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*Far from the highway and close to the  
landscape, mountain bike touring is  
a great way to explore the Southern  
Lakes region of New Zealand*

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# Welcome from Charisse

As a current RCI member, I like to logon to RCI.com and search against my Spacebank Deposit to see what choices I have for exchange. Now is a really great time to maximise your holiday choices; as I found.

When I searched against my Gold Coast Week I found I could actually exchange that one deposit for a number of Weeks in one of my favourite holiday spots – Coffs Harbour where we have very popular resorts like Boambee Bay, Korora Bay Village and the brand new Wyndham Coffs Harbour - Treetops.

With lesser demand in Coffs Harbour over the coming cooler months, and lots of inventory deposited with us from this area, I found my choices were between a couple of really good resorts.

So my next decision is – do I take one resort for multiple weeks; or enjoy a week at different resorts! Or maybe I book a couple of units for one week and take a big family break! I love thinking about all these possibilities.

And it's all made possible through RCI's new Weeks Enhancements. Opportunities like this won't always be available; our inventory supply is always dictated by member demand, so some months we will always have more availability in different areas than others. Please call us to find out what options we can offer you to extend your holiday enjoyment using Weeks Enhancements – our Reservations Consultants are very keen to assist you!

*Charisse -*

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## MAIL BAG

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](mailto:editor@rci.com) and you could win \$200 RCI dollars towards your next holiday.

RCI reserves the right to edit your submissions



### Winning letter Good Service

I want to thank your Consultant Michael personally for his attitude to “Customer Service”.

He bent over backwards to help us get a booking in Perth when our Week was about to expire and was absolutely marvellous in assisting us to find accommodation in a city in the USA that we particularly wanted to visit.

Darryl  
Joondalup, WA

### Praise for Trading Power

We own at both The Manhattan Club and Regent Park Apartments. The new Weeks Enhancements works well for us as we are now able to see how much Trading Power our deposited Weeks are worth. We combined two Weeks and were able to extend out both of our weeks until the end of February 2013. Because we have very high Trading Power on our new combined deposit we are thrilled that we are able to book accommodation at Gold Crown resorts worldwide and may be able to get an extra week's holiday.

Sandra & Brian  
Grafton, NSW



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### Thanks for the Cruise

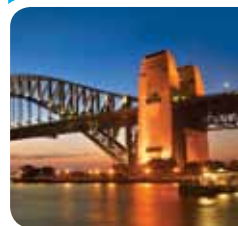
My wife and I recently came back from a great holiday in Europe. We had two Weeks to use so we exchanged for a Trafalgar tour and finished it off with a week in Italy at Domus Volumnia Residences. The whole holiday was amazing.

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

## MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY?

It's official. Melbourne has outranked Sydney as the most popular domestic destination for Aussie travellers in 2010. According to a 2010 Hotel Price Index survey, Melbourne replaced Sydney in the top spot because the NSW capital has been deemed too expensive. Is Sydney still your favourite holiday spot? Email [editor@rci.com](mailto:editor@rci.com) and let us know what you think of the survey.



## Bumper Cruise Program For P&O

The massive 2012-13 P&O cruise program is sure to be a hit with cruise passengers. In response to Australian demand, the program offers 24 cruises of less than a week and includes more themed cruises such as food and wine getaways and comedy cruises. With a record 126 voyages between June 2012 and April 2013 there's sure to be something for everyone.



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### Our Natural **Wonders**

From over 440 participants representing over 220 countries and through a national qualification and a Panel of Experts recommendation, the official list of 28 New7Wonders of Nature finalists have been chosen. Uluru, The Great Barrier Reef, and Milford Sound are all in the running to be one of the New7Wonders of Nature. Have you voted yet? Head to [www.new7wonders.com](http://www.new7wonders.com) to vote before the official declaration is made on 11.11.11.

### Do you like **Pina Coladas**?

Head to [RCI.com](http://RCI.com) to check out these great new RCI affiliated resorts in to-die-for tropical locations

#### **SECRETS ST. JAMES MONTEGO BAY** (C562)

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#### **NOW JADE RIVIERA CANCUN** (C593)

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#### **ZOETRY AGUA PUNTA CANA** (C584)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

#### **DREAMS HUATULCO RESORT & SPA** (C563)

Huatulco, Mexico



### **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:

#### **APRIL 2011**

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Westleigh, NSW

#### **MAY 2011**

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So don't forget to fill in your comment card after your next RCI Holiday!



