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Welcome from Charisse

Fresh from returning from travelling through Italy with our members, I am thrilled to advise that this tour was a huge hit! As we saw from last year's tour in France, the "Country Roads" concept is really appealing as it offers longer stays in each location, usually always 2 nights or more; and the itinerary ensures that travellers see areas that are off the beaten track.

As always, I received valuable feedback from our members on what we do well, what they might like to see offered as part of our services, and some areas where we could improve. Our Members are at the heart of everything we do and we aim to provide you all with superior member services.

So it was especially pleasing that our member services team was again recognised for their commitment to you and awarded 'Marketing Team of the Year' two years at the recent Australian Timeshare and Holiday Ownership Council annual industry awards.

I'm very proud of our team's accomplishments; it's a testament to all of our dedicated staff members who work so hard to make your holiday experiences exceptional – because your holiday means the world to us.

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 and you could **win \$200 RCI dollars towards your next holiday.**

RCI reserves the right to edit your submissions



Winning Letter

Dear RCI,

We have just returned from France and Spain, where we enjoyed 3 weeks of timeshare properties. All three were fantastic, although the last in Spain (1462) was outstanding.

There were only 38 units and we had a two bedroom, two story unit, balconies on both floors, with views over the sea and mountains, all very beautiful. The units are on a hill but you could walk down to the little town, which was fabulous as well.

We found very good restaurants close to the units and lots of supermarkets, food and wine was also very cheap. This is the beautiful view from our unit and we would love to go back again in the near future.

Regards Cheryl & Paul,
Doncaster, VIC



Viva Vegas Customer Service

This June we experienced one of our best exchanges with RCI, holidaying at Summer Bay Resort Las Vegas. The resort was very well run, with free shuttle buses to the local supermarket, casinos and the staff were always very helpful and courteous. Resort Staff would help you when you were lost or confused, which is easy to do in Las Vegas.

I would recommend this resort to future members, it was well located just a street back from the Strip, away from the hectic and mad traffic area, but with the free shuttle service, it was not a problem to get to where you wanted, using the resort as a base for the days outing.

My girls loved the gym and pool area and we took advantage of the lovely BBQ entertainment area for our meals. The units were very spacious with full kitchen, two bathrooms and your own laundry which was a godsend with a family. Thank you RCI for arranging our exchange, we have 'been there, done that' at Las Vegas, thanks to you.

Carolyn Pobar,
Toowoomba, QLD



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Charisse's Country Roads of Italy scrapbook

After the success of my Escorted Tour to France last year, I decided to continue exploring other Country Roads of Europe; this year we hosted our second tour showcasing the hidden treasures of Italy's picturesque countryside and magnificent historical cities.

The sights were breathtaking and I was thrilled with the high standard of accommodation on this Insight tour; we were never disappointed. With such a superb itinerary, there were so many highlights and I'd like to share these with you.

Visiting Pompeii and getting an understanding of how this well preserved ancient community lived was intriguing. The coastal scenery around Sorrento and Positano was

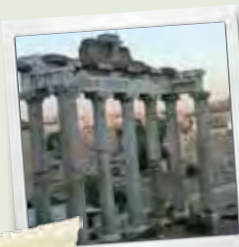
just spectacular! My favourite region was Umbria - staying in medieval towns like Orvieto and Perugia was just magical; I never tired of trying to imagine what these communities were like hundreds of years ago when people walked the very cobbled streets we explored. Florence and Venice cannot be missed on an Italian visit; and it would take a lot longer than we had to really explore the fascinating city of Rome.



Tour Group Photo



Umbrian Countryside



Rome



Charisse being serenaded by a local

RCI you excelled again, well done!

Our second Escorted 'Country Roads' Tour with Charisse was an absolute joy, again!! We honestly recommend all RCI members to have a serious look at these fabulous packages.

The tour of the Vatican, Sistine Chapel and St Peters was awe inspiring. Then there was the Colosseum, Trevi fountain and the Forum. What a holiday!!!! And that didn't include all the wonderful 'optional excursions' that just made this holiday so extra-ordinary.

Thank you RCI for your expertise in organising yet another wonderful holiday. Well done!!

**Col and Yvonne Hulley,
Moonee Pond, VIC**



Silver Service

In 2009, we launched a program to recognise and reward our members who holiday with us the most. These members receive special privileges such as complimentary Silver Service membership, but this is not 'just another' loyalty program, it's simply RCI's way of saying thank you for all the holidays they take with us.

Throughout this year RCI hosted exclusive Silver Service events in Australia and New Zealand, where members were invited to enjoy fine food and wine, get to know other members and RCI staff all free of charge. Recent events included:



The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant MELBOURNE

In June Silver Service Members were treated to an evening of old-world charm aboard a private traditional burgundy tramcar. Members dined on fine cuisine and sipped champagne whilst the tramcar journeyed through enchanting Melbourne city.



The 'cellar door' experience at The Wine Loft AUCKLAND

In May Silver Service members attended an exclusive informal event where some of New Zealand's premium wines were sampled. Tasting notes guided members through the bevy of wines on offer enhancing our members' appreciation and understanding of wine for their enjoyment.

