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Welcome from Charisse

All of us at RCI have been saddened by the horrific weather conditions that have taken place across our Sunshine State of Queensland so far this year – firstly the severe flooding and then Tropical Cyclone Yasi.

Like many others around the country, we're doing everything we can to help out fellow Australians through donations, charity auctions, and also by encouraging RCI members to continue to book holidays in unaffected Queensland resorts. Fortunately none of our affiliated resorts were severely affected by recent events, and we hope that our members in Queensland experienced minimal disturbance.

During the rebuilding phase, local communities will need the support of tourism to help towns get back on their feet, so please consider Queensland for your next holiday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our Reservations Consultants.

Charisse -

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QLD Premier Anna Bligh with RCI
Reservation Consultants volunteering in
the Brisbane flood clean-up

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We love hearing about your RCI holidays and receiving your feedback. If you have a travel story or photos to share with us, email editor@rci.com and you could win \$200 RCI dollars towards your next holiday.

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Winning letter Lakeside bliss

My husband and I have been RCI members for nearly ten years have always used our Weeks to book accommodation around the world, but this is the first time I used your travel section and booked a Royal Caribbean cruise with your consultant Rob Walker and I found he was very good.

He knows the product so well that for all the questions I asked, he answered without any hesitation. I was impressed with his performance that I booked two cabins with him without hesitation for departure in September 2011.

Magdalen
Yamanto, QLD



On a winner with Bonus Weeks

We finally took advantage of an RCI Bonus Week at The Moorings and I must say we were pleasantly surprised! The region the resort is located in is a natural beauty. We spent lots of time in the great outdoors and it was a very nice refreshing change from our Gold Coast holidays AND it was very cheap!

Sandra & Brian
Grafton, NSW

Europe calling

My wife and I recently came back from a great holiday in Europe. We had two Weeks to use so we exchanged for a Trafalgar tour and finished it off with a week in Italy at Domus Volumnia Residences. The whole holiday was amazing.

The girls at RCI Travel were extremely helpful in helping us book flights and transport to Perugia after our tour. We had a bit of a problem with our return flights, but the girls managed to come up with a solution quick smart. Thanks RCI for another great holiday – where to next?!

Mark & Nicole
Auckland, NZ

New Holiday Rental Resort



Oaks iStay Rivercity, Brisbane

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iStay River City overlooks the Botanic Gardens and the CBD, and offers centrally located Brisbane accommodation. Hotel apartments at iStay River City are known for their contemporary style, convenience and amazing views.

Everything Brisbane has to offer is in walking distance, including the sophisticated shopping and dining strip of Queen St Mall, South Bank and all its entertainment options and the tranquil green space of the Botanic Gardens.

RCI NEWS

Queensland **still open for holidays!**

While the Sunshine State has taken a battering from flooding and a cyclone, the Queensland spirit still shines on with locals getting back to business as usual after some serious clean-up operations.

Tourism Australia urges holiday maker's to help Queensland recover by supporting the state's tourism operators and their local communities. So book a Queensland holiday today – not only will the holiday do you good, you'll also be helping communities in need.



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Catch a Tiger to the **Sunshine Coast**

The launch of new 'Tiger Airways' Sydney to Sunshine Coast services from March is welcome news to holiday makers.

The addition of a new daily Sydney to Sunshine Coast service adds to existing services by Virgin Blue and Jetstar. The new low cost Tiger Airways services will operate from 27 March 2011.

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:

FEBRUARY 2010

Robert & Glenda,
Sunshine North, VIC

MARCH 2011

William,
Mount Compass, SA

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NEW BENEFIT FOR WEEKS MEMBERS

Did you know that with the recent enhancements to RCI's exchange program, RCI Weeks members have the opportunity to book two holidays for one week. There are two ways Weeks Members can do this – Deposit Credits and by Combining Weeks.

Deposit Credits will appear in your account if you book a Holiday Exchange that requires less Trading Power than your Deposited Week. You can then use this Deposit Credit towards another holiday.



By combining your Deposit Credits with another Deposit, or by combining multiple Deposits, you get a Combined Deposit that has even more Deposit Trading Power, meaning you can now get access to holidays you couldn't get before. After you pay the Combine Deposit fee, you can then use the Combined Deposits to book a holiday that requires more Trading Power.