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# BEACH HOLIDAYS IN WINTER?



**Crazy right? But sometimes the best time to hit the beach for a relaxing holiday is in winter.**

There are a number of upsides to this including fewer people at your selected destination, cheaper off-peak prices at attractions, and of course the romance of crisp cooler air. Plus if you're a Southerner, you can escape to northern beaches for much milder winters with warmer temperatures and more sun than you'd expect. The water at most northern beaches during winter is actually a lot warmer than land temperatures, so there's no excuse not to try any fun beach activities on offer including stand-up paddling, windsurfing, kiting or even sea kayaking. And if you still find it a bit nippy you can always settle for nice long strolls on the beach.

If you're not quite convinced here are a few holiday suggestions that should tempt you.

## TONNES OF FUN HERVEY BAY

Each year the whales make the journey from the chilly Antarctic to Hervey Bay on Queensland's Fraser Coast for some warm weather therapy while they give birth to their calves. Whale watching is a popular activity along the east coast as the whales make their annual migration from July through to November, but Hervey Bay is the only place you'll enjoy viewing the whales "up close and personal" - at play and not on the move!

## ROCK ON TWEED COAST

Replacing the Wintersun festival, the inaugural Cooly Rocks On is the Tweed Coast's brand new rock n roll, classic car and nostalgia festival. In June celebrate a week-long celebration of 'Happy Days' culture at a festival that represents everything that was cool about the '50s and '60s and everything that's hot about 2011.

## LAZY BEACH DAYS NSW MID-NORTH COAST

The streets of Old Bar come alive each year in October with two fun-filled days celebrating laid-back beach lifestyle and heritage at the Old Bar Beach Festival, now

in its fifth year. Remember lazy summer holidays, chances are at least one was taken in a VW Kombi van as you hit the road in search of sun, sand and surf. The KombiFest element of the festival captures its true spirit.

## HAVE A SWELL TIME GOLD COAST

Swell Sculpture Festival is a free outdoor exhibition that creates a visual splendour amongst a natural coastal landscape. Held in September each year on Currumbin Beach enjoy guided twilight walks, artist talks, an exhibition of smaller works at the Swell Smalls Gallery, sculpture master classes, children's interactive workshops, a public art forum and weekend entertainment.



## STAY



### TAMARIND SANDS (5716)

Tweed Coast, NSW

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011  
Holidays from Exchange Trading  
Power of 17\*

### SEASHELLS BEACHFRONT RESORT (3952)

Hallidays Point, NSW

**Best Availability:** Jul – Sep 2011  
Holidays from Exchange Trading  
Power of 12\*

### DON PANCHO BEACH RESORT (1168)

Bargara, QLD

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Holidays from Exchange Trading  
Power of 5\*

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Coffs Harbour International Marina at Night  
Photo: Coffs Coast Tourism

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Most of the natural attractions of the Coffs Coast are located within a short drive from major cities and towns, so you can make the most of your holiday and plan a variety of day trips in between relaxing at the resort pool.

Pack your walking boots and step out into nature and explore the tracks and walking trails that take you through forests and national parks, over coastal headlands, and through the quaint hinterland hillsides. You'll come across picnic spots perfect for an al fresco meal, stunning views, and more than likely a curious kangaroo or two.

And if you're feeling more adventurous why not hire a bike, go horse-riding, explore with a 4WD, scuba dive, or kayak – the Coffs Coast is packed with outdoor adventures to suit all levels of nature lovers.

Visit [www.coffscost.com.au](http://www.coffscost.com.au)  
to find out what you'll discover.

## FAST FACTS

BEACHES – **90KMS**  
SOLITARY ISLANDS MARINE PARK – **71,100HA**  
WORLD HERITAGE AREA – **84,000HA**  
NATIONAL PARKS – **11**  
STATE FORESTS – **37**

Photo: Coffs Coast Tourism

Red Rock Boardwalk. Photo: Rob Cleary

Coffs Coast Dune Grass Photo: Rob Cleary

Boambee Beach Photo: Rob Cleary

## STAY



**KORORA BAY VILLAGE** (0834)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading  
Power of 7\*

**BOAMBEE BAY RESORT** (1803)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading  
Power of 7\*

**WYNDHAM COFFS HARBOUR -  
TREETOPS** (C012)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

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Power of 7\*

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Sunset from Muttonbird  
Island Photo: Rob Cleary

