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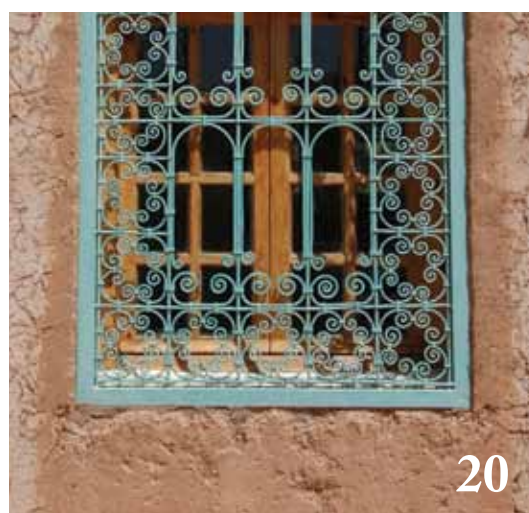
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Dear RCI member,

We know winter isn't everyone's dream time for taking holidays, but it is a great time for planning! This edition has an extra large feature on Cruises and Tours which are all very popular with our members.

European River cruising continues to gain in popularity; it's been my most desired holiday for some time and I hope to finally do it next year. The idea of cruising through spectacular European countryside at a leisurely pace with shore excursions and delicious meals served up is my holiday heaven.

But, if you do want to get away for a cut price last minute break, now is definitely the time to do it. As the weather cools, we find we have more available units than there is exchange demand for so we can offer these as Bonus Weeks. No exchange deposit required, just a small fee of around AU\$199 for a great week's accommodation in one of our affiliated resorts throughout Australia and New Zealand (see page 26). I really believe this represents the best holiday value you can get! Most of the units are 2 bdrm so take the family; book a couple of units if you want more room for everyone. Please give us a call and we'll make it as easy as possible to get you away for another wonderful bonus holiday!

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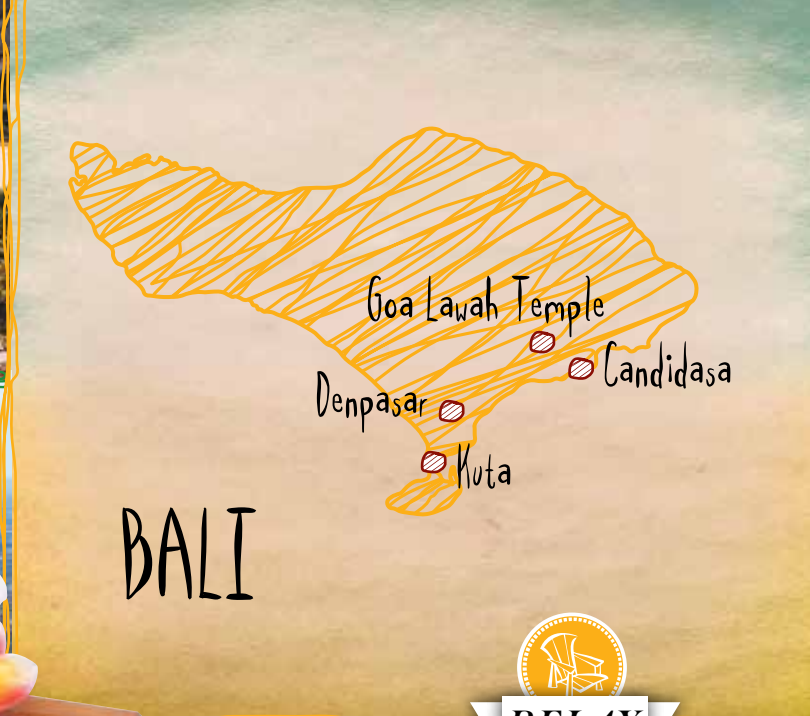
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The Danube in Budapest, Hungary at night.



EATPRAYLOVE

your way through Italy, Indonesia and India

Since Liz Gilbert published her famous travel memoir Eat Pray Love in 2006, Italy, India and Indonesia have been drawing more soul, sun and fun-seekers than ever before. Who says you have to follow the order of the book? See and experience these amazing interchangeable countries in any order. When it comes to Eat Pray Love... it's your journey!



EAT IN ITALY

There's no limit to how long you could spend in Italy, especially once you discover gelato and pizza. For a gastronomic journey like no other, brush up on your Italian pronto.

Bolzano

As the capital of the Alps, Bolzano in Northern Italy is a must-see destination. Cycle the wine roads, cruise the Piazza delle Erbe (Piazza of Herbs) and for a taste sensation don't miss an authentic German sausage from a street vendor. Alternatively, try the Pasta Fagioli or deer stew at Cavallino Bianco, the best place to eat in Bolzano since the 12th century.



Rome

When in Rome you can justify all sorts of things – acting like a gladiator at the Colosseum, for one. After a trip to this Flavian Amphitheatre, dating back to 72 AD, enjoy slow food at Primo or grab a gelato at Ci Gusta! Burn off the calories with an al fresco stroll through St. Peter's Basilica, then go 'frescoes' with Michelangelo's masterpieces in the Sistine Chapel.



Umbria: Perugia and Tuscany

Moving central, you'll be hard-pressed not to fall in love with the vineyards dotted around Tuscany. Volpaia, a fully restored village from the Middle Ages, is host to some incredible cellars. For truly delectable cuisine, head to La Porta in Pienza and order the pici (fat spaghetti) topped with cheese and pepper. Bellissimo!



Florence, Verona and San Marino Republic

From your base in Florence you can explore the famous Piazza della Signoria: the heart of the historic centre. Peruse the free, open-air sculpture exhibits and the medieval Palazzo Vecchio. Don't miss the chance to learn about Tuscan cuisine on an exclusive Flavours of Florence food and wine tour.



With a day trip to Verona you can see the home of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Get even more loved up at Trattoria Tre Marchetti (open until 4am) over the best Italian cooking on earth. Try the smoked ham drowned in Amarone wine, the scallops with sweet Recioto wine and bacon, and the strawberries with zabaglione cream.

In San Marino Republic explore the walled town of the capital, built high into the rock of Monte Titano. Scale the old streets and visit museums (notably the eerie Museum of Torture Instruments). Scaling the 14th century Castello della Cesta provides a chance to see the coast from up high and, in an open border agreement with Italy, visitors can have their passport emblazoned with a novelty stamp by the San Marino authority downtown at the passport office.

Italy's western coast

In Sardinia, Il Pescatore in the heart of Baja di Porto Cervo is the Costa's only pieds dans l'eau restaurant, right on the water. An archway of juniper supports the ceiling, and for the finest of Italian seafood head to the terrace.

In Capri, once you've marvelled at the Faraglioni – timeless rock formations jutting from the sea – dine in style at Il Cucciolino in Anacapri. A perfect place for romantics and families alike, you'll eat on a candlelit table under a pergola perched high on the gulf of Naples. Try the local shrimp and ravioli caprese with butter and sage.



In Positano, the Spiaggia del Fornillo, perhaps the most beautiful stretch of coast in the Mediterranean, will blow you away. Nestled in the hills of Montepertuso on the Amalfi Coast, Il Ritrovo is also waiting to impress – a retreat so high they'll offer to pick you up from the beach. The views are worth it, as is the octopus entrée.

PRAY IN BALI

The Oscar-winning smile on Julia Roberts' face wasn't necessarily all acting in 2010's Eat, Pray, Love. Anyone looking for relaxation and rejuvenation on a holiday in the sun will fall in love with Bali, on or off a bicycle.

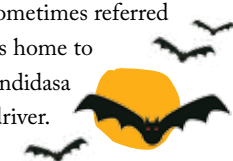
Candidasa

Try exploring east Bali. Being less developed than much of the southern coast of Bali, there's minimum shopping in this east coast Bali destination. However, lounging on the sand or around a swimming pool, catching up on reading and enjoying some nasi goreng and fresh coconuts are ideal ways to break up the day.