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:

AUGUST 2011

Michael Berk,
Geelong, VIC

SEPTEMBER 2011

Barry & Alison Kneebone,
Katikati, NZ



DEPOSIT EARLY TO MAXIMISE YOUR TRADING POWER

Your RCI membership represents excellent value for money. With exclusive member benefits and access to more than 4,000 affiliated resorts worldwide, you can have the holiday you've always dreamed of.



HOW YOU ASK?

You can deposit your eligible Week starting 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.**

Once you deposit, you can book an Exchange Holiday beginning 12 months before your Week's start date through 24 months after the start date.

BEFORE DEPOSITING

You can find out what your Deposit Trading Power will be, before you make a deposit. The online Deposit Calculator accessible through your account on RCI.com is a simple way of viewing what your Trading Power is today and what it will be if you Deposit at a later date.

You can also use the Exchange Planner tool to search the Historical Exchange Trading Power of the Holiday Exchange you want and view historically, what Exchange Trading Power was needed in the past for a given region.

Please remember our Member Services Consultants can do this for you over the phone as well as answer any Trading Power questions you may have.

DEPOSITING YOUR WEEK

Once you deposit and your Week has been confirmed by your resort, you can book a Holiday Exchange 12 months before your Week's start date through to 24 months after the start date.

So take control of your trading power today and Deposit Early to secure popular summer destinations throughout Europe and the Pacific in this edition of Travellife.



Deposit as soon as you have decided not to return to your home resort

Trading Power myth #1 – Deposit Trading Power is new

FALSE Trading Power has always been there and will continue to be used to determine exchange options available. In the past both consultants and members could not see their Trading Power, but now they can!



RCI PLATINUMSM

Are you ready to take your RCI membership to a higher level? RCI Platinum gives you everything your current membership has plus so much more.

Priority Access

Be among the first in line to book sensational accommodation specially acquired through exchange privileges at highly-demanded locations around the world like Gold Coast, Cairns and even as far away as New York!

Platinum Rebates

Receive Platinum Rebates on RCI transactions when you...

- ☒ Purchase an RCI Guest Certificate **AU\$30 / NZ\$30 rebate**
- ☒ Book an RCI Holiday Rental getaway **AU\$20 / NZ\$25 rebate**
- ☒ Combine Deposits or Deposit Credits **AU\$25 / NZ\$30 rebate**

And get Member Reward Dollars put straight into your RCI account to use your rebates toward future RCI transactions.

Platinum Tour & Cruise Exchange

Exchange your Deposit and turn your dream holidays into reality, choose from stunning tour options like Galapagos & Peru, India & Tanzania Safari through to luxurious cruise voyages with spectacular views and fresh ocean air.

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Plus additional Lifestyle Benefits, Unit Upgrades and Exclusive Specials & Discounts, so become a platinum member today.

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WEEKS ENHANCEMENTS

A good thing gets even better. In addition to traditional one-for-one exchanges we have introduced enhancements to build and expand membership benefits. Here's a summary of what you need to know:



More Transparency

Learn the exact Deposit Trading Power of your week and the Exchange Trading Power of all available Exchange Holidays



More Value

Receive a Deposit Credit when you exchange for a holiday that requires less Trading Power than that of your deposit



More Flexibility

Use your Deposit Credits to book an Exchange or Combine multiple deposits for a holiday with higher Trading Power



More Choice

See All available holidays, regardless of Trading Power which you didn't have access to before. Split your Deposits Trading Power to book more than one holiday or combine them for a dream holiday!



Lynne Maharey

Meet the face and voice of Weeks Enhancements!

Throughout the year RCI has been rolling out Weeks Enhancement Roadshow educational sessions. Members have been invited to attend presentations free of charge, at convenient locations across Australia and New Zealand.

The Roadshows are designed to give our members the opportunity to learn everything they need to know about RCI and meet RCI staff face-to-face. The sessions have proved extremely popular; members are discovering how to maximise benefits from new enhancements, thereby empowering themselves and discovering new fantastic holiday options. We have reached only a fraction of our members, thus we intend to bring you more educational sessions throughout the year and in 2012.

Who is Lynne?

Having worked in the industry for over 25 years, 8 of those with RCI, she has certainly earned her stripes.

What should members know prior to attending Roadshow sessions?

"They are educational sessions for Weeks members – Not Points. I'm really excited because I find these enhancements to be the most significant changes that benefit the members."

What will members learn?

How they can take control of their holidays, because they can see the Trading Power of their Deposited week and they can then compare it to the Trading Power of the week they want to exchange into, all before depositing. It's a big bonus for them because a lot of members have said that they love this feature, because in the past they may have not wanted to Deposit with RCI until they knew their Trading Power.

In your opinion, what's the best benefit to come out of Weeks?

The ability to now combine weeks to access higher Trading Power Holidays that members couldn't see before and how they can now reach it.

Why should members come along?

"From the feedback I receive, what I think they get out of the session it is clarity! We show examples of how Trading Power works and unveil the mystery regarding it, once members understand this they just get it!"

What important message would you like the members to know?

"If you don't have access to the internet please call our friendly Consultants, they can answer all your questions."

What's your holiday tip for members?

