI, you can be one of the other two!

**MORE FAMILY TIME** – treat your family to more time together on a fun beachside holiday.

**BE HEALTHIER** – With self-contained kitchens, you don't have to eat out every night. Shop the local markets and have fun preparing healthy and delicious meals.

**CONTROL FINANCES** – Spend less with Holiday Rentals and you could save up to 50% off retail rates.

**TRAVEL MORE** – Easy! With new enhancements to your Weeks membership, the door is open to even more holiday possibilities!

**STRESS LESS** – Use the search function on **RCI.com** to search for specific resorts with health spas or golf courses so you can take relaxation to a higher level on your next holiday!



## Experience the Disney magic

RCI and DisneyVacation Club recently announced the renewal of their affiliation relationship. The renewal of this multi-year agreement means RCI members can continue to enjoy the opportunity to exchange into Disney Vacation Club resorts and also rent at Disney Vacation Club resorts throughout the globe.

## Comment card winners

Remember to fill in your comment cards after your holiday for the chance to win \$200 RCI dollars. Latest comment card winners are:

### DECEMBER 2010

Wendy, Moore  
Park Beach, QLD

### JANUARY 2011

Robert, South  
Canterbury, NZ



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# Get the holiday you want

## WHY DEPOSIT EARLY?

Because it is the only component used to determine Deposit Trading Power that you control. To help get the most Trading Power, it is essential that you deposit your Week as soon as you decide not to return to your home resort for that ownership year. Members who have enjoyed the most successful exchange experiences follow these helpful tips:

- Plan holidays in advance.
- Be flexible with dates and locations.
- Have a realistic view of the Trading Power of deposited Weeks.
- Understand how Deposit Trading Power compares to the Exchange Trading Power of desired holidays.
- Focus on an experience rather than a specific destination. For example, holidays at the beach or in the city? Searching by experience yields holiday options that suit holiday styles.
- Start an Ongoing Search when desired holidays are not immediately available.