Hindu Shrine

Goa Lawah Temple, or the Bat Cave as it's sometimes referred to by locals, is a Hindu shrine and cave that is home to thousands of bats. Tours are available from Candidasa – just ask at your hotel or arrange your own driver.



Go diving in Bali

If scuba diving is on your must-do list, the east coast of Bali boasts some of the best diving in Indonesia. Call Baliku Dive Resort and they will happily come and collect you. Tulamben, just a short drive away, gives you the chance to do the USS Liberty shipwreck dive. Closer to Amed, the Japanese shipwreck is stunning against a beautiful coral garden.

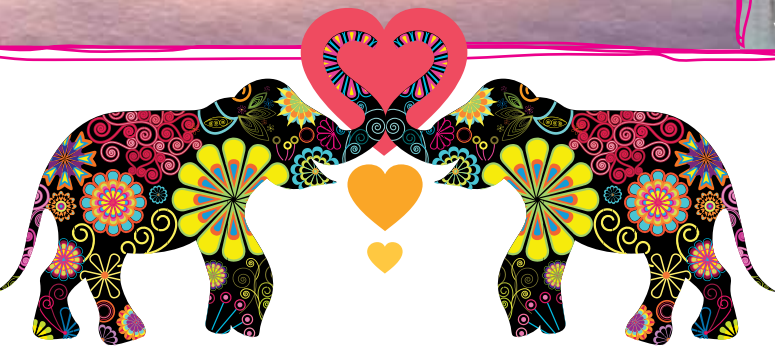
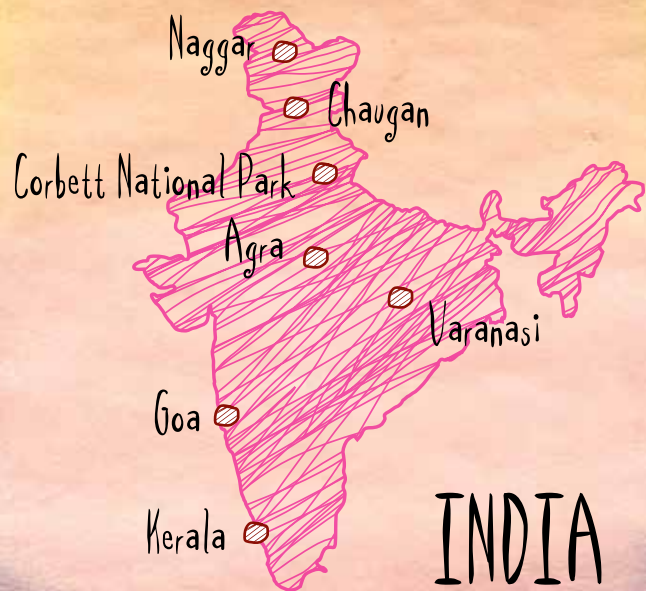


Where to stay

Looking for luxury in Candidasa? You can opt to stay at the RVC Hotel Rama Candidasa, offering private beach frontage and a beach terrace, ocean breezes and a truly romantic atmosphere for couples and nature lovers. Alternatively, the Royal Bali Beach Club at Candidasa is great for families, offering one and two-bedroom apartments.

Stay in the style of a traditional village at the Risata Bali Resort & Spa and test out the Sukha Spa, where a five-star beauty package treatment awaits (from AU\$75/NZ\$96) including a relaxing massage, facial and warm bath infused with exotic flowers.





LOVE INDIA

Once you've eaten and prayed, immerse yourself in the culture of a real Indian experience. From the majestic Taj Mahal to the backwaters of Kerala, there's a lot to love about India.

Village life

They say that India lives in its villages, so why not live in an Indian village? In Chaugan, close to the Kanha Wildlife Sanctuary, you may be inspired to work on that book you've been thinking of writing. Rudyard Kipling wrote *The Jungle Book* in this village of tribes, and you can still see the people of Gaddi here, camping along with their deer.

Great weather year round plus the gorgeous Gudhapura Lake make Banavasi Village a relaxing destination. It has an active community of 1500 artisans all busy with carpentry, basket making, pottery and more. Others to try are Naggar, famous for metalwork and wood, and spiritual Nepura, where Buddha gave his first teaching.



Goa beaches

If total tranquility is a must, the isolated charm of Agonda Beach in Goa is perfect. If you want action, Anjuna Beach's flea market and psychedelic trance at sunset will float your boat. For water sports and dolphin sightseeing trips try Benaulim Beach. Party fans shouldn't miss the annual Goa Carnival, a music, food and dance event that lasts for three days.



Taj Mahal

Behold the majesty of the Taj Mahal in its prime by the light of a full moon. This palace, built with love and completed around 1653, makes the train ride to Agra worth it. Go early or late to dodge the crowds and get the best photos.



Kerala Village Fair

Many visitors to Kerala wait until the Kerala Village Fair is on before hitting town, usually mid-January. During the 10-day festival, traditional thatched houses and the open-air auditorium of Gramam are decorated as the venues for various music, feasts and festivities. For a more serene Kerala experience, rent a houseboat and cruise the backwaters, sleeping under a blanket of stars.



The holiest city of India: Varanasi

Varanasi is often referred to as "the city of temples" or "the holy city of India". Take a morning boat ride across the ghats and observe the Hindus bathing themselves in the Ganges. Next head to the Vishwanath Temple – also known as the Golden Temple – for a jaw-dropping step back in time to old India.



Corbett National Park

Jim Corbett National Park covers over 500km² in the Himalayan foothills. Named after the legendary hunter-turned-conservationist, Jim Corbett was famous for hunting man-eating tigers and leopards, though you'll be hard-pressed to see any now. Ask your hotel about day trips.



Holi Festival

Usually in February or early March, the Hindu Holi Festival begins with the lighting of a huge bonfire. Then the streets light up with decorations as people from all cultures hug and wish each other a "Happy Holi". The Holi Festival is one of the best times to visit India. Find yourself and a love of Hindi culture at the same time. 



STAY

ITALY RCI affiliated resorts include:

UMBRIA (Tuscany's next door neighbour)

Domus Volumnia Residence, Perugia A476

Conveniently situated halfway between Rome and Florence.

Member Review: "The resort was a small but cosy and quiet unit. Its location is ideal for excursions in several known Italian cities apart from the Umbrian region."



Abbazia Club Hotel Marotta, Mondolfo-Marotta 6164

Directly on the seafront promenade (Adriatic Sea) guests can take excursions to Senigallia, with its market and the ruins of a 17th century castle; to Fano, the little seaport of Roman origin, with its popular Jazz festivals; to Urbino; or to Pesaro, the birthplace of Rossini.

Member Review: "Very good on site restaurant and great prices."

SARDINIA

Residence Portorotondo - Asfodeli, Olbia 2705

Situated in a quiet location by the sea. It is just 4 km from the famous resort of Porto Rotondo near the Costa Smeralda in Sardinia.

Member Review: "Pleasant gardens and on the beach was a bonus."

VENICE AREA

Le Barchesse Di Villa Corner, Treviso (countryside) 1649

The 16th century Villa is situated in the heart of the Veneto region just 35 km from Venice. The resort is best suited to be used as a base to explore Venice and the surrounds.

Member Review: "Good location, within striking distance of Venice (best by train) and a number of fascinating towns and small villages."

WEST COAST

Residence Hotel Isola Verde, Marciana Marina 3455

From the islands highest peak near Marciana, there are spectacular views toward the Tuscan coast and Corsica. Boat excursions around the coast reach some secluded bays that otherwise would be inaccessible.

Member Review: "The restaurant at the residence offers an excellent menu of fish and meat."

BALI RCI affiliated resorts in Candidasa include:

CANDIDASA

RVC at Hotel Rama Candidasa 6920

Far away from the crowds, on a picturesque, private beach indulge in Indonesian style massage and other healing treatments - all with an ocean view.