"If what you are searching for is unavailable at the time, then put on an on-going search! The computer searches 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to match your requirements."



RCI.com has the Answers!

Still have unanswered questions about RCI products?

We understand education about new enhancements is crucial to delivering unforgettable holiday experiences; that's why we have introduced online tutorials on RCI.com, outlining step-by-step informational pages, in-depth examples and tips. Log on to www.rcispecials.com.au/rciweeksinfo/edu/ and check back regularly, as new content is added frequently.



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Bedazzling

KIWI SUMMER

*Skiing in New Zealand is exhilarating
but travelling in the off-season
is visually breathtaking.*



East Coast



Bay of Islands



Lake Wanaka

New Zealand is much more than a ski destination. In fact, New Zealand's summer months provide visitors with some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable. It's well documented that even the most seasoned travellers are left breathless by the beautiful New Zealand landscapes; the greens are greener than green and the air feels fresher than anywhere else on Earth – it's the place to go during summer if you're looking for true, unadulterated beauty.

Travelling in the off season doesn't only represent good value; it's a wonderful time to feel like you're truly getting quality time away. Come as a couple and you'll leave refreshed – it's the perfect place to visit when you are after some romantic time alone together and when you feel like you need a break that will revitalise you.

The North Island is home to quaint romantic getaways such as Paihia in The Bay of Islands and Turangi, which is a four-hour drive from Wellington in the Tongariro

region. Paihia is the place for couples that want to wind down – it's a picturesque seaside village with a pace of its own and an incredible mix of locals and tourists, all of whom enjoy the unique old-world charm of the area. During the summer, visitors are attracted to the water activities, which - believe it or not - include swimming with dolphins! If you're looking for a way to surprise that special someone, this is the way to do it.

Turangi in the Tongariro region is known as the natural centre of the North Island, and considering how naturally beautiful New Zealand is from top to bottom, this should give you some indication of the scenery here. It is an area for stunning scenic walks and home to an array of hot springs. It's also steeped in rich Maori history and is famous for trout fishing – world famous in fact! With so much to offer couples with varying interests in nature and relaxation, Turangi is the perfect option for time together yet also provides an opportunity to spend some time alone.



Majestic South Island



Medlands Beach

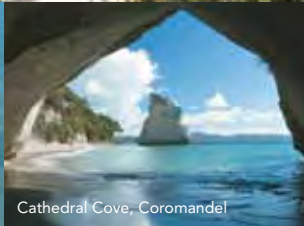
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Mt Maunganui



Swim with the dolphins



Cathedral Cove, Coromandel



Trout fishing



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On the South Island is Wanaka, which is located next to the vast Lake Wanaka. The ethos of Wanaka revolves around having the freedom to do what you want – and given that Wanaka is such a beautifully vast area, you have the freedom to do almost anything you like. Many people come here for the more adventurous airborne activities and are blown away by the landscape below them. However during summer, the Mount Aspiring National Park (the third largest national park in the country) attracts couples seeking nature trails, picnics and cycling. All of which will ultimately lead you to some of the country's best vineyards – visit Rippon Vineyard or even Wanaka Beerworks and treat yourself to a drink after a day spent exploring.



Vineyards dot the countryside

STAY



SOUTH ISLAND

WYNDHAM WANAKA (C004)

Best Availability: Dec 2011 – June 2012



MOUNT HUTT LODGE (1810)

Best Availability: Dec 2011 – Dec 2012



New Zealand's South Island is the larger of the two Islands that make up New Zealand and is home to Christchurch, also known as The City Garden.

NORTH ISLAND

TAUPO IKA NUI (0900)

Best Availability: Dec 2011 – Dec 2012



KAIMANAWA LODGE (1812)

Best Availability: Nov 2011 – Dec 2012



CLUB PAIHIA (1374)

Best Availability: Jan – Nov 2012



THE BISHOP SELWYN (3966)

Best Availability: Dec 2011 – June 2012



The North Island of New Zealand is where the majority of New Zealand's population resides, home to cities Auckland and Wellington.

Another popular option for those wanting a tranquil summer escape is Windwhistle, in the Canterbury region. The area itself is a getaway haven and is perfect for couples looking for some privacy.

With so many beautiful sights and regions to explore, visiting New Zealand in the warmer months is a must.



Feeling Adventurous?

UP HIGH, DOWN LOW AND ON THE WATER !

New Zealand comes alive in summer with an equal mix of adventure and relaxation. The sheer vastness and variety of the landscapes gives both thrill seekers and chill seekers the opportunity to partake in exactly what they love the most. From spectacular scenic flights to a couple enjoying a quiet afternoon fishing, New Zealand's islands cater for all.

The Rugby World Cup 2011

and the REAL New Zealand festival celebrating Kiwi culture is on from 9 Sept - 23 Oct in various cities throughout New Zealand. Plan your activities and trips around key dates to avoid crowds or go along to the biggest festival NZ will ever see! Use the free planner on nz2011.govt.nz/ and visit rugbyworldcup.com and start planning.



Airborne

SCENIC FLIGHTS

If you're not the skydiving type but still don't want to miss out on the opportunity to get up in the air, scenic flights are a perfect choice. Salt Air is a family run business with a head office in Paihia – flights include heli wine tasting tours, on which you'll be taken from vineyard to vineyard in your very own helicopter!