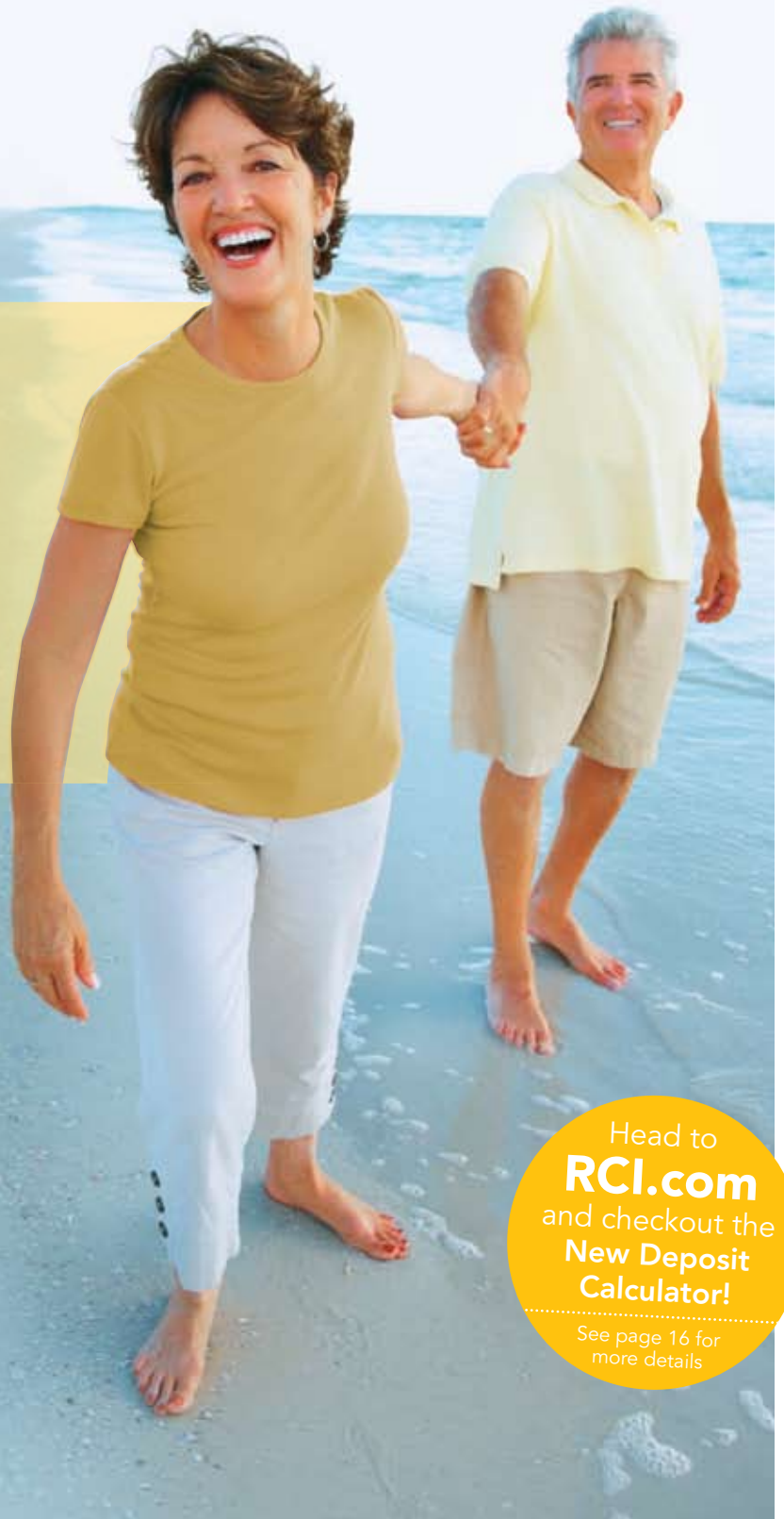
## DEPOSITING YOUR WEEKS

The first step toward holidaying with RCI is depositing your Week. This opens up Holiday Exchange opportunities for you and other members, and lets you exchange into one of RCI's more than 4,000 affiliated resorts.

You can deposit your eligible Week 2 years to 14 days before the start date of your Week. However, to guarantee you receive 100% of your available Deposit Trading Power when you exchange, you should deposit a minimum of 9 months before the start date. Once you deposit and your Week has been confirmed by your resort, you can book a Holiday Exchange beginning 12 months before your Week's start date through 24 months after the start date.

Head to  
**RCI.com**  
and checkout the  
**New Deposit  
Calculator!**

See page 16 for  
more details



# WHAT'S NEW?



## More Transparency

See the exact Trading Power of your deposited Week, and directly compare it to the Trading Power of resorts where you wish to exchange. You can now search for holidays of equal or lesser Trading Power than your deposit or search for ALL available holidays, regardless of Trading Power.



## More Value

When you choose a holiday with lower Trading Power than your deposit, you will receive Deposit Credit back into your account! You may use that Deposit Credit for a second holiday or save it for future use.



## More Flexibility

Deposit Credits can be used to book an Exchange, or combine your left-over Deposit Credits with another deposit in order to exchange for a holiday that has a higher Trading Power.



## More Choice

Choose to use your deposit in multiple ways. Book an exchange equal to what you already own, split your Deposit's Trading Power to book multiple holidays or combine it with other deposits to book a Holiday Exchange you didn't have access to before.

## GET 2 HOLIDAYS FOR 1 WEEK

Over the years, our members have told us that they want more flexibility from their RCI Weeks membership and now we are doing exactly that.

The recent enhancements we've introduced give our members many more choices when making an exchange. Consider this: you have a Deposit with a trading power of 20. You find a Holiday Exchange you want with a trading power of 15. You confirm that holiday (never wait as it may not be available later!) and immediately get a Deposit Credit on your account that has a trading power of 5.

Now, take that Deposit Credit with a trading power of 5 and search for a second Holiday Exchange. There are plenty of exchange choices in the system with an Exchange Trading Power of 5. Find and confirm that second holiday and you have successfully used your one, original deposit to get 2 holidays. Pretty cool!



# Island Hopping

## ESCAPE THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE MAINLAND AND HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN

Hit the deep blue waters of the Aegean and head to one of the 227 inhabited islands amongst the collection of over 6,000 islands and islets dotted throughout the sea. There are islands for everyone — those wanting to escape, those wanting to discover ancient civilizations and those just wanting to enjoy the sand, sea, tavernas while soaking up some of the 300 sunny days a year.