Member Review: "The room we stayed in was lovely. We had ocean views with our own front verandah to relax on!"

Risata Bali Resort & Spa 3691

This resort invites you to completely unwind. Perfect for relaxing and pampering.

Member Review: "Gold Crown well deserved."

Royal Bali Beach Club at Candidasa 3968

One of the best places to discover the "Real Bali."

Member Review: "Resort was well located about 4 km from main town, but with enough nearby to enable a relaxing week in a great spot."



For additional resort listings, visit RCI.com or call 1300 368 800 AU or 0800 368 800 NZ

INDIA

RCI affiliated resorts include:

GOA & EAST INDIA

Royal Goan Beach Club at Benaulim, Goa 3726

Sightseeing and on-site services are available, and the resort has live entertainment.

Member Review: "Hats off to such a great team at the resort, all take care of the guests with a smile on face. The grocery store at the resort was very beneficial as well."

Averina Beach, Goa 5890

Averina Beach Club is located in Southern Goa, India, along the Mobor Beach with its 3 km of white sand.

Member Review: "Excellent location, excellent staff ... had a wonderful holiday."

Ajit Bhawan, Jodhpur 6191

The first Heritage Hotel of India offers you old world elegance with the modern comforts of a classic Heritage hotel and the privilege of being a guest of the Maharaja's family.

Member Review: "The Resort is a lovely place to enjoy Jodhpur, India. Glad to have had the opportunity to spend several days there on my 3 week journey."



We highly recommend you snap up Bonus Weeks which are a steal!

MUMBAI

The Luxury Club at LeRoyal Meridien 6475

Situated close to Mumbai international and domestic airports in the new commercial hub of Mumbai is a statement of elegance and vibrancy.

Member Review: "The Hotel is now a Hilton hotel which is a five star property. The staff helped us to locate a private driver which we liked and used for three days who also spoke English and gave us a tour of Mumbai."



PLAY

Clown fish are colourful, cute and sometimes amusing inhabitants of tropical reefs from several places around the world, including Fiji.

fiji

Mother Nature's playground

Fiji really is the ultimate island escape. In fact, so perfect are these Pacific islands that they've featured as the backdrop of Hollywood films such as *The Blue Lagoon* and *Cast Away*.

Just as cinema-goers swoon over the sight of Fiji's sundrenched sands and dazzling sea on the big screen, so too does every visitor that reaches the islands. It truly is as beautiful as it looks in films, and that's not even taking into account the wonders under the waves.

White sand beaches fringed by palm trees, a lush interior and some of the most spectacular coral gardens on Earth make Fiji a popular tourist destination as well as a prime dive spot. It also entices surfers from across the globe thanks to its amazing breaks. In particular, the stunning island of Malolo Lailai with its 10 km of sandy beaches and heavenly lagoons is famed in the surfing world.

Because of its situation in the South Pacific, Fiji, for all its beauty and appeal,

doesn't attract hordes of visitors. As a result, it has managed to retain most of its charm. In recent years eco-tourism has also taken off, enabling visitors to travel sustainably and to support the growth of local businesses and traditional crafts.

Many eco-tour companies organise trips to remote areas of Fiji, where visitors can get up close to local wildlife in the national parks and reserves. One popular trip is to Navala, a traditional village. It's here that visitors to Fiji can get a taste of what life was like hundreds of years ago. As well as getting the chance to watch local craftsmen and women at work, there's also the opportunity to participate in village ceremonies and feasts.

If you're looking for the place to be then head to Nadi, the third largest town in Fiji has become something of a tourist hub – a

place to get your bearings and also the starting point for many of the tours on offer.

You can take a sunset boat trip from the port, enjoying dinner beneath the stars. Alternatively, you can join one of the many day snorkelling trips that hop between islands. Not only can you swim with giant manta rays and dolphins, and picnic on a deserted beach, you can also snorkel alongside some of the most colourful and magnificent sea creatures you are ever likely to encounter.

If you are interested in seeing the underside of Fiji, there's no better place to get your PADI dive certification. With an incredible selection of dive spots throughout the island nation, you won't have a hard time finding new places to explore every day.

For those who prefer to stay on dry land, there's still plenty to amaze. From Nadi, it's just a 15-minute drive to the Garden of the Sleeping Giant, a plantation hidden away down a bumpy track that houses over 2000 types of orchids.

For nature lovers who enjoy a bit of adventure, there's a wide variety of treks, from gentle jungle strolls to three-day mountain hikes, taking in gorges, waterfalls, rainforests and certain villages where cannibalism was once rife. This is where the real untouched Fiji is waiting to be discovered. The more intrepid can white water raft their way back to the beach.

Also close to Nadi are the Sabeto hot water springs and mud baths. Set in lush surroundings, the sulphur in the spring water is said to have magical healing properties. Slather yourself in mud first and then lie back and soak it off in the natural ponds.

From cultural immersion to lazing on the beach to jungle adventures, Fiji really is a once in a lifetime holiday destination. **EV**

INSETS: (top to bottom) Fijian lagoon. Local hand made crafts. Dining 'out' Fijian style.



COCONUT, FISH, RICE, TARO, SWEET POTATOES, CASSAVA AND BREADFRUIT ARE THE MAIN COMPONENTS IN LOCAL FIJIAN DISHES.

OLD MILL COTTAGE CAFÉ in Suva is a popular spot for expats and locals. Traditional Indian fare sits alongside local fish and vegetable dishes. For breakfast and lunch expect to pay **AU\$12/NZ\$16** at the most.

BOUNTY'S BAR AND RESTAURANT in Nadi, is a joint seafood and steak house. This informal pub is popular especially during "Bula Hour" (5-8pm). Best menu items are the grilled steaks and large burgers. You usually can get a meal here after 10pm, when many other restaurants are closed. Mains **AU\$8-16/NZ\$10-24**.

SAFFRON in Nadi, is an excellent place to dine offering traditional Northern Indian & Vegetarian dishes. Main courses **AU\$8-18/NZ\$10-24**. Open lunch and dinner.

VILISITE'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, Coral Coast is by the lagoon's edge. Serves Seafood, Indian & Chinese. Open daily 8am-10pm. Lunch **AU\$2-8/NZ\$3-14**; full dinners **AU\$6-24/ NZ\$7-31**.

THE WATERS EDGE BAR & GRILL. Pacific Harbour is an open-air restaurant. Open for Brekkie, lunch plus dinner Fri-Sun. Pizza & Pasta **AU\$8-13/NZ\$10-17**; mains **AU\$7-11/ NZ\$8-14**.

Also take advantage of resort catering!

Naigani Island Resort offers Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner for **AU\$40/NZ\$52** per person daily.

Malolo Lailai guests can access the nearby Musket Cove Island Resort which offers all facilities to timeshare guests including the restaurant and bar.



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Fiji include:

Fiji Palms, Deuba 0676

Located along one of the best stretches of beach south of Fiji's Coral Coast, lush and beautiful Pacific Harbour beckons. The resort is just 50 km from Suva, Fiji's capital where you can explore the picturesque waterways, enjoy the native markets and dine at delicious, but inexpensive restaurants.

Member Review: "This resort was one of the best exchanges I have done over the years. Yes, there is a bit of a ride from the airport, but once there it certainly was worth the ride."



Malolo Lailai Lagoon Resort Club, Malolo Lailai Island 2884

An excellent island style restaurant is next door at Musket Cove Resort and Malolo Lailai guests can use all their facilities. The best things nearby are yacht trips to other inhabited or uninhabited islands, catamaran lessons, marina, restaurants, the little village centre, and snorkelling everywhere.

Member Review: "I have been back to this resort many times and will continue to do so - staff are great, love the ability to self-cater or choice of restaurants. Bures are roomy and have all you need."