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# A KIWI ADVENTURE



*Trout fishing at Lake Taupo*



Photo courtesy: NZ Tourism



If sky-diving's one of your life ambitions, Lake Taupo is a fantastic place to make it happen. Photo courtesy: NZ Tourism

**GET YOUR PULSE RACING  
TO EXTREMES YOU'VE  
NEVER FELT BEFORE.**

**A**n outdoor enthusiast will be in their element in New Zealand – a country which is often described as an open-air playground for the adventurous. Beyond the picturesque scenes, past the rolling hills and rocky coastlines, lies the chance to get your pulse racing to extremes you've never felt before. This is the true beauty of New Zealand – you can spend

your mornings casually capturing breath-taking shots of marbled lakes and state forests, and then put your life on the line with the most adventurous outdoor sports imaginable. Whether your love for the great outdoors is inspired by a desire to meditate and appreciate natural beauty or the need to feel exhilarated and adventurous, New Zealand will give you what you want.

## **NORTH ISLAND**

The North Island of New Zealand is where the majority of New Zealand's population resides – home to Auckland and Wellington and around 75% of the country's total residents, it's a hub for business and media. However, it draws a crowd for more reasons than just this.

Water lovers should head straight to Lake Taupo, the largest lake in the entire country and home to some of the best sailing, kayaking, jet boating, white water rafting and trout fishing on the North Island. If you're travelling with those that would rather get their kicks on dry land

then fear not, there's also mountain biking, sky-diving and some of the world's most manicured and highly regarded golf courses – nothing better than 18 relaxing holes before jumping out of an airplane.

Heading far north towards New Zealand's sub-tropical lands, you'll find Paihia, a seaside town which lies in the heart The Bay of Islands. This is a place for the more peaceful outdoor lovers; those who want to get back to nature the wild way – by swimming with dolphins! There are also many cruising tours on offer and forest treks for both beginner and experienced hikers. This is definitely the

place for those just dipping their toes into New Zealand's adventurous options.

Turangi is back towards Lake Taupo, but set on the southern side of the water. This is a great place to visit during the winter when the area becomes encased by snow-capped mountains. If you're the type who prefers cooler outdoor activities, then this is definitely the place for you. The Whakapapa ski area – known as the magic mountain – is only a 30 minute drive away from Turangi and many use Turangi as their base before heading to these famous slopes. In the evening Turangi is a mist of hot pools as mountain dwellers head back to sooth their muscles.

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Photo courtesy: Chris Sisarich



On the adventure trail South Island style.

Majestic Lake Wanaka  
Photo courtesy: Rob Brown

Mount Hutt

## STAY



### NORTH ISLAND

#### TAUPO IKA NUI (0900)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 15\*

#### CLUB PAHIA (1374)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 10\*

#### BUSBY MANOR (1479)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Sep 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 11\*

#### KAIMANAWA LODGE (1812)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 11\*

### SOUTH ISLAND

#### THE PINES RESORT (1475)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 20\*

#### EDGEWATER CLUB (1800)

**Best Availability:** Sep – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 17\*

#### MOUNT HUTT LODGE (1810)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 10\*

#### WYNDHAM WANAKA (C004)

**Best Availability:** Jul – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 6\*

### SOUTH ISLAND

New Zealand's South Island is the larger of the two and home to Christchurch – The Garden City – which shows just how much emphasis is placed on the beauty and natural preservation of the island.

Wanaka is the top choice for adventurers – it sits at the bottom of Lake Wanaka and is not far from Queenstown, which is a popular spot for heli-skiing and definitely worth making a side-trip to.

Wanaka itself is ever-so-slightly off the tourist route, and therefore a great option for those who want to get away from the hustle, queues and prices associated with tourists. There aren't many activities you can't do in or around Wanaka – from the lower-impact options, such as scenic walks and treks (Wanaka provides easy access to Mount Aspiring National Park) to adrenaline-pumping activities such as sky-diving, hang-gliding, white water sledging and paragliding. There's also a fair

selection of wine tasting areas for the days you spend relaxing on dry land.

Mount Hutt is another on the list of New Zealand's top outdoor activity areas. Regarded as having some of the country's top ski and snowboarding slopes it also manages to cater to beginners and those who prefer other outdoor adventures.