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW THESE NEW ENHANCEMENTS WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU EXCHANGE WITH RCI, SPEAK TO OUR RESERVATIONS CONSULTANTS ON
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TOUR EXCHANGE

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Gourmet Margaret River

At the centre of Western Australia's self-indulgent south west, lies the Margaret River Wine Region - where whole afternoons can be spent chatting and eating over glasses of wine and then meandering from restaurant to cellar door and back again for dinner.

The Margaret River Wine Region covers the area between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin and east to Busselton, enveloping a cluster of towns, each with its own distinct personality. The region has a laid back atmosphere but with the added sophistication of being a centre for all things gourmet.

The area accounts for around 20 per cent of Australia's premium wine sales and there are more than 60 cellar doors in the area, many tempting with quality labels and free tastings. The success of the wines is paralleled by the upsurge in quality restaurants.

The region has succeeded in developing a 'foodies trail' of wineries, breweries, restaurants, olive groves and cheese makers.

The 'Margaret River' label has also been applied to venison, chocolate, berries, coffee, candy, fudge and ice cream, so expect your suitcase to be groaning under the weight of bottles, boxes and bags of locally grown purchases on departure.

A pleasant routine of driving through rolling green pastures and neatly trained vines and then swirling, sniffing and sipping through endless varieties of Chardonnays, Semillons, Sauvignon Blancs, Shiraz, Cabernets and Merlots makes the trip to Margaret River a decadent but enjoyable one.

But after so many long lunches and lazy mornings, some exercise could be just the thing to rejuvenate. There are many guided tours including forest walks, coastal treks, bush tucker tours or interpretive nature guides - just inquire at your resort for the best local advice.



STAY



DUNSBOROUGH

**Wyndham Resort & Spa
Dunsborough (A789)**

Best Availability: Jul 11 – Dec 11

Distance to Margaret River: 46km

BUSSELTON

Busselton Beach Resort (0908)

Best Availability: Jul 11 – Nov 11

Distance to Margaret River: 49km

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

WHILE YOU'RE THERE...

Busselton Wildflower Exhibition – 22nd to 23rd Sep

See the abundant wildflowers of the south west in fine form at this two day event.

Flourish - 8th to 9th Oct

Celebrate the Spring re-awakening and embrace the regions' unique biodiversity and natural beauty.

The Burning of the Vine Cuttings - 5th Nov

Join the vigneron community at Leeuwin Estate Winery as they festively burn the year's vine cuttings and celebrate a successful vintage.

WANT TO GO ELSEWHERE IN WA? CHECK OUT THESE RESORTS

SILVER SANDS RESORT (1171)

Best Availability: Jun – Nov 11

OAKS BROOME (R592 & R593)

Best Availability: May – Dec 11

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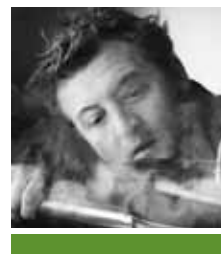


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THESE DAYS THERE ARE EVEN MORE WAYS TO INDULGE **IN GOOD FOOD AT SEA.**

While onboard cuisine has long been known more for its quantity than its quality, in the last few years many cruise lines have made huge improvements in their dining game. Besides enlisting star chefs, they're scheduling food-themed sailings and setting up special kitchens for professional food-prep demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

Sure, the ships' kitchens don't turn out exactly the same fare as famed Michelin Star restaurants, but they are now worlds away from Lido-deck buffets and warm dishes stewing in bain-maries. So before you book your next cruise, check out what's cooking.



P&O AUSTRALIA

When you sail on Pacific Jewel, Pacific Dawn and Pacific Pearl, you can enjoy a fantastic food experience thanks to the culinary delights of celebrity chef, Luke Mangan from acclaimed restaurants, Glass Brasserie in Sydney, Salt Tokyo, and The Palace Hotel in South Melbourne.

These intimate P&O restaurants showcase the best Australian and New Zealand produce serving light, simple recipes that allow the full flavours to shine. One mouthful of Luke Mangan's luscious signature dish, Salt Grill Crab Omelette, Enoki Mushroom Salad and Miso Broth, and you'll know why this award winning Australian chef is celebrated around the world.

Trained in French cuisine, Luke brings inspiration from cuisines of Japan, Spain and Italy. For a fraction of the price you'd pay on land, treat yourself to something truly special by this internationally awarded chef.



**SAVE OVER
AU\$1000***
PER EXCHANGE

PACIFIC JEWEL

- 10 night South Pacific Tropical Dreams cruise
- Departs Sydney 02 May 2011
- Outside twin share
- Was from ~~AU\$2109*~~pp

**Now from AU\$1598*pp
with Cruise Exchange**



ORION EXPEDITION CRUISES

Orion's two expedition ships feature cuisine created by award winning chef Serge Dansereau from The Bather's Pavilion Restaurant on Balmoral Beach, Sydney. Signature menus inspired by local culinary traditions feature produce and flavours reflecting the regions you are visiting whilst aboard.