Naigani Island Resort, Fiji 4978

Naigani Island is a rugged and beautiful island, of some 540 acres of lush tropical vegetation, palm trees and stunning white sand beaches. Naigani boasts some of the South Pacific's most spectacular snorkelling in pristine waters. Meals are served in the restored plantation house 'Rileys' and the cuisine is a fusion of local and western food. The resort has added a new 'dive' boat to its scuba diving operations and a qualified diving instructor and dive master

Member Review: "Naigani is a wonderful, peaceful relaxing resort. Not 5-star but we are always comfortable and well looked after when there. The staff is amazingly pleasant and helpful. We loved the atmosphere and friendliness of the Fijians. Closeness to coral reef is a major plus."

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EXPLORE

Charming Mildura

continues to delight

LOCATED IN THE FAR NORTHWEST OF VICTORIA, MILDURA HAS BUILT A REPUTATION AS A MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE OUTBACK TOWN, SET AS IT IS ON THE SANDY BANKS OF THE MURRAY RIVER AND SURROUNDED BY VINEYARDS.

This cosmopolitan town is rich in architectural wonders as well as natural ones. Wide, leafy streets lined with art deco buildings help create a charm that the town has capitalised on. Many cafes and restaurants draw visitors looking to appreciate the fine wine and excellent food of the region (a centre for the slow food movement), while the Murray River provides plenty of opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment, the most popular activity being a ride on a traditional paddle steamer.

Only an hour's flight from Melbourne plus direct flights from Sydney, Adelaide and Broken Hill, you can experience a diverse regional centre with an abundance of enriching experiences. The region is renowned for its brilliant winter weather, blue skies and sunshine, providing golfers with the perfect backdrop to play on immaculate courses making it a perfect holiday choice all year round.

The Sunraysia Resort is the perfect place to call your home away from home and a location where luxury self-catering apartments are scattered amid beautiful grounds. Settle in and take advantage of the tropical saltwater pool, tennis courts, gym and the many barbecue spots dotted throughout the grounds.



Steamer on the Murray


www.visitmildura.com.au

A trip to town is a must and first-time visitors to the area should kick off their trip with a stroll along the Chaffey Trail – a self-guided walk that takes in all the highlights of the town including the Old Mildura Homestead, built in 1847, and the original Rio Vista house, built in 1890 and recently restored to its former glory. After exploring the town head to Mildura Brewery, one of the town's most famous landmarks and a perfect place to sample the award-winning beers over lunch. Producing its own speciality brews, it's based inside what was once the Astor Theatre.

The heart of the city's quality arts and cultural scene is well complemented by the unique "Feast Street" restaurant precinct peppered with great eateries, interesting bistros and sidewalk tables all serving sumptuous fresh and local produce along with premium wines and beers.

The area surrounding Mildura is also well worth exploring. Start your day with freshly brewed coffee and the best vanilla slice in the Mallee and beyond from Stefano's Cafe Bakery in town then head out to explore the vast numbers of wineries that compete for visitors, offering stunning views, tastings and wonderful restaurants. Mildura is also home to the famed Stefano's Restaurant where you can enjoy a dining experience with a difference. Perhaps join a daytrip which includes pick-up from the resort with four different local tours on offer specialising in relaxation, the town of Wentworth, wine and food tasting or spend the day visiting World Heritage listed Mungo National Park. The tour operator will be at the resort for information sessions every Saturday evening to discuss your preferences with. Resort guests receive a discount on Discover Mildura Day Tours when booked through reception.

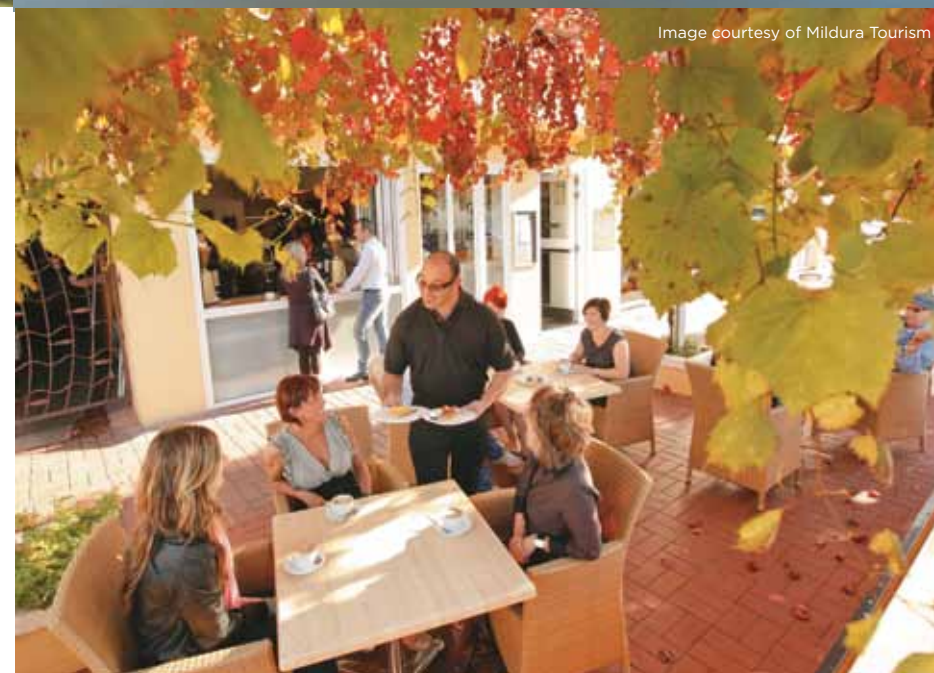
There's also an abundance of soft and serious nature based experiences nearby. Walking, cycling, bird watching, fishing, kayaking and camping are just some of the popular activities available in and around Mildura. Discover the rich history of Wentworth only a short drive away; pop into the Artback café and gallery. Or be inspired by where Australia's two largest rivers meet – the junction of the Murray and Darling.



Images courtesy of Mildura Tourism



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Top to bottom, left to right: Mildura City by night. The festival Logo. Mildura's most famous chef Stefano de Pieri at the 2011 Mildura Jazz Food and Wine Festival. Banks of the Murray. Street party 2011. Jazz musician. Stefano's Café alfresco dining.



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Mildura include:

Sunraysia Resort 1179

Sunraysia Resort is a perfect place to take the family for a relaxing and memorable holiday. The resort offers organised activities for all the family plus special deals including a pancake breakfast and cocktail evening with live music. Whether you're relaxing or active, the Resort Bar and Bistro provides great food serving lunch and dinner six nights a week.

Member Reviews: "I found Sunraysia an ideal place for the relaxing holiday which I needed and will go back again in the future. The facilities for family activities appeared well organised and will possibly take my family and grandchildren another time. Proximity to the town centre was ideal as I no longer drive."

"Very enjoyable stay. Bistro excellent and services all around were very good."

"As good as any resort we have stayed in anywhere! Queensland spring weather in Victoria... it can't get much better than that! Mildura is a very clean, prosperous city which adds appealing ambience to this resort and district."



Resort Bistro dining.