Offering a myriad of experiences and activities, the Greek Islands are one of Europe's top tourist destinations. There are so many Greek Islands to choose from, each offering their own unique blend of ancient and modern history, entertainment, and natural beauty.

Broken down in to small groups, the various Greek Islands all have their own unique charm and beauty, and to no two islands are the same. From the Venetian influence on the Ionian Islands, to the classical Greek style of the Cyclades Islands, you have wonderful choice of where to visit.

Some of the oldest European civilizations developed on the Greek islands so most of the islands have unique archaeological sites to explore. This distinctive architectural heritage blends with fascinating centuries-old local traditions to create a truly multifaceted culture.

Spending a week on one major island opens up excellent opportunities to explore the charm and beauty of smaller

islands on day trips while taking advantage of the amenities found in more populated areas. And after seven days sailing the Greek Islands, you'll be as relaxed as the locals are!

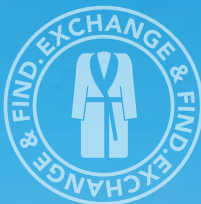


## TOP TIPS

- The best way to get around the islands is by moped, or scooter. They are available for hire everywhere, but be extra careful, as the roads aren't always very well maintained.
- Rhodes is the jewel in the Dodecanese crown and its magical World Heritage listed Old Town is best explored early in the morning to escape the crowds.
- Hunt for the mythological Minotaur at Sir Arthur Evans' excavated and reconstructed Minoan Palace in Crete.
- Explore the thickly forested mountains and idyllic tile-roofed towns of the Sporades Islands made famous by the 2008 smash hit *Mamma Mia* which was filmed on the streets of Skiathos and neighbouring island of Skopelos.
- Settle in for a day (or three) and lap up the turquoise waters at any of the stunning Greek Island beaches.







## STAY



### SKIATHOS

Nostos Village (2822)

Best Availability: May – Oct 2011

### PELPONESE

Porto Hydra Hotel (0954)

Best Availability: May – Jun 2011

### CRETE

Grand Residence (4836)

Best Availability: Feb – Apr 2011

### RHODES

Sun Beach Holiday Club (2527)

Best Availability: Mar – Apr 11

\* Subject to availability at time of print.  
Room sizes vary between resorts.



# Beach Getaways

Escape to the beach this summer and take some time to relax after a busy festive season!

## SURFERS RIVERSIDE APARTMENTS

~~WAS AU\$799\* / NZ\$1029\*~~  
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Book between: Jan – Mar 2011  
Travel: Jan 29th – 26th Mar 2011



**STAY 7  
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Spend your days swimming or walking along one of the beautiful patrolled beaches that are only minutes away. Stroll through the exciting shops, or visit the many bars, clubs or restaurants of Surfers Paradise.

## THC @ FIJI PALMS

**7 nights from  
AU\$839\* / NZ\$1079\***

Located on the beach, there's a myriad of ways to relax at Fiji Palms. Explore the waterways to see Fijian villages or enjoy the native markets and inexpensive restaurants in Suva (Fiji's capital) approximately 50 kilometres from the resort.

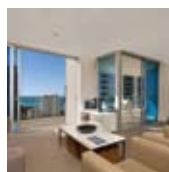


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3 nights from  
AU\$429\* / NZ\$549\*



**Chifley Pacific International, Cairns**  
7 nights from  
AU\$1159\* / NZ\$1489\*

\*Prices are based on low season and are subject to availability at time of print.  
Resort room sizes vary between resorts.  
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# Country Roads of Italy



Between the major cities, you'll find little-known gems like Orvieto, Assisi and Perugia, Tuscan hill towns, Etruscan tombs, a formidable abbey and Italy's finest coastline.

This tour is well paced with an exceptional three-night stay in Sorrento at the start of the tour and two-night stays in all other cities except Orvieto. The majority of the driving days are not too long, with convenient stops at places of interest along the way for refreshments and sightseeing.

On this enchanting tour, you will see amazing scenery, visit wonderful historic sites and indulge with delicious food.