Landlocked

NATIONAL PARKS

If you're a lover of the land, take as much opportunity as you can to discover New Zealand's stunning national parks. Our top pick in summer is Abel Tasman National Park in the Tasman Bay region at the top of the South Island. The nearest towns are Motueka, Takaka and Kaiteriteri, and in the warmer months you can expect subtropical weather, secluded beaches and golden sands.

WALKING TRACKS

The North Island Cathedral Cove Walk is popular with locals and tourists. Walk along the sandy beaches of Gemstone Bay and Stingray Bay or trek 45 minutes downhill to see the famed cove boasting spectacular coastal scenery.

Water baby

SUNSET CRUISE

Lake Taupo is the largest freshwater lake in the Southern Hemisphere and offers stunning sunset cruises to nearby Maori Rock Carvings, which are over 10 metres high and incredibly spiritual. Experiencing this first-hand is the only way to appreciate just how spectacular it really is.

WHITE WATER RAFTING

Lake Taupo is also a great spot for beginner white water rafters. The Tongariro River is known as the perfect place to encounter your first rapids and is great for those that seek more of a thrill on the water.

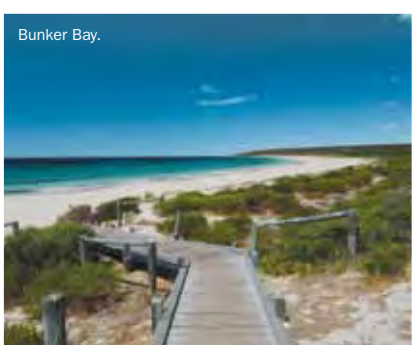


Spotlight On...

Wild Floral Western Australia

Western Australia is home to some of Australia's most awe-inspiring scenery – travellers are often under-prepared for just how remarkable the natural diversity is.

Bunker Bay.



Margret River's surrounding coastline.



days relaxing by the ocean. For those that want something a little bit more lively, the Margaret River wine region is just moments away with over 220 vineyards, it'll be a challenge to find your favourite. It's best to try and spend at least a couple of days here as the area is truly magnificent.

Mandurah is a great option for those who like to keep active while travelling – the theatre and cultural options are outstanding. During the spring and summer months many plays, musicals, operas and even stand-up comedians are heading Mandurah's way. If you prefer to stay outdoors, spend a summer's day kayaking or take a cruise along the Mandurah Estuary and Peel Inlet. This will give you a chance to spot dolphins in their natural habitat.

Almost everyone who leaves here, leaves with the belief that they've just seen one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

From the horizontal waterfalls of the Kimberley to the extraordinary Margaret River, it's a part of Australia that stays in your heart forever. As spring begins in September, WA's floral life shoots to life, making it even more colourful and appealing to visitors. Imagine the rugged landscape covered with bright multi-coloured flowers. It's an awe-inspiring sight. Tours are offered throughout the state so don't miss out while you're there.

For a romantic break try Dunsborough, just a three-hour drive from Perth and one of WA's prettiest coastal towns. It's small seaside villages like this that ensure rural Australia retains its charm. Dunsborough's beaches are perfect for a picnic and great for those who long to spend their



DID YOU KNOW?

The Margaret River region produces some of Australia's finest wine. Although only 1% of Australian wine comes from this region, 15% of the country's premium wine comes from here!

STAY



**WYNDHAM DUNSBOROUGH
RESORT & SPA (A789)**

Best Availability: Dec 2011 – June 2012



SILVER SANDS RESORT (1171)

Best Availability: Feb – Nov 2012



FABULOUS FLORA

WA is home to some of the most stunning wild flower displays in the entire world! Ravensthorpe Show draws visitors from across the globe in September & Margaret River celebrates it's 'Flourish' nature over a weekend of festivities in October.



Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.



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Muchas Gracias España

As far as European variety goes, Spain takes first place. No other country comes close to competing with Spain's lively cities, passionate culture, gorgeous coastlines and, of course, the country's world-renowned culinary scene.

Relaxing getaways are what Spain does best – especially in the summer months when the animated Spanish culture mixes with some of the most stunning scenery and local produce you will ever encounter. If you enjoy unwinding, then a part of Spain will stay with you forever. The Spanish truly value the good life, which to them means taking some time out to rest.

Along the east coast of the country lie the cities of Castellón and Alicante. Castellón is renowned as one of the most relaxing tourist destinations in the country. This is because it is located at one of the highest points of the Desert Mountains, meaning absolutely breathtaking surrounding views – and even more so in summer, when you can see for miles. Go to Castellón for the scenic attractions and the food; if long summer walks are your thing, then this is

your destination. Evening are best spent tasting authentic Spanish paella by the beach, or even taking part in a cooking class – there are plenty to choose from but those booked through Foodandwinetours.com are very popular and a great way to meet other like-minded foodies.