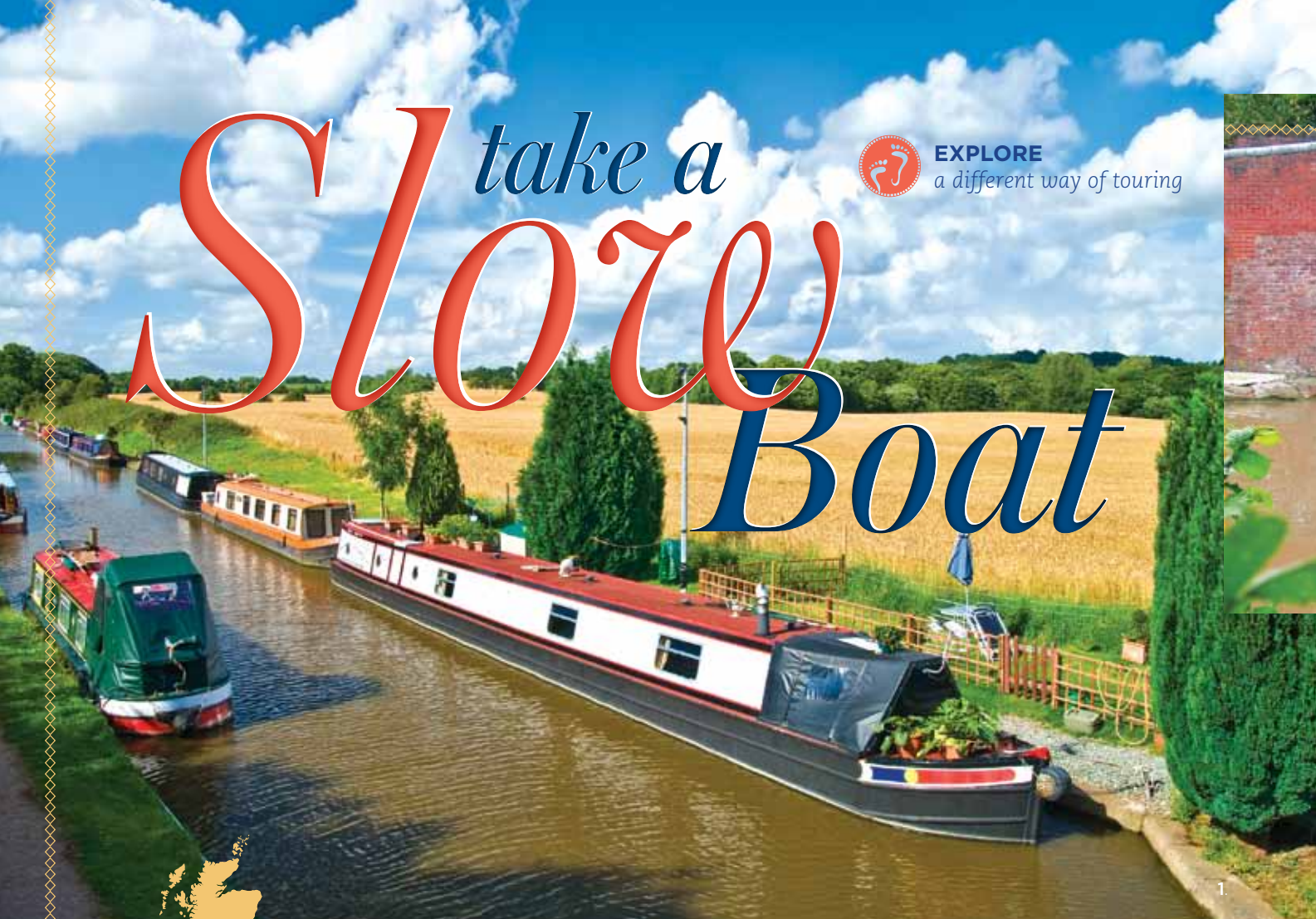


Hot air balloon ride over the Mildura roof tops

Take a Slow Boat



EXPLORE
a different way of touring



England's canal system has a lot to offer the holidaymaker. Explore an amazing network of over 3,000 kilometres of sedate waterways, complete with friendly travelling companions and excellent pubs.

For a unique view of England, there's nothing better than a narrowboat holiday sailing picturesque canals that stretch between historic towns and ancient woodlands. The heart of England, better known as the Midlands, is an area best explored via its many waterways. The joy of a canal boat is that you can moor up in the heart of a city one night, and anchor in a secluded spot amid meadows and woodland the next. Pottering along at a snail's pace gives you the opportunity to relax as well as take advantage of the many canal-side attractions – from countryside walks through bluebell woods to award-winning pubs, historic houses and farmers' markets. Before heading off expert instructors show you how to navigate and run the boat, making it your own private transport through history.

Here's our pick of the best canal boat trips in the UK:

Nottingham

Hire a boat from Sawley Marina on the border of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. Cruise through the historic lace-making city of Nottingham itself, then on past the pretty villages of Fiskerton and Farndon, towards the market town of Newark, famed for its cobbled streets, castle and antique shops.

There are several detours you can take. One that travels via the Attenborough Nature Reserve and another that passes the town of Southwell, justifiably renowned for its Regency architecture, tea shops and National Trust-owned Victorian workhouse.

Heading north from Nottinghamshire, the Chesterfield Canal is a trickier 74-km

run, though there are several National Trust properties that can be explored en route, as well as acres of woodland and farmland to enjoy.

On your way back, don't forget to visit Sherwood Forest, home to Robin Hood. Several events take place in the forest throughout the year, including a Robin Hood Festival and ghost hunts.



GO WITH THE FLOW: 1. Narrow boats long and short in Shropshire. 2. The adventure begins, leaving Worcester. 3. You will have the chance to meet plenty of like minded travellers at popular destinations. 4. You can be a social butterfly or embrace the solitude on more isolated routes. 5. Knaresborough Bridge. The U.K.'s canal systems offer a unique view on many of the regions most historic attractions.

Leicester

In the old days, a steam engine would be used to winch boats up the famous hill to the village of Foxton. Nowadays, there's a famous flight of locks to navigate up and down. Be sure to detour via the gorgeous old town of Market Harborough for a cream tea or refreshing pint.

Derbyshire

Derbyshire is one of the prettiest counties in England and a lazy waterways holiday is the perfect way to explore the quaint villages that dot the countryside. The Peak District is famed for its rolling hills, market towns, meadows and atmospheric

woodland. En route, make a point of stopping at one of the many farmers' markets that take place around the towns of Glossop, Chesterfield and Knutsford.

Shropshire

Shropshire to the west is a glorious county. The Union Canal here travels through the stunning grounds of Shugborough Hall and past the lovely village of Brewood. This stretch of waterway is marked by its deep wooded cuttings, and there's also adventure to be found in the almost three-kilometre-long Harecastle Tunnel, which is reputedly haunted.

From Blackwater meadow there's a beautiful 32-km stretch of waterway that's lock-free and which takes in the dramatic Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Birmingham & Shakespeare country

Birmingham was a booming city during the Industrial Age, and it's still a bustling metropolis with art galleries, great shopping centres and several world-class museums. The Grand Union Canal leads through the city and there are several routes to explore – either north into rural Worcestershire or into Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace and site of the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatre **TV**

STAY



RCI affiliated resorts in England, East Midland include:

Canaltime at Sawley Marina, Nottingham 6073

Cruise along England's scenic Nottingham waterways in your own canal boat journeying on the Trent and Mersey canals, and wandering through the stunning Derbyshire countryside.

Member Review: "We thought that Sawley Marina was exactly what we wanted for our break. The staff were absolutely fantastic and helped to make our holiday so enjoyable."

Canaltime at Union Wharf, Leicestershire 5535

Canaltime at Union Wharf is based on the Market Harborough arm of the Grand Union Canal.

Member Review: "This was our second narrow boat trip and we enjoyed it very much. The boat was comfortable and well-equipped, and chugging along through the beautiful English countryside is about the most relaxing and pleasant vacation imaginable. The small city of Market Harborough (where the wharf is located) is charming, too."

RCI affiliated resorts in England, West Midland include:

Canalboat At Worcester Marina, Worcester A849

Based in the southern end of Worcester, Birmingham Canal is the ideal base for all routes into Shakespeare country via the River Severn and Avon, or trips north into rural Worcestershire.

Member Review: "We purchased a map type booklet called Canal Companion Stourport Ring. We found it very useful, it added information about the area that enhanced the trip. Outstanding experience. One of our very best."

Canalboat Club at Blackwater Meadow, Shropshire 6985

The marina is situated within walking distance of Ellesmere, a picturesque market town. Some of the attractions include a weekly market held at the Market Hall, several traditional pubs and restaurants and a good choice of shops and local amenities.

Member Review: "Memorable Holiday, great experience on our first canal boat. Scenery, bridges, especially the tunnels and aqueducts were remarkable."