In fact, one of the must-do activities of Mount Hutt is the hot air ballooning – doesn't sound like it'll get the blood racing but once you're in the air, at the mercy of the wind, you'll soon see exactly why the great outdoors is even greater in New Zealand.



Photo Courtesy: David Wall

*Hot air balloon safari over  
New Zealand's South Island!*

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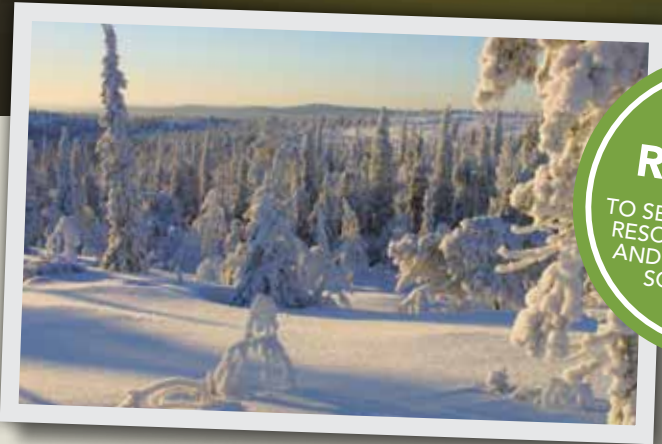
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IT'S KNOWN AS THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN AND THE PLACE WHERE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS DAZZLE THE SKIES. LOCALS CALL IT SUOMI, BUT THE REST OF US KNOW IT BEST AS FINLAND; A MYSTERIOUS, BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY FULL OF JAW-DROPPING SCENERY, WILD NATURE AND TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS.



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SCANDINAVIA

**D**espite being the seventh largest country in Europe, Finland's population is just 5.3 million. With so much space to themselves, nature-loving Finns like nothing better than exploring the wild outdoors. It's no wonder when you consider that 69% of the country is blanketed in thick forest and 188,000 lakes, 180,000 islands and 35 national parks make up the rugged landscape.

With its strong connection to the environment and invigorating fresh air, Finland makes the ideal destination for some good wholesome adventure – summer or winter. Instead of getting lost in heaving crowds or haggling over tacky souvenirs, you can let loose and run free - exploring pine forests, splashing in pristine lakes or spotting reindeer in natural habitat. And after spending exhilarating days in the fresh air, sit back and relax and steam away your troubles in a sauna.

## TOP TIPS

### UKONSAARI

Located on Lake Inari, Ukonsaari Island is home to Finland's most famous ancient sacrificial site. It was here the Sami people worshipped Ukko, the god of thunder.

### OULANKA NATIONAL PARK

Stretching over 80km, Finland's famous Karhunkierros Trail is located in this national park. Bordering Russia, the park is best known for its variety of birds, rare plants and diverse river landscape.

### SALLA REINDEER PARK

This safari centre is popular with children and its beautiful landscape will appeal to everyone. Take a reindeer, husky or snowmobile ride; feed reindeer; ice-fish or even swim in an ice hole.



## STAY



### HOLIDAY CLUB KATINKULTA (2247)

**Best Availability:** Aug – Dec 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 6\*

### HONKA HOLIDAY

**HANNUNKIVI (2940)**

**Best Availability:** Sep – Dec 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 5\*

### HOLIDAY CLUB SAARISELKA (3553)

**Best Availability:** Jun – Dec 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 8\*

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**A**lready used your holiday ownership entitlement for the year? Never fear, RCI Holiday Rentals are here. RCI Holiday Rentals enable you to enjoy additional holidays without depositing Weeks or Points. Instead, you book them with cash, just as you would book a regular hotel stay.

What's more, Holiday Rentals could save you up to 50% off advertised rack rates. With no limit to the number of Holiday Rental bookings you can make, they're ideal if you've already used your Weeks or Points within the RCI exchange system but still want to squeeze in more holidays.

So where can you go? RCI Holiday Rentals are available in key destinations all over Australia and New Zealand as well as popular international locations. Holiday Rentals give you opportunities to travel to popular holiday hot-spots where traditional holiday ownership resorts aren't available, which means through RCI you've got a wider choice of holiday destinations.

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Resort room sizes vary between resorts.



# THE (TRADING) POWER OF KNOWLEDGE



If you've ever spoken with an RCI Reservations Consultant, or received membership information from RCI, you've probably heard or seen the following recommendation, "Deposit Early to Maximise Your Trading Power". You've probably also asked yourself, "What exactly is Trading Power?".