Due to its popularity with a wide range of European travellers, Alicante also has a lot to offer couples who want some time to relax. With each visit there seems to

be something new to explore, so it's no wonder Alicante keeps people coming back to the Costa Blanca time and time again. Alicante is ideal for those who like to spend their days on the beach and their evenings in a fine restaurant – summer nights spent dining in waterfront restaurants such as La Taberna del Gourme are ideal for couples (and the white sangria is a must!). After which a brisk walk into town will have you dancing with the locals in no time! If history is more your thing, take time to discover the Santa Barbara Castle, which overlooks the town – it's one of the largest fortresses in Europe and when lit up on a warm night, is a sight you'll never forget.



Los Lobos



Spanish paella

Flamenco Dancers



Garachico - Tenerife



Idyllic coastal town



Canary Islands





Just a short boat ride away from the east coast of Spain, you'll find the Balearic Island of Ibiza. Forget everything you've heard about Ibiza – it's a lot more than just a party town. In fact, Ibiza caters for two distinct types of clientele – clubbers that stick to Ibiza Town and couples who appreciate the beauty to be found at Santa Eulalia. The sunsets in this part of the world are breathtaking and a moonlit walk along the beach with your loved one is about as romantic as you can get. Other highlights of Santa Eulalia include its reputation for fine food (the best on the island) and the Sunday markets, where you'll find everything from local produce to clothing – and if you're lucky, a live jazz accompaniment.

The Canary Islands provide a great place for a romantic getaway over a couple of summer days. These islands, which lie west of Morocco, are the epitome of a Spanish summer holiday – colourful, relaxing and traditional. It would be easy to land here and spend two days simply doing nothing. However, for those who want to partake in activities together, the Canary Islands have an astonishing array of water sports on offer. Scuba diving is popular among visitors as is snorkelling, but if you really want to push the boat out (literally), take a sailing trip. There are plenty of trips on offer around the islands and the summer sun makes a day sailing one of the most idyllic and romantic activities in Spain.



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SPAIN

ONAGRUP CLUB OGISAKA GARDEN (2928) Alicante

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

MARY GOLF (2930) Almería

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - June 2012

ACUASOL (2970) Castellón

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - June 2012

IBIZA

ALDEA BONSAI (2597)

Santa Eulalia del Rio, Ibiza-Balearic Islands, Spain

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

SES FONTANELLAS PLAZA (2836)

San Antonio Abad, Ibiza-Balearic Islands, Spain

Best Availability: April - Dec 2012

CANARY ISLANDS

MÁLAGA

CROWN RESORTS AT CLUB MARBELLA (2404)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

CROWN RESORTS AT CLUB CARONTE (2965)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

CROWN RESORTS AT CLUB CALAHONDA (1878)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

TENERIFE

BEVERLY HILLS CLUB (1442)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

CLUB CASABLANCA (1668)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

CALLAO GARDEN (2232)

Best Availability: Oct 2011 - Dec 2012

LANZAROTE

CLUB LAS CALAS (1448)

Best Availability: Nov 2011 - Dec 2012

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Exclusive destinations and flight packages just for our members!



SPAIN

Barcelona

Return flight

AU FROM **\$1835***pp

Madrid

Return flight

AU FROM **\$1839***pp



Stay For suggestions, see page 11

Enjoy the beaches, taste fresh seafood and enjoy the quieter Southern Spain locations. Trips to local towns and markets are a must. Hire a car to travel to Alicante, Almería and Castellón.

ITALY

Rome

Return flight

AU FROM **\$1399***pp



Stay La Ferriera - Halfboard (7496)

Loro Ciuffenna - Tuscany

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ENGLAND

London

Return flight

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Add on London/Tenerife to Canary Islands

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- Ars en Ré

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GREECE - ATHENS

Stay Golden Coast Holiday Club (1789)

- Marathon Beach

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per person ex MEL

GERMANY - BERLIN

Stay Ferienpark Oberallgaeu (1337)

- Missen-Wilhams

Return Flight From

AU\$1915*
per person ex SYD

SWITZERLAND - ZURICH

Stay Les Crêtes-Euroloisirs (3705)

- Torgon

Return Flight From

AU\$1875*
per person ex SYD

FINLAND - HELSINKI

Stay Holiday Club Kelorinne (3498)

- Sallatunturi

Return Flight From

AU\$1969*
per person ex SYD

HUNGARY - BUDAPEST

Stay Club Dobogómajor (4193)

- Cserszegtomaj - Heviz

Return Flight From

AU\$2009*
per person ex SYD

European Festivities

The best thing about spending time in Europe is that you have such a huge range of cultures right on your doorstep. From the quirky eastern European countries to the hot-blooded Mediterranean, you can experience a whole new way of life just a few hours away. And there are even more opportunities to do this in summer when an array of cultural festivities fill the calendar.

Plan to visit on or around
London Olympic Games
27 July – 12 Aug 2012 and;
2012 UEFA European Football Championship
Poland/Ukraine
8 June – 1 July 2012



MAY

The Vienna Festival, Austria

Five weeks mid-May to June
Free. Open-air.

JUNE

Granada International Festival of Dance and Music, Spain

End of June to mid-July
Open-air. Ticket prices vary.

JULY

Venice Festa del Redentore, Italy

Weekend mid to late July
Open-air. Free.

AUGUST

Festival of World Cultures Dublin, Ireland

Last weekend of August
Indoor and open-air.
Ticket prices vary.