EUROPE

River cruising in 2012 is a big deal, one of the most popular types of holidays and the trend shows no signs of slowing down

This year is set to be the best year ever to float merrily down a stream, with companies launching new ships (a record four for Viking River Cruises) offering five-star hotel amenities. This is great news for the savvy traveller who stands to gain from more variety, besides the ever popular main European river cruises (see page 29) there are more Asian river cruises being offered and smaller European river options such as the Douro in Portugal and Spain's Guadalquivir.

USA

Aussies continue to flock to US shores

Its official, the high Australian dollar and recent interest rate cuts have made the US a top overseas destination. According to Wotif, more than 90 per cent of Aussies plan to spend their extra cash and bonuses this year holidaying in the US, followed by Thailand, New Zealand, Bali and Fiji.

HAWAII

Home to two of the worlds strangest beaches

Next time you holiday in Hawaii be sure to head to Punalu'u Beach, located on the Big Island. Jet-black sand gives this beach a rather ominous look but the giant endangered turtles that frolic on the beach year round make the trip worthwhile. Next on the list is Papakolea Beach, located near Ka Lae, the southernmost point in Hawaii. The trek to reach it is by no means easy but visitors are rewarded with a green-sand beach. The grains are almost pure olivine, a green mineral, and come from Puu Mahana, a volcanic cone that sits above the beach.

MARGARET RIVER

Gourmet Escape

New international food and wine festival propels Western Australia onto the world stage.

Move over Noosa Food and Wine Festival! The world's best chefs and wine critics will head to Margaret River in November to take part in the inaugural Margaret River Gourmet Escape set to become the highest-profile food and wine festival in Australia and the Asia-Pacific Region. Celebrity chefs including Heston Blumenthal, the owner of the famous UK restaurant Fat Duck, Rene Redzepi from Denmark whose restaurant Noma has been ranked the world's No.1 for a third time. This year a host of Australian famed chefs will participate in range of events funded by Royalties for Regions, a State Government initiative.

Nov. 22-25; Margaret River Gourmet Escape

The tiny town with a worldwide Voice

PORT DOUGLAS, WHERE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MEETS TROPICAL RAINFOREST, IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE AND JAW-DROPPINGLY BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA.

A glorious hour-long coastal drive from Cairns, and with year-round sunshine (marked only by the occasional rainstorm during the summer months), this is the place to come for snorkelling, diving, rainforest treks and an authentic experience of Aboriginal culture.

The town of Port Douglas is a great base for visitors. There's no shortage of restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops to explore, and there's also the stunning, family-friendly Four Mile Beach, a prime spot for kite surfing and swimming.

Close by, the World Heritage-listed Daintree Rainforest brushes the epic sweeping beach of Cape Tribulation. This lush, unspoiled, slightly wild landscape is best discovered on a 4WD safari, though many tour operators also offer helicopter rides

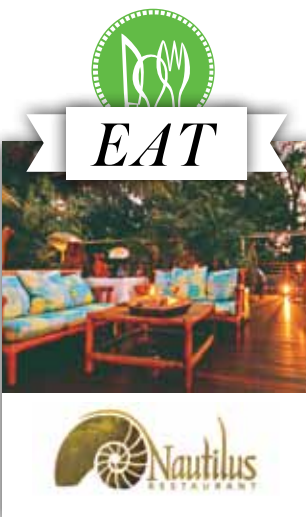
that fly over the whole area. Viewed from above, the crystal blue of the sea and the dark tangled jungle contrasting with the searing white beach is a truly spectacular sight.

Another unique way of exploring the region is on an Aboriginal Dreamtime tour. Led by an indigenous guide, visitors hike through private sections of forest, over streams, past sacred sites, learning about dreamtime legends and bush tucker along the way.

Arguably the biggest drawcard of Port Douglas though, other than its glorious beaches, is its proximity to the Great Barrier Reef and some of the most pristine dive sites in the world. The Low Isles, a coral island just 15 km off the coast, is also a popular destination for snorkelling and diving, or even paddle boarding.

In 2012, Port Douglas will be the pole position for a Total Solar Eclipse. This phenomenon will take place at 6:38 am on 14 November 2012. Thousands are expected to converge at this unique destination to see the event

DID YOU KNOW?



NAUTILUS DINING EXPERIENCE

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Try the signature dish 'Whole Coral Trout'. Dusted

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a number of traditional Thai cooking techniques. Coral Trout is a species of reef fish that is related to grouper and coral cod but is not related to the fresh water (river) trout species. The white flesh of the coral trout is prized for its excellent eating qualities being light and flaky with a sweet flavour.



RCI affiliated resorts in Port Douglas include:

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TOP

US National Park Experiences



Being at one with nature is every city dweller's dream. If you're planning a holiday in America with the family, schedule some time in the great outdoors with some of America's best national parks.

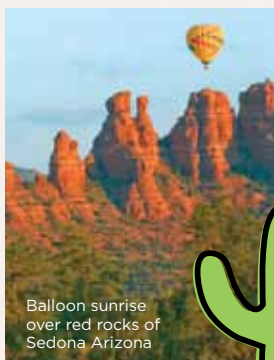
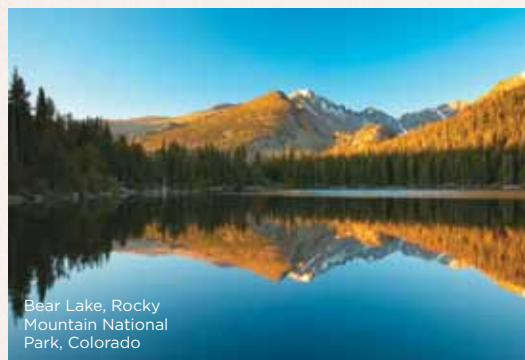
Rocky Mountain National Park, COLORADO

For generations, the Rocky Mountain National Park has been drawing nature lovers from all over the world looking to spot wild animals in the wilderness. This is one of America's most beautiful parks, located between Roosevelt, Arapaho National Forest and Colorado State Forest.

Accessible year round, there's plenty to do in the Rocky Mountain National Park, including fishing, rafting, horse riding and boating. Couples can take a tranquil mountain ride into Roosevelt National Forest, while families can enjoy an easy walk around Bear Lake, a lake high in the mountains with stellar peak views, or the Lulu City walk, which follows a gentle path to the site of an old 1880s gold mining camp.

If a cowboy sing-along is more your thing, join Cowfolk Brad and Kathy Fitch for some acoustic folk, family and western music in Estes Park all summer until mid-August – guaranteed to get toes tapping in the great outdoors.

With RCI all your stay options are covered from Vail and Avon, Copper Mountain and Frisco, to Winter Park and Granby. Your only big headache is to decide where to start first! Go on and enjoy the best of both worlds, surround yourself with alpine beauty on day hikes, then return to a town full of amenities.



Sedona, ARIZONA

Some of the most spectacular scenery in the world can be found in what's often referred to as "Red Rock Country". Sedona in Arizona is surrounded by towering red-rock monoliths that catch the afternoon light in a colourful display that keeps tourists clicking their cameras until sunset. Coffeepot, Cathedral and Thunder Mountain lead the way to the north end of the city where the jaw-dropping chasm of Oak Creek Canyon

waits to take your breath away.

Sedona is known around the globe as a spiritual mecca and is believed to have a unique energy, namely because the neuro-stimulating red-orange colour of the rock is thought to enhance the ability to think creatively and solve problems. Therapy on the Rocks, considered one of Sedona's most authentic healing experiences, is run by wellness guru John F. Barnes. His specialty is myofascial release, a type of massage that manipulates connective tissue to help treat everything from chronic back pain to migraines.