**RCI Escorted Tours**  
16 days exploring  
the beauty of Italy  
Departing 25 June 2011

**From AU**  
**\$4115\***  
*per person with Tour Exchange*

## Hosted By Charisse Cox

*Managing Director, RCI Pacific.*

After the success of my Escorted Tour to France last year, I decided to continue along the Country Roads of Europe in 2011; this time we'll be enjoying a superb itinerary that showcases the hidden treasures of Italy's countryside and magnificent cities.

Please join me on what I'm sure will be another fantastic travel experience as we make new friends whilst exploring beautiful Italy. Don't forget you can exchange your Week towards the tour with the benefit of RCI's Tour Exchange, making the price per person from only AU\$4115\*.

Buon viaggio!

*Charisse Cox*

### Member testimonial -

Hats off to RCI for presenting a remarkable experience on our hosted tour - A first venture into the Escorted Tour Exchange program. Thirty-seven Australians and Kiwis enjoyed wonderful camaraderie exploring world famous towns and remote villages of beautiful France.

Thanks to Charisse- dare we look forward to more in the future? If so we'll be there.

Pat & Don, WA

### RCI Escorted Tour Benefits

- Welcome dinner in Rome
- Superb highlight dinner in Florence
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# KONA, HAWAII'S Big Island

The sunny Kona District on Hawaii's Big Island stretches for about 60 miles from Kona International Airport, southwards past Kealahou Bay on the Big Island's lava-lined western coast. Along this expansive area, you'll find everything from coffee farms to historic Hawaiian landmarks. In fact, Hawaii's King Kamehameha spent his final years in Kailua-Kona, the heart of the district.



**T**he Historic Kailua Village, is a 15-minute drive from Kona International Airport and home to great shopping, restaurants and night-life.

Shielded from winds by Maunaloa, you'll find the best scuba-diving and snorkelling the island has to offer here in south Kona's calm and clear waters. It's also the best place to spot dolphins and honu (Hawaiian green sea turtles).

Honaunau Bay is the perfect example of the calm south Kona waters and features a spot on the shoreline where the volcanic rock has been neatly worn away into a convenient "two-step" entry point for snorkelers and divers.

The best place to snorkel with turtles is

at Kahaluu Beach Park, where you'll find plenty just a short swim from the beach. Another great spot for snorkelling can be found a short drive south at Kealahou Bay, known also as the place where Captain Cook met his demise.

One of the most memorable experiences you can have on Hawaii Island is a swim with manta rays. Book a sunset dive tour and head out to the Kona or Keauhou coast to either scuba dive or snorkel with these gentle mantas (mantas don't have stingers like sting rays or eagle rays).

You'll marvel at how these otherworldly creatures glide within inches of you as they feed on microscopic plankton in the illuminated waters.

Kona is also famous for its deep-sea fishing, hosting the International Billfish Tournament every year. And on land, don't forget to travel to the cooler upland slopes of towns like Holualoa, where you can sample the distinctive flavours of Kona coffee.

Hawaii is famous for its cocktails and the local favourite is without a doubt the Mai-tai. Opinion is divided on where to find the best Mai-tai, arguably the Royal Kona Hotel, which is also one of the best spots to watch the sun set, or Kona Inn in Kailua-Kona.

In Hawaii sensible drinkers drink their Mai-tais with Poke, or appetizers. Best known Poke are indigenous dishes that resemble Tahitian 'poisson cru' or Mexican/Peruvian ceviche.

## STAY



**Wyndham Royal Sea Cliff** (6939) *Best Availability: Jul – Aug 2011*

**SVC @ Hula Resort at Mauna Loa VLG** (5851) *Best Availability: Apr – Jul 2011*

**Wyndham Kona Hawaiian Resort** (5971) *Best Availability: Jun – Sep 2011*

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Hawaiians finely dice raw fish (ahi, mahi-mahi, etc), mixing gently with a bit of salt, a squeeze or three of fresh lime juice, a bit of freshly ground white pepper and a splash of coconut milk, put it in a small bowl and serve it with a pile of saltine crackers.

Fried crab won-tons or dumplings are also tasty accompaniments, very retro TraderVic style when served with a hot mustard sauce on the side but tempting nonetheless.

The main entertainment, culture, and cuisine hubs are in Hilo and the Kona Coast, where you can sample some of the best Hawaiian regional cuisine on the island.