## WHAT IS TRADING POWER

Trading Power is a way to help RCI get you a fair exchange that is comparable to the Week you deposited. By assigning Trading Power, RCI can help members find holidays similar to the ones they already own and it is mainly influenced by supply, demand and utilisation.

In essence, your Trading Power is the value assigned to your Week at the time of Deposit, which determines what exchange availability you see when you search for a Holiday Exchange.

## HAS TRADING POWER CHANGED WITH NEW ENHANCEMENTS

With recent enhancements to RCI Weeks membership, many members have asked if their Trading Power has changed. But the Trading Power of your deposit isn't changing and values you see are not associated with the Points system! Trading Power has always been there and is used to determine the exchange options available to you, and it still will.

The added flexibility is in that now you can SEE the Trading Power of your deposit, as well as the Trading Power of available exchange holidays.

## WHY CHANGE NOW

For over 37 years, members like you have enjoyed exchange holidays all over the world, and during this time RCI has worked to provide you with the value and flexibility you've asked for. RCI is constantly working to enhance your RCI membership by providing new technology, new holiday options and added flexibility.

To find out more about Trading Power and other Weeks membership enhancements, visit [www.rcispecials.com.au/rciweeksinfo](http://www.rcispecials.com.au/rciweeksinfo) or call a knowledgeable RCI Reservations Consultant on **1300 368 800 AU** or **0800 368 800 NZ**



**BOOK A HOLIDAY  
EXCHANGE AND  
GET ANOTHER  
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**MILDURA – IT STARTS  
WITH THE RIVER...**

# Sunraysia Resort

On the edge of the Australian outback and an oasis by the Murray River, Mildura offers pretty citrus groves and vineyards, endless sunshine, and abundant water-based activities. Renowned for fine food and wine, Mildura has developed a reputation for excellent food and the quality and diversity of its produce.

The Murray River itself is the major draw where you can captain your own houseboat, enjoy a cruise on a historic old paddle steamer, paddle a canoe, swim, waterski, and relax on one of the many river beaches.

Sunraysia Resort is the perfect base to explore this beautiful region where the whole family is sure to have a relaxing and memorable holiday. Sunraysia Resort apartments are self-contained with kitchen and laundry facilities. The spacious living and sleeping areas are air conditioned with television and spas.

The Resort Bar and Bistro is available to all guests and provides great food and entertainment. The Mildura climate is perfect for you to enjoy the many barbeques situated around the resort. Also provided is a gym, tennis courts, mini golf and swimming pools to enhance your stay.

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#### TRY ONE OF THESE RESORTS:

**Nepean Country Club** (1169)

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 7\*

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Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 9\*

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Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 6\*

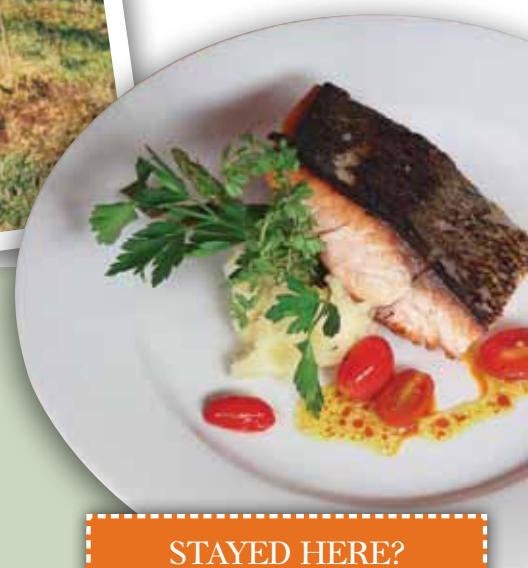


#### WHILE YOU'RE THERE

**JULY - Mildura Writers Festival**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - Mildura Country Music Festival**

**NOVEMBER - Mildura Jazz, Food and Wine Festival**



#### SUNRAYSIA RESORT (1179)

**Where:** 300 Tenth Street, Mildura, VIC 3500

**Rooms:** Self-contained 2 bedroom units

**Facilities:** Pool, spa and sauna, tennis courts, games room, laundry and restaurant

**Best Availability:** Jun – Nov 2011

Holidays from Exchange Trading Power of 7\*

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