Other activities in Sedona include fishing, hiking and shopping. For those willing to sweat it out for 6 kilometres on the Bell Trail, you'll be rewarded with Native American petroglyphs along the way to one of America's best waterholes – Wet Beaver Creek. And Even if you're not a big shopper, you could easily spend half a day browsing in Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village which boasts a wide selection of Native American goods and jewellery. Day trips to the Grand Canyon are also popular and only a two hour drive away, alternatively helicopter flights to the area offer a bird's eye view.

Grand Canyon National Park, ARIZONA

Did you know that almost five million people get to see the Grand Canyon every year, mostly from the South Rim? This World Heritage site is spread over a million acres and sits on the Colorado Plateau in northwestern Arizona. The seemingly bottomless canyon is one of the world's most impressive sights to behold, but a trip to the Grand Canyon isn't just about standing on the edge and looking down.

The park provides a protected habitat for 355 bird species, 89 mammals and 56



reptiles and amphibian species, so don't forget the camera on a nature walk. The Inner Canyon can be seen by hikers, brave mule riders or river runners, though if you're opting to see it by water, a journey down the Colorado River could take up to three weeks.



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in the Colorado Rockies include:

The Christie Lodge, Avon 0867

In the heart of the beautiful Vail Valley. Enjoy two on-site restaurants as well as dozens of dining establishments for every taste and budget within walking distance.

Member Review: "We went horseback riding, white-water rafting and hiking."



RCI affiliated resorts near Sedona include:

Sedona Summit 4038

In "the land of four mild seasons," Sedona Summit affords visitors numerous opportunities for adventure.

Member Review: "We love Sedona Summit - location, unit and staff. Our 2-bedroom unit was perfect and we were close to everything, even a short walk from our patio to a very scenic walking trail. Every staff member we met was caring and knowledgeable."

RCI affiliated resorts near the Grand Canyon include:

SOUTH RIM

The Grand Canyon's South Rim is only an hour and fifteen minutes from Flagstaff, while the North Rim is close to 4 hours.

Wyndham Flagstaff, Flagstaff 0759

Member Review: "The resort was a comfortable and cheery place to come "home" to after long days of hiking and sightseeing."

LAS VEGAS

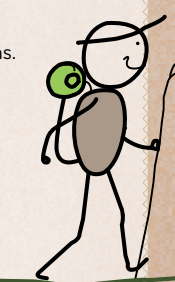
The Grand Canyon's South Rim is only a 4.5 hour drive from Las Vegas.

The Cliffs at Peace Canyon, Las Vegas 6389

Member Review: Located 20 minutes from the world-famous Vegas Strip.



PLEASE NOTE
there are several stay options available depending on which side of the Grand Canyon you would prefer to explore.



New Zealand's 144 Islands

The Bay of Islands, in the far north of New Zealand's North Island, draws visitors as much for its Maori and settler history as it does for the natural beauty of the 144 islands that scatter the bay.

The bustling yet charming town of Paihia is the main jumping off point to the Bay of Islands. Restaurants, bars and boutiques line the seafront here, and its glorious beaches are perfect for families. From Paihia, it's easy to organise boat trips, dolphin excursions, skydiving, fishing, scuba diving and many other land, sea or air adventures.

A cruise around the Bay of Islands can take anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Most sailing trips offer the chance to swim with dolphins and view the much-photographed Hole in the Rock. Several trips also offer the chance to island hop and explore the pristine beaches of Urupukapuka Island. Those seeking an eco-adventure can even join a restoration project to help preserve the fragile ecosystems of the islands.

A short ferry ride across the water from Paihia brings you to the small town of Russell. Back in the 19th century, Russell was the preferred hangout for whalers, adventurers and escaped convicts, earning it the less than salubrious title of "Hellhole of the Pacific". Today it's come a long way, and is now better known as "Romantic

Russell". It's a pretty, laid-back town offering sightseers great views over the bay from Flagstaff Hill. Russell is also home to the oldest pub in New Zealand. If you're lucky, you might even catch one of New Zealand's biggest music acts playing there.

Kerikeri, once the territory of a brutal Maori chief, is now an upmarket town attracting art lovers and foodies. Kerikeri has a well-deserved reputation for gastronomy thanks to its award-winning restaurants and boutiques selling everything from handmade chocolates to fruit liqueurs. Orchards line the road into town and wineries abound, making this a particularly picturesque place to visit.

All visitors to the Bay of Islands should pay a visit to Waitangi, one of New Zealand's most historic sites. It was here that Maori chiefs and representatives of the English Crown signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. The house and grounds where the treaty was signed is open to visitors. Join a Maori-guided tour to explore the traditional Maori treaty hut, and to hear the legends and history behind the carvings and Maori war canoe that's on display. From Waitangi Treaty House, there

EASTERN DELIGHTS: 1. The early morning view from Russell to the bay 2. Matauri Bay 3. Work up a sweat sailing and then cool off in the enticing waters. 4. Boat through the 'Hole in the rock'. 5. Idyllic, breathtaking, gorgeous... choose your superlative.

are a couple of great walks: one along the beach and cliffs towards the golf course, and another through the mangrove forest up to Haruru Falls, where diving cormorants put on a daily display.

A short drive from Paihia is Puketi Kauri Forest, as untouched as it was when the first settlers arrived. Even further north sits Cape Reinga, where the Pacific meets the Tasman Sea – a significant place in Maori legend.

A final stop in this beautiful area (and reachable via a vintage narrow gauge train) is the town of Kawakawa and its famous

public toilets. Designed by the Austrian artist Hundertwasser, who believed people meditated on the toilet in much the same way as they do in church, these colourful, wonky public conveniences are a regular stop on the tourist trail.

Just a 45-minute flight from Auckland, or a stunning three to four-hour scenic drive, the Bay of Islands offers a range of activities and opportunities for exploration both on land and at sea, and because of its subtropical climate it's possible to visit all year round. **EV**

STAY

 RCI affiliated resorts in the Bay of Islands include:



Club Paihia 1374

Take advantage of the resort's in-house tour desk to handle any and all bookings for whatever local attractions you desire.

Member Review: "The Resort itself was fantastic and we will recommend to others, the setting is beautiful even though the weather was not fantastic at the time. All staff at the resort were wonderful, we certainly will holiday here again in the very near future. The rooms were spotless, well done to all staff at the Resort."

"The resort has recently been redecorated and is stunning in every way."



The Bishop Selwyn 3966

The resort offers accommodation for families as well as couples wanting a quiet getaway. Rent kayaks and fishing rods as well as mountain bikes, and utilise the resort to book trips and tours including kayaking, swimming with the dolphins, fishing trips, golf and more.

Member Review: "Catherine, (Manager) is a real asset to the Bishop Selwyn. Her friendly nature, & "can do" attitude is a breath of fresh air."

"A wonderful place to stay. Our unit was really lovely and very convenient to town, and the staff were very helpful."