Call 1300 301 044 AU OR 0800 301 044 NZ to secure these Early Bird Return Flights

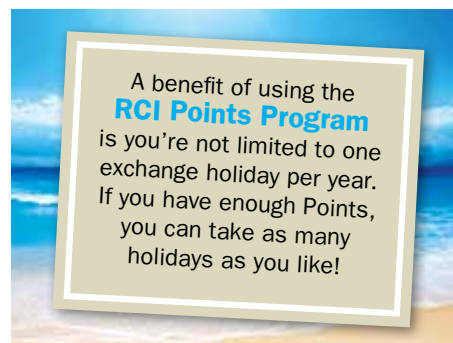
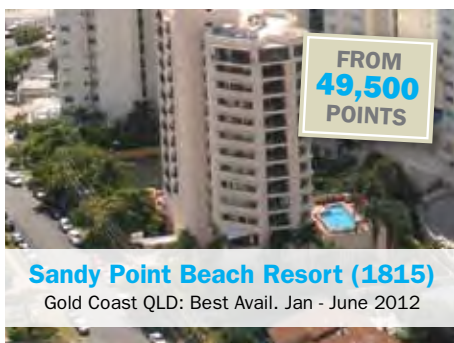
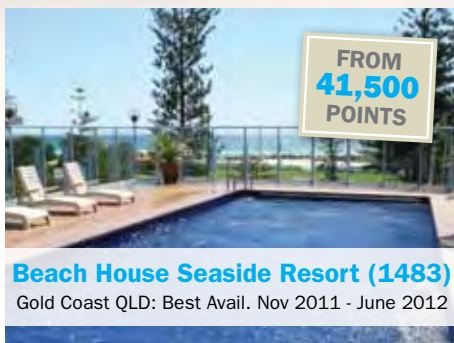
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Escape the ordinary...

and soak up the Aussie Sunshine!

RCI Points members have access to flexible ways of exchanging their holiday time. So why not visit the vibrant Gold Coast or explore the vast inland Mandurah waterways.

Take advantage of these great destinations


POINTS TO REMEMBER

Your membership offers you:

- ✓ **Flexibility:** You decide where and when to travel and the size of your accommodation.
- ✓ **Save & Borrow:** Simply by Saving Points to the following Use Year, and Borrowing Points for next Use Year.
- ✓ **Other Exchange Options:** Don't forget you also have the flexibility to exchange Points towards the purchase of Cruise holidays or exchange a portion of your Points for discounts on hotel stays and rental cars.

Why take one Holiday, if you can have two or more?

Step 1. Simply check online or call Member Services on 1300 368 800 AU or 0800 368 800 NZ to check the Trading Power of your Deposited Week.

Step 2. Use your Deposit Credits if you have traded down for a holiday with lower Trading Power than your deposit and use it for a second holiday at one of these following resorts:

Check out these great **Exchange Bargains**

EXCHANGE TRADING POWER RANGE FROM 5-8

The Moorings (1174)
Tomakin, NSW (Sept - Dec 2011)

Nepean Country Club (1169)
Rosebud, VIC (Oct 2011 - Mar 2012)

Mansfield Country Club (0827)
Mansfield, VIC (Sept - Dec 2011)

Kyneton Bushland Resort (0830)
Kyneton, VIC (Oct 2011 - Mar 2012)

The Early Bird
catches the best...

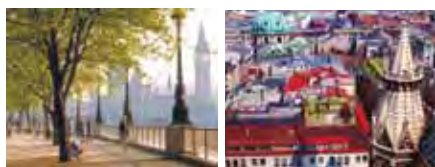
Tour Deals

Grand European Crown Jewel Cities - 21 days

TRAFALGAR

SAVE UP
TO AU\$800*
per couple with
Tour Exchange

Experience the handsome jewels of Europe's crown including London, Brussels, Amsterdam, Vienna and Paris. Spend seven nights in glorious Italy where you can really get to know Venice, Pisa, Florence, Rome, Pompeii and more. See the natural wonders of the Rhine Valley and the Isle of Capri too.



WAS FROM AU\$5399*pp

NOW FROM AU\$4988*pp

Book Early & Pay minimum 12 months
prior and save up to 10%

Highlights Include

Salzburg Sightseeing including
"The Sound of Music" locations.

1 local highlight restaurant dinner
with wine on the French Riviera.

First Class hotel accommodation
includes twin-bedded rooms with
private facilities.



Trans Canada Odyssey - 17 days

Including
Calgary
Stampede

Explore Canada, departs from Vancouver, finishes at Toronto. Assorted transportation showcases the gems of this dynamic landscape and accentuating natural beauty. Enjoy some of Canada's most exceptional hotels from the Westin Whistler to the Marriott, overlooking Victoria's Inner Harbour.

WAS FROM AU\$6350*pp

NOW FROM AU\$5849*pp

INSIGHT VACATIONS

SAVE UP
TO AU\$1000*
per couple with
Tour Exchange
Inc. RCI Exchange Fee



Turkey & Black Sea Voyage - 24 days

Starting in Istanbul, which straddles both Europe and Asia. From there, you'll venture south along the coast, taking in the Gallipoli Peninsula, several ancient cities, a range of natural wonders and endless miles of spectacular coastline. Fly to Bucharest to embark on a 7 night cruise to Budapest. Tour also includes 47 quality meals.