There is a great range of eateries here, including Hilo Bay Café and Huggo's in Kailua-Kona. Great food can also be found at the Kona Brewing Co or Tommy Bahama's Tropical Café on the Kohala Coast.

For some of the best stargazing in the world, make your way to the top of Mauna Kea, where you will enjoy clear skies and bright shining stars all year round and in the winter months you can even go skiing.

The best day trip from Kona would have to be to the active Kilauea volcano. The volcano creates new land every day as lava enters the ocean and the sight of the lava flows glowing at night is not to be missed.







Rainbow Beach, on Queensland's Gympie Cooloola Coast, lies between the Sunshine Coast and Fraser Coast about 240km north of Brisbane.

It is a unique little seaside town surrounded by the beautiful Great Sandy National Park, an area of amazing natural attractions and expansive beaches including of course, its famous Coloured Sands.

The area boasts a huge range of activities as diverse as fishing, surfing and bushwalking, to hang-gliding and even skydiving.

If your tastes are a little tamer, however, there's no better way to end a day than by watching the sun set over nearby Tin Can Bay from Carlo Sandblow where you'll enjoy 360-degree views.

If your tastes are a little more culinary, you won't be disappointed; Rainbow Beach has a great selection of alfresco cafes, contemporary waterfront restaurants and fine dining.

On Rainbow Beach Road, adjacent to the beach, you'll find a great selection of cafes for breakfast and as well as a large variety store selling surf wear, curios and gifts. Locals recommend Cherry's by the sea at the Rainbow Beach Sports Club, which is open for lunch and dinner and offers a fantastic steak and seafood menu. Order from a selection of T-bone, New York sirloin, eye fillet or wagyu rump and be sure to add their famous reef sauce:

béarnaise with half bug, local prawns and Hervey Bay scallops.

Perched on the highest peak in Rainbow Beach and adjacent to Carlo Sandblow you'll find Waterview Bistro, the best meal-with-a-view in town. Chef Justin Walker is passionate about the local produce found on his doorstep and his seafood-dominated menus are complemented by the best each season has to offer.

The best place to meet the locals for a drink and take in more break-taking views is the Rainbow Beach Surf Club, located on the town's eastern most point right above the beach.

**STAY**



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## CULTURE

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## HISTORY

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jimthompsonhouse.com

## RELAX

**Vertigo Bar, Banyan Tree Hotel** - An open-air lounge on the 61st floor has live music most nights.

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## INDULGE

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88 Sukhumvit Rd. Soi 51;  
011-662-662-6171;  
beingspa.com

# SPOTLIGHT ON... BANGKOK

Once a sleepy backwater best known for its sensuous silks, Thailand's capital has become a vibrant and sophisticated city. For those who love shopping the 'must-do' market is the Chatuchak Weekend Market, whose narrow, labyrinthine lanes sprawl over 30-plus acres, with stalls offering almost everything under the sun. You'll need time, determination and comfortable shoes to explore properly. For those looking for something a little different, take a taste of the country's burgeoning art scene on Bangkok's gallery row - get off at the Surasak monorail station and walk down Silom Road. You'll find works by the finest contemporary Thai painters on display at places like La Lanta (657 Baan Silom; lalanta.com) and H (201 Sathorn Soi 12; hgallerybkk.com).

## STAY

**PLG @ GRAND TOWER INN** (6428)\*  
Best Availability: All year round.

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# cruise the exotic

When you think of an exotic destination, you usually think about faraway places completely different to your everyday life. Exotic is a relative term, but one that usually conjures up images of palm-fringed sandy beaches, small tucked-away villages, and mouth-watering traditional cuisine. Simply slide onto a sunlounger, sip on a cocktail, and let the destinations come to you as you find your own little piece of exotic with these great Cruise Exchange ideas.

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unusual and  
different, foreign  
but exciting.