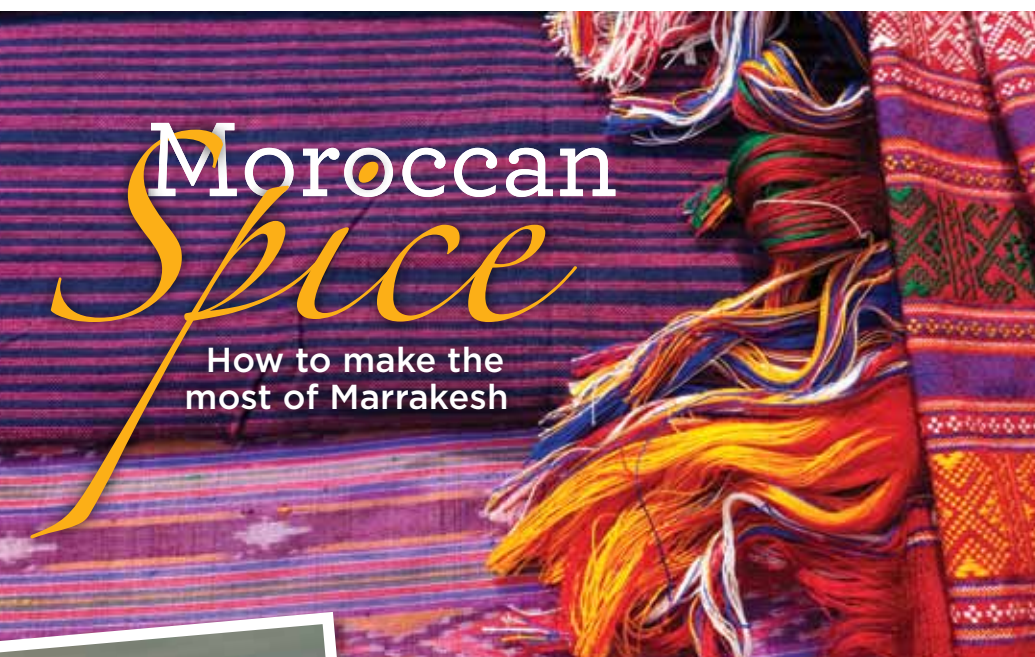


Busby Manor 1479

The resort offers accommodation for families as well as couples wanting a quiet getaway. Rent kayaks and fishing rods as well as mountain bikes, and utilise the resort to book trips and tours including kayaking, swimming with the dolphins, fishing trips, golf and more.

Member Review: "We were very impressed with Busby Manor. It is centrally located to Shops, Restaurants, and Wharf for Scenic Trips plus you can walk across the road each day to the beach for a swim. We will certainly recommend this Timeshare to our Family & Friends. "

"The resort has recently been refurbished, and we had a very comfortable stay."




Did you know that the market scenes in *Sex and the City 2* were filmed in Marrakesh, under the guise of being in Abu Dhabi? Magnificent cosmopolitan Marrakesh has long been a fashionable destination, not just for shopping but as a base for soaking up more Moroccan culture than you can wave a handbag at.

Everywhere is a shopper's dream in Marrakesh, as the walled city is a maze of hidden stores bursting with authentic, well-made crafts. For ceramics, head to Akkal, the city's warehouse belt. For tailor made men's and women's clothing, head to Beldi. For homeware and furniture, shop at Ministero del Gusto, owned by designer Alessandra Lippini. Souks (open air markets) are all around you, but the Crie Berbere is worth a special trip. It's a hub of low-lit alleyways that used to be a slave market.

The other famous aspect to this magical city is of course the culture and food. For cultural chaos, head to Djemaa el-Fna, the food stalls there are undoubtedly the best place to eat in Marrakesh. Try harira, a delicious local soup made with lamb or beef, red lentils and vegetables. Snails are a popular cuisine, as are fried aubergines. To drink, try the special ginseng tea with cinnamon and ginger, and for breakfast try the riifa - dough stretched, flattened and folded, and cooked in a frying pan a bit like a pancake.

Other cultural hotspots include the Place of the Dead - the open expanse at the heart of the medina where food stalls, entertainers wielding monkeys and snake charmers will get you paying for photos. And of course the Saadian Tombs, one of the most visited sites in Marrakesh is a must, featuring amazing geometric mosaics from the Arab Saadi dynasty (1554 - 1659), only rediscovered in 1917.

If you want to make like a movie director, visit the lunar landscapes seen in *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Gladiator* with a day trip to Ouarzazate. The fortified city of Ait Benhaddou Kasbah is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and has featured in many films. You could also visit the traditional Portuguese harbour, Essaouira, boasting many examples of Moorish and Portuguese art, a silver souk and some incredible woodwork. If you're feeling brave, why not get high in the Atlas Mountains, bumping along the Berber Trail in a 4x4!

Magical Marrakesh has plenty to offer everyone who visits, so there's no need to limit your options just to shopping. 



STAY

 **RCI affiliated resorts in Marrakesh Include:**

Available for Exchange or Rental

Résidence Amina 2935

Residence Amina will be an ideal centre for a memorable holiday, located near the exclusive Avenue de France, less than two kilometres from the centre of Marrakesh. The resort has a bar on the rooftop, which offers breathtaking views of the Atlas Mountains, as well as a small outdoor swimming pool.

Member Review: "We were not sure what to expect but were pleasantly surprised by the resort and Marrakesh the resort was ideally placed with easy access to ATMS groceries and restaurants."



Marrakesh Palm Club 4259

The resort is located near Jardins de Majorelle, near the city centre. The units are furnished and decorated with wrought iron and have modern comforts. From the resort, you can visit the city, go skiing in the winter, play golf 10 km away, escape in the Moroccan south, but also enjoy the fitness centre and spa on site at the resort.

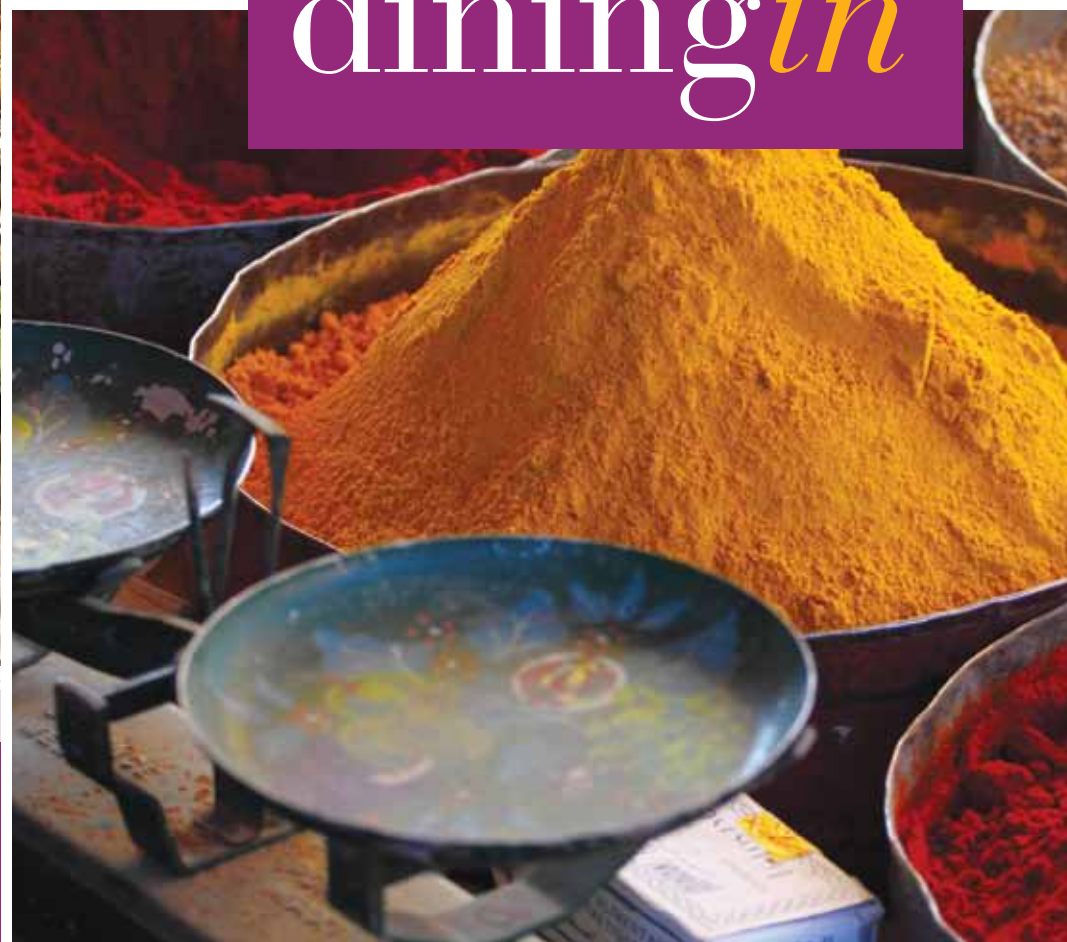
Member Review: The city was majestic we would