WAS From AU\$9695*pp

**NOW FROM
AU\$9095*pp**



SAVE UP
TO AU\$1200*
per couple with
Tour Exchange
Inc. RCI Exchange Fee

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Visit **RCItourexchange.com** to browse tour itineraries
or call 1300 301 022 AU or 0800 301 022 NZ

Cruise Savings

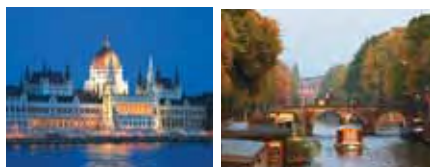
2012
Earlybird
Specials



EXCLUSIVE TO RCI MEMBERS

Magnificent Europe River Cruise - 15 days / 14 nights

Avalon Waterways, Magnificent Europe River Cruise, 15 day /14 night cruises between Amsterdam & Budapest. On board Avalon's unique Suite Ships, Panorama & Vista featuring Wall to Wall Panoramic windows opening up to create Open Air Balconies for enhanced views & space.



WAS FROM AU\$7955*pp Fly/Cruise
NOW FROM AU\$7080*pp
With Cruise Exchange

Details

Selected departures April & November 2012. **Now includes return flights to Europe with Emirates!**

Based on Panorama Suites
Must book & pay by
30 Sep 2011

AVALON
WATERWAYS

**SAVE OVER
AU\$1700***
per couple with
Cruise Exchange



2013 World Cruises - 8 to 106 nights

Cunard Line, 2013 World Cruises, 8 to 106 nights between January & April 2013, are now available! All three liners from the youngest fleet in the world venture to Australasia in 2013 as they trace three epic routes across the globe to a selection of enticing destinations. Selected departures between January & April 2013.

WAS FROM AU\$3749*pp
NOW FROM AU\$2997*pp
Based on Balcony Staterooms.



**SAVE OVER
AU\$1500***
per couple with
Cruise Exchange



Hawaiian Island Cruises - 14 days

Princess Cruises, 14 night Hawaiian Island cruises from Los Angeles on Golden Princess. Regular departures between September 2011 & April 2012.

WAS FROM AU\$2514*pp
NOW FROM AU\$1938*pp
Based on Oceanview Staterooms.



**SAVE OVER
AU\$1150***
per couple with
Cruise Exchange

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UNDER \$800



Australis Noosa Lakes, QLD

Built on 7 acres with lake and river frontage, experience the best in waterfront accommodation. Noosa Lakes boasts Noosa's largest pool complex and is an ideal place to base the family. Day trips to Underwater World, Australia Zoo and the Ginger Factory are a must see. With over 170 local restaurants in Noosa, be sure to sample a vast range of dining experiences and cuisines.

7 nights from
AU\$589/NZ\$769

*Prices are based on low season and are subject to availability at time of print. Room sizes vary between resorts.



Australis Sovereign Hotel Surfers Paradise, QLD

Australis Sovereign provides the perfect place to simply arrive, relax and unwind in a resort environment, whilst enjoying the excitement of the Gold Coast at your doorstep.

7 nights from
AU\$749*/NZ\$979*

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

Buy one main course receive the second of equal or less value **FREE** when 2 or more people dine in Flavours Restaurant – valid year around; Receive one complimentary buffet breakfast in the restaurant for all registered guests

(breakfast vouchers issued on check in – valid for first morning in house).



Australis Diamond Beach Resort & Spa, NSW

This resort is located in an ideal coastal position, within walking distance to the beach, adjacent to a national park and only 15 minutes from Foster and 3 hours from Sydney.

7 nights from
AU\$749*/NZ\$979*

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

Buy one main course receive the second of equal or less value **FREE** when 2 or more people dine in The Three Nippers Restaurant – valid year around; Receive one complimentary buffet breakfast in the restaurant for all registered guests

(breakfast vouchers issued on check in – valid for first morning in house).



Chifley Alice Springs Resort, NT

The hotel is only a five to ten minute walk away from the towns bustling cultural, shopping and business centre. It is a convenient pick up point for the many local sightseeing tours available in and around Alice Springs, making Chifley Alice Springs Resort the perfect base for exploring the Outback attractions in and around the town.

3 & 4 nights available
3 nights from
AU\$429*/NZ\$559*



FAVOURITE Asian Summer Getaways

Keen to explore the exotic flavours of Asia over the summer period? For those on a budget or if short stays are your preference, then why not explore these favourite Asian destinations.

Vietnam

Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City - RENTAL - Best Availability: Oct - Dec 2012
Stay at at this well known and luxurious hotel located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City.

Palace Hotel Saigon 7 Nights **From AU\$519 / NZ\$679**
Palace Hotel Saigon 4 Nights **From AU\$419 / NZ\$559**
Palace Hotel Saigon 3 Nights **From AU\$329 / NZ\$419**

Things to do and see:

- > Shop in areas of Dong Khoi and Nguyen Hue Streets all within walking distance to Saigon River.
- > Take a samban (wooden boat) down the Mekong Delta just outside of town to see the beautiful natural canopy of Vietnam.