Designing a menu for sea voyages requires a close partnership, and the onboard galley team work in close concert with the team at 'The Bathers' Pavilion' to reproduce and create superb original dishes.

Whether you enjoy the gourmet degustation menus in the Constellation Restaurant or the deluxe seafood barbeques served on the back deck, the flavours of your Orion voyage will linger on your palate long after you have disembarked.



**SAVE OVER
AU\$2900***
PER EXCHANGE

ORION 1

- 10 night Kimberley Expeditions between Darwin & Broome
- Selected departures between May & Sep 2011
- Oceanview Stateroom twin share
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SILVERSEA

At Silversea, the world's best small ship cruise line, gastronomic excellence is a given thanks to their partnership with the prestigious Grand Chefs Relais & Châteaux. Through this collaboration, Silversea offer diners the opportunity to discover ocean journeys of pure gastronomic delight with signature dishes from La Collection du Monde, to the only Wine Restaurant by Relais & Châteaux at sea.

Avid foodies can also experience interactive cooking demonstrations on Silversea's Culinary Arts Voyages - select cruises showcasing the artistry of award-winning chefs of top dining establishments from around the world.

A huge hit with passengers in 2010, this year ten voyages will also feature the popular Relais & Châteaux L'École des Chefs interactive cooking school. The programmes allow cruising guests to discover new cooking techniques and sample dishes that highlight the culinary traditions of the ship's itinerary.



**SAVE OVER
AU\$1600***
PER EXCHANGE

SILVERSHADOW

- 9 night IndoChina cruise between Singapore to Hong Kong
- Selected departures in March, Apr & Nov 2011
- Vista Suite twin share
- Was from ~~AU\$6218~~*pp

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with Cruise Exchange**



CUNARD

Cunard's Queen Elizabeth perhaps offers the most popular dining opportunities out of the line's three ships. From traditional tea rooms to modern grills, the onboard dining experiences offer sophistication in exquisite settings whilst still reflecting Cunard's rich history.

The Verandah Grills on board the original ships were perhaps the most exclusive dining rooms at sea, on a par with private clubs in London, New York and Paris. These Grills were available to first-class passengers and were frequented by royalty, film stars, the rich and the famous. In keeping with tradition, The Verandah on Queen Elizabeth offers tantalizing cuisine, a contemporary design and impeccable service with menus created by Chef Zimmermann who has paid homage to his homeland's fine French cuisine.

Also try the Queens Grill which is consistently rated among the very finest food experiences on land or at sea. Here a kaleidoscope of flavours await in delicacies bursting with local ingredients.



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AU\$2200***
PER EXCHANGE

QUEEN ELIZABETH

- 14 night St Petersburg & Baltic Europe Explorer
- Round trip from Southampton
- Selected departures May & Aug 2011
- Balcony twin share
- Was from ~~AU\$5589~~*pp

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CREATE YOUR OWN VICTORIAN WINE EXPERIENCE

The wine regions of Victoria are diverse enough to cater for almost any taste. You only have to take a drive cross-country to discover that each area boasts something completely unique – whether it's stopping to chat to the

locals, experiencing breathtaking coastal views, the alpine peaks or living the cosmopolitan life in Melbourne.

However, what most people remember most fondly when they think of Victoria, are the world-class wineries and the top-

quality wines. With over 850 wineries, 650 cellar doors and 21 very unique and distinct wine regions, whether you're a fan of the full-bodied reds or prefer a cool and crisp white, you'll find your perfect poison here.

Mornington Peninsula

The Mornington Peninsula lies south of Melbourne and is sandwiched between Port Phillip to the west and the Western Port to the east. The area is dotted with small coastal towns on the western shoreline and is well known for its agriculture and the stunning Mornington Peninsula National Park. Many compare the landscape here to that of the Mediterranean, which should give you a good idea of how temperate and charming the area is.

'The Peninsula', as Melbourne locals know it, is easy to navigate from a wine lover's perspective. Around 50 wineries neighbour each other, so you're never far from your next tasting. Experiencing the wines of the Peninsula can take a few days, so you can certainly make a long weekend out of the variety of cellar doors on offer.