## HAWAII & TAHITI

**RCCL, Radiance of the Seas**  
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Was from ~~AU\$3925pp\*~~ (Balcony cabin)

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## CHINA & JAPAN

**Princess Cruises, Sun Princess**  
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## SOUTH PACIFIC

**RCCL, Rhapsody of the Seas**  
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## THE TOP END

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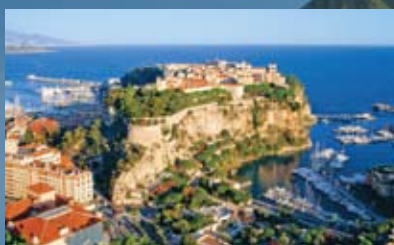




### **SOUTH PACIFIC**

**PO Australia, Pacific Jewel**  
12 night South Pacific  
Departs from Sydney  
29 Mar 2011  
Was from ~~AUS\$2509pp\*~~ (Outside cabin)

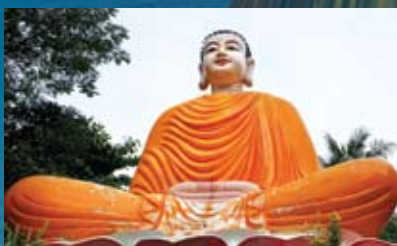
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### **SPAIN & FRENCH RIVIERA**

**Azamara Club Cruises, Azamara Journey**  
11 night Spain & French Riviera  
from Barcelona 15 May 2011  
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### **HONG KONG & SINGAPORE**

**Azamara Club Cruises, Azamara Quest**  
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from Hong Kong to Singapore  
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Was from ~~AUS\$3680pp\*~~ (Inside cabin)

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### **CARIBBEAN**

**RCCL, Allure of the Seas**  
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roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale  
2 Departures in Apr & May 2011  
Was from ~~AUS\$2736pp\*~~ (Balcony cabin)

**NOW from AU\$2066pp\*** With Cruise Exchange







# NEW TOOLS

on RCI.com

The new Holiday Planning Tools available at **RCI.com** provide you with more flexibility when planning a holiday. These new tools enable you to see your Deposit Trading Power before depositing, access the historical Exchange Trading Power of desired exchanges before exchanging and, upon depositing, customise a holiday search based upon your holiday preferences.

## THE DEPOSIT CALCULATOR

The Deposit Calculator is a simple way to determine the Trading Power of your deposit. Log-in to your account on **RCI.com** and go to the "Manage Your Deposits" screen and click on the Deposit Calculator link. Enter the start date and unit configuration of your holiday Week and click "continue".

The Deposit Calculator calculates the Deposit Trading Power of your Deposit and shows you what it will be if you Deposit that same day. It also shows you what your Deposit Trading Power will be if you Deposit at a later date, through the adjustment schedule. Remember, Deposit 2 years to 9 months in advance of your Week's start date to get 100% of your available Deposit Trading Power to use when exchanging. After that, your Deposit's Trading Power will begin to decrease.

**Deposit Calculator** close x

Resort IDName: 1726-Mariner Shores Resort

Option 1 - I know my Unit Number  
 Unit NumberName: 11  
 Room Types: 2 Bedrooms  
 Kitchen Type - Maximum Occupancy (Privacy): Full - 6 (6)

Option 2 - I know my Room Type  
 Start Date: 30-Dec-2011 OR IntervalYear: 52 11

December 2011 calendar view showing dates 1 through 31.

Result Calculate

**Trading Power Result**

Maximum Trading Power	28
Current Trading Power	28

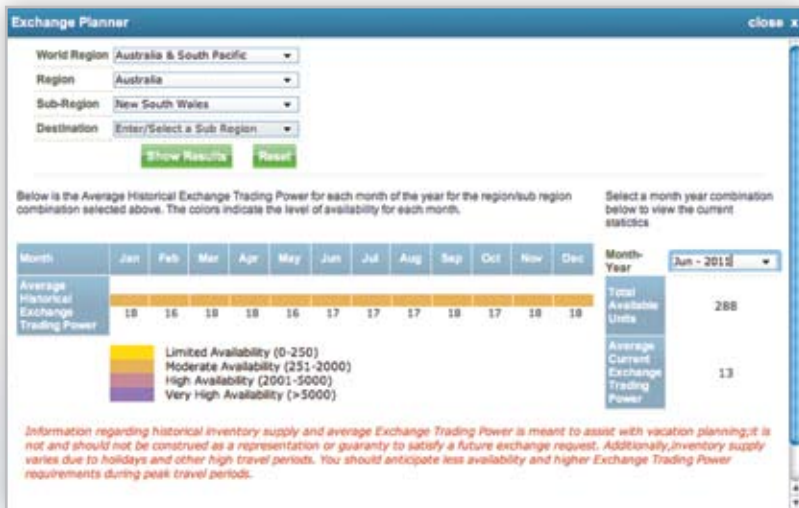
*The Current Trading Power displayed is applicable to deposits made today.*

**Adjustment Schedule**

Adjustment Schedule	Adjustment Percentage
< 14 days	45%
15 - 30 days	60%
31 - 90 days	80%
91 - 180 days	90%
181 - 275 days	95%







## THE EXCHANGE PLANNER

Determine the Historical Exchange Trading Power of the Holiday Exchange you want. With the new Exchange Planner you will be able to see the Exchange Trading Power that has historically been needed to Exchange into a given region.

Simply log-in to **RCI.com** and click on Exchange Planner. You can then type in the area and time period, and the Exchange Planner will show you the historic Exchange Trading Power that has been required for your particular search. You will also be able to select a timeframe and see the current number of available units for a specific date/region.

## TIPS

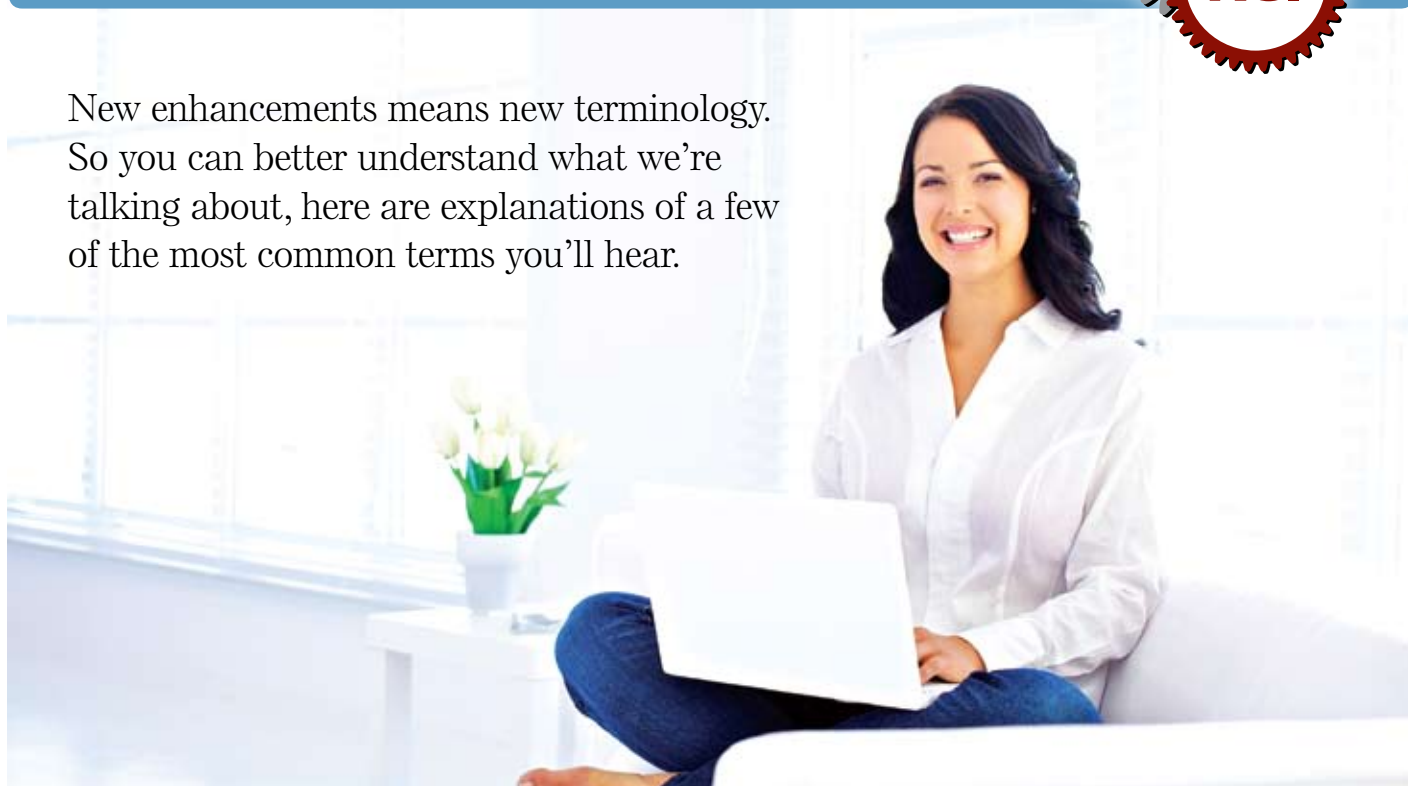
COMPARE YOUR DEPOSIT TRADING POWER TO THE EXCHANGE TRADING POWER OF THE HOLIDAY YOU WANT.

**Vacation Village (#392)**  
 Port Macquarie, NSW, Australia  
 Available Unit Size: 2 Bedroom  
 Check-In Date Range: 13-May-2011 - 27-May-2011  
 Exchange Trading Power Range: 10 - 11  
 3 available units

# Make sense of Weeks Enhancement



New enhancements means new terminology. So you can better understand what we're talking about, here are explanations of a few of the most common terms you'll hear.



## **ADVANCED SEARCH:**

If you know exactly what you want for your next holiday, use the new Advanced Search option to enter all of your holiday criteria at one time before searching.

## **COMBINED DEPOSITS:**

The combination of two or more Deposits and/or Deposit Credits.

## **DEPOSIT CREDIT:**

This is placed on a member's account after the member exchanges using a deposit which has a Trading Power that is greater than the Exchange Trading Power. The Deposit Credit Trading Power is the difference between the applicable Deposit Trading Power and the applicable Exchange Trading Power.

## **DEPOSIT TRADING POWER:**

The Trading Power assigned to a deposit.

## **DEPOSIT CALCULATOR:**

A tool members can use to see the Trading Power value that would be assigned to a Week on any particular day.

## **EXCHANGE PLANNER:**

A tool members can use to see the Trading Power previously required to book a holiday in a specific region and the historic Holiday Exchange availability.

## **EXCHANGE TRADING POWER:**

The Trading Power assigned to an available Holiday Exchange.

## **FAVOURITE SEARCHES:**

Save search criteria like dates, destinations and holiday activities to make future searches faster and easier.

## **ONGOING SEARCH:**

If a suitable match isn't immediately available you can start an Ongoing Search, RCI will look for your holiday request 24/7 until a match is found or your travel date passes. Members with open Ongoing Searches have prioritised access to newly member deposited Weeks.

## **TRADING POWER ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE:**

A schedule used to determine Trading Power for deposits received 9 months and less to the start date of the deposit, or received by a member if an exchange is cancelled.



# SOUTH OF THE BORDER

## Mison del Sol Resort & Spa (C301) Jiutepec, Mexico

A leafy residential suburb of Cuernavaca, Jiutepec has mild temperatures year-round thanks to its location in the valley of the Sierra de Chichinautzin. The area is home to museums, archaeological sites, churches and tropical gardens, and was once the summer residence of Aztec emperors who sought refuge in the balmy climate.

Visitors today can feel like royalty at the sprawling Mison del Sol Resort & Spa, another newcomer to the list of RCI affiliated resorts. Forty hotel rooms and twelve villas are set among four verdant acres of native flora and meandering streams, with a Jacuzzi, sauna and outdoor pool, plus a spa offering 60 different treatments.



## More new affiliated resorts in the RCI network

**Branson's Nantucket** (C340)  
Branson, MO

**San Stefano** (C241)  
Pilio, Greece

**Wyndham Vacation Resorts  
Towers on the Grove  
At North Myrtle Beach** (C342)  
North Myrtle Beach, SC

**Skistar VC Snototget** (C231)  
Salen, Sweden

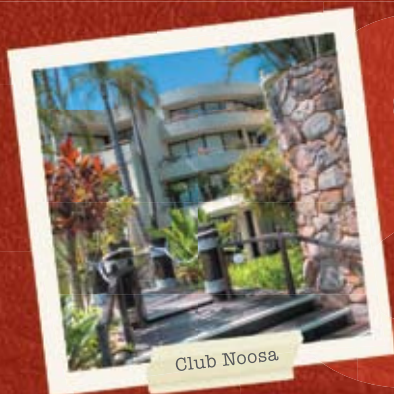
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