Or EXCHANGE

Vietnam, Dalat
Ana Mandara Villas Dalat Resort & Spa (A542)



Thailand

Phuket - EXCHANGE - Best Availability: Throughout 2012

Not only is Phuket visually stunning but there is always an array of things to do and see. Everything from lazing on the beaches, water activities, taking in the spectacular Phang Nga Bay, to watching the wacky FantaSea Show at Kamala Beach.

Hotel Royal Crown (2861) Patong Tower Condominium (4341)
LHC Phuket Resort (8715) LHC@ Allamanda Laguna (4973)
Royal Lighthouse Villas at Boat Lagoon Resort (4923)

Things to do and see:

- > For no more than 1800 Baht per day (approx. AU\$55/NZ\$70) you can arrange for a boat to take you around to see the many islands of Phuket!

Indonesia

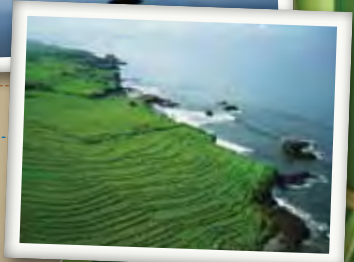
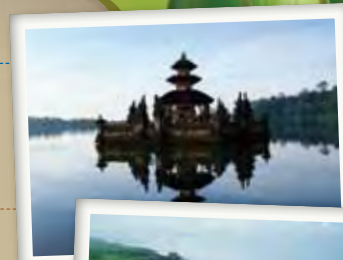
Bali - EXCHANGE - Best Availability: Feb - Dec 2012

Bali is one of the most visitor-friendly places in Indonesia; it's as famous for its hospitality as it is for shopping. Food and drink is cheap and you can even treat yourself to plenty of massages.

Risata Bali Resort & Spa (3691) Royal Bali Club@Jimbaran Bay (5254)
The Grand Bali - Nusa Dua (5450) Royal Bali Beach Club@Candidasa (3968)

Things to do and see:

- > Visit The Tanah Lot Temple in Bali, located just off the shore on a small island/rock formation. That is one of the most popular tourist destinations, especially at sunset! Entry is 10,000 Rupiah (approx. AU\$1.10/NZ\$1.40).



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The Holiday Planning Tools available at **RCI.com** provide you with more flexibility when planning a holiday. These 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.

Trading Power Result	Adjustment Schedule
Current Trading Power: 28	Adjustment Schedule
Current Trading Power (adjusted & available to deposit): 28	1 - 30 days: 100%
	31 - 90 days: 90%
	91 - 180 days: 80%
	181 - 270 days: 70%

THE EXCHANGE PLANNER

With the 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.

Available Unit Size: 3 Bedroom
Check-In Date Range: 13-May-2011 - 27-May-2011
Exchange Trading Power Range: 10 - 11

- > Calculate the Deposit Trading Power if you deposited today > Determine Deposit Trading Power you'd receive if you waited to deposit
- > See how your Deposit Trading Power will be recalculated if you cancel without Vacation Protection > See the maximum Trading Power of your deposit

PACIFIC RENTALS

New Rental Resort Unique Farm Stay Experience

Introducing **Double Hill Station** located in the exquisite Upper Rakaia River Valley, South Island high country of New Zealand. Nestled in the Southern Alps, this resort offers a unique experience with relaxing farm lodge accommodation located on a 7,500 acre sheep and cattle station.

This majestic property has been family owned since 1916, as such a true farm stay experience is offered but luxury is not compromised. Stretch out in a king size bed or curl up with a book in the large lounge area complete with a log burner.

Perfect for families, couples or a group of friends; indulge in numerous activities tailored to your needs.

Feeling Adventurous? Experience being dropped off over 2000 feet above sea-level for an outdoor hot tub session in complete privacy or Heli-tour the serene surrounding mountainside topped off with a magical champagne picnic or a traditional kiwi barbecue, ideal for a special occasion.



7 Nights
start from
AU\$1009
NZ\$1319

New Exotic Location 'Peace & Quiet'

The Ramada Resort Breakas Beach Vanuatu is nestled amidst swaying palms fringed on a 2km private beach.

The Resort is an intimate tropical retreat for adults (children welcome over the age of 15) and is the ultimate beach holiday. Slip into a world of tranquillity and relaxed luxury. The award winning resort features a stunning 22 metre infinity pool which falls into the horizon of the Pacific Ocean. The natural beauty of a private cove on the Pango peninsular provides an unrivalled backdrop in Port Villa.

“Member Testimonial *“The resort is in a lovely peaceful location not far from the main city centre. Snorkelling or surfing are the main pastimes, along with relaxing by the pool. Only a short bus ride away from the resort, there are plenty of things to do, along with lots of restaurants and bars. We managed to re-discover reading, relaxing and conversation.”* **Liz & Mark, Tas**



7 Nights
start from
AU\$1209
NZ\$1579

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Broadbeach, QLD

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BEST
AVAILABILITY
October 2011
to
March 2012



Hurry these sizzling Peak Summer Deals won't last long!

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