There are several very distinct micro-climates around the Peninsula, so the variety of wines on offer is sure to suit a wide range of palettes, making this the perfect place to visit with a group of friends.



LOOK OUT FOR:

Ten Minutes By Tractor's Pinot Noir

STAY AT:

Nepean Country Club (1169)

BEST AVAILABILITY:

Mar 11 – Jun 12



Macedon Ranges

Heading inland, north of Melbourne, you'll find yourself amongst rolling hills, flowing rivers and tree-clad valleys. Think rural farmland and small towns that buzz with a surprising amount of energy and creativity. If you like to experience the charm and laidback pace of small-town living, then the Macedon Ranges are perfect.

In less than an hour's drive from Melbourne you can be in the midst of the Macedon Ranges. The consistent rainfall here makes the soil extremely fertile, which led the area to become a well-known wine region. It has the coolest grape-growing climate of any wine region on the mainland and the "Macedon Sparkling" (Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes) is becoming an extremely well known blend, attracting crowds purely seeking that varietal alone.



LOOK OUT FOR:

Granite Hills' Riesling

STAY AT:

Kyneton Bushland Resort (0830)

BEST AVAILABILITY:

Mar 11 – Jun 12





LOOK OUT FOR:
Kinloch Wines' Sparkling White

STAY AT:
Mansfield Country Resort (0827)

BEST AVAILABILITY:
Mar 11 - Dec 11



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Upper Goulburn

The Upper Goulburn region is located northeast of Melbourne and is known as being one of the most exciting getaway destinations in Victoria for both tourists and residents. Many come here because of the proximity to several adventure activities such as skiing, trekking, climbing and off-roading. If you're a wine connoisseur with a love for adventure, then Upper Goulburn is the place to satisfy both needs.

Merlot lovers should visit Sedona Estate, which produces one of the best in the entire region, whereas Murrindindi Vineyard (with a highly regarded reputation spanning over 20 years) is the place to find one of the finest Chardonnays in the country. Upper Goulburn has been noted as producing some of the finest Shiraz in the state, so definitely sample this before you leave. The whites have also earned themselves a strong reputation with the Sauvignon Blancs being quite herbal, the Rieslings aromatic and the Gewürztraminers being quite spicy.

Rutherglen

Close to the border of New South Wales, west of Albury, you'll find Rutherglen – a small town with a surrounding area that sits on the banks of the Murray River. The area has less wineries than other well-known regions (17 in total) but of these, are some of the most highly-regarded wine producers in the entire county.

It's the unique climate that makes Rutherglen's wines so special. Rutherglen has the same sunshine hours as the Gold Coast in Queensland and boasts cool nights, warm days and a long dry autumn. Muscat and Tokay grapes are especially sweet and flavoursome and the Shiraz and Durif varieties are usually extremely 'big'.

It's Rutherglen's sweet Muscats that tend to put the area on the map – look out for the Classic, Grand and Rare varieties of 'Rutherglen Muscat', each displaying a whole new level of intenseness, complexity and depth. The 'Rare' in particular has a minimum age of 20 years.



LOOK OUT FOR:
Campbell's Sparkling Shiraz

STAY AT:
Lakeside Country Club (1172)

BEST AVAILABILITY:
Mar 11 - Dec 11



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THE GOLD COAST

THE WORD IS WELL AND TRULY OUT. THE GOLD COAST HAS BECOME A MECCA FOR 'FOODIES' AND WINE BUFFS.

The city has long been Australia's favourite holiday playground, popular for its theme parks, golden beaches and hinterland rainforests. However, there is much more on offer here than meets the eye and a short stroll through the many restaurant and café precincts reveals a passion for wining and dining.

The quality and diversity of cuisine on the Gold Coast would impress any discerning gastronome, and there is no doubt the city's thriving restaurant and café scene is the Gold Coast's best kept secret.

So it's not surprising that the Gold Coast has its own foodie festival that celebrates the love of good nosh.

Initiated by the Gold Coast City Council, Tastes of Gold Coast takes place in August and September this year and showcases the region's outstanding food producers, chefs, restaurants and wine makers, with a full program of exciting events.

Sample cuisine from some of the Coast's best chefs and wash it all down with delicious local wine at banquets, degustation evenings and dinner parties.



And for those who prefer a little more hands on experience, the festival gives punters the opportunity to cook up a storm in the kitchen under the guidance from some of the best in the business.

Also on the menu are cooking demonstrations, street parties and markets. Truly a foodie's delight!

But for those of you who prefer to taste the Gold Coast at your own pace, you can always check out the Hinterland and Pacific Food and Wine Trails, where you can explore for yourself the city's diverse range of food and beverage producers.

For more information on the festival visit www.tastesofgoldcoast.com.au.

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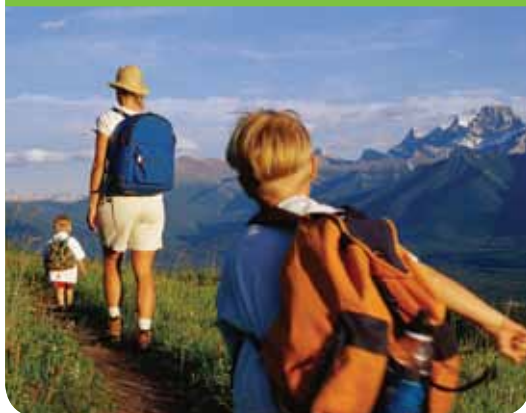
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EVERY PARK IS A BIT DIFFERENT BUT THEY ALL HAVE THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAKE UP A GREAT HOLIDAY. **TRY THESE LANDAL GREENPARKS OUT FOR SIZE.**

HEIDEHEUVEL (8142)

Beekbergen, Netherlands

Best Availability: Mar - Jun 11 & Sep - Dec 11

Breathe in that woodland air, enjoy the tranquillity and listen to all the forester's tales. Enjoy a relaxing horse and carriage ride perhaps. After all, you did want peace and quiet?

TWENHAARVELD (A074)

Holten, Netherlands

Best Availability: Mar - Jun 11 & Sep - Dec 11

Located at the foot of a woodland park with cosy thatched chalets and lots of facilities it's the perfect starting point for a relaxing walk, cycle ride or horse and carriage ride through Twente's splendid landscape.

COLDENHOVE (8144)

Eerbeek, Netherlands

Best Availability: Mar - Jun 11 & Sep - Dec 11

There is an abundance of countryside at Eerbeek and it is very close to Burgers' Zoo in Arnhem and the sheep pen in Loenen. Children can demonstrate all their climbing and clambering skills in the indoor playtime paradise.

AELDERHOLT (8143)

Aalden, Netherlands

Best Availability: Mar - Jun 11 & Sep - Dec 11

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Port Pacific Resort (1816)
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Port Macquarie



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Coffs Harbour



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It has to be said that learning about a country through its culinary selections is one of travel's greatest pleasures. Food is a tangible reflection of a country's history and culture, and whilst they may be close in geography, the cuisines of Western Europe are as diverse as the next!

EUROPEAN

Take your tastebuds on holiday and extend your European adventure with one of these appetising offers from RCI Travel.

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- Wine tasting

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Portugal in a bowl



Caldo verde (literally, green soup) is to Portugal what gazpacho is to Spain, menudo is to Mexico and borscht is to Russia.

It originated in Portugal's far north but is now found all over, particularly in the Algarve, along the southern coast. While you can order it in any restaurant, it's easily replicated in even the simplest kitchen.

Caldo verde takes its colour from the dark-hued Galician cabbage. The ingredients are easy to find, especially at the covered market, dating back to 1908, in the inland town of Loulé. Beyond a heavy pot, all you really need is a sharp knife and a skillet. To cut the greens filament-thin, first carve away the tough stems, then stack a half-dozen or so leaves, roll them into a tight cylinder and slice crosswise. If you want, save the olive oil the sausage was crisped in and use it to fry the bread slices. These will nearly melt into the soup, enriching it while leaving its Algarve identity intact.

CALDO VERDE

4 tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1½ tsp. coarse sea salt (or more)
500g. Yukon Gold potatoes (about 3), peeled and thinly sliced
250g. Galician cabbage, kale or mustard greens, julienned
250g. Portuguese chouriço (or Spanish chorizo), sliced
4 slices sturdy Portuguese bread

Heat 3 tbsp. oil in a pot over medium heat. Add garlic, onion and 1 tsp. of salt. Sauté until soft, about 10 min. Add potatoes and ½ tsp. salt and sauté 5 min., turning slices often. Stir in 6 cups water; bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are soft. Remove from heat and mash well.

Heat 1 tbsp. oil in a skillet and sauté sausage until browned. Drain on paper towel. Lay the bread in the hot fat and fry until toasted.

Just before serving, return pot to medium heat, add chouriço and simmer 5 min. Add greens and cook just until wilted, about 3 min. Ladle into soup bowls; garnish with the bread. Serves 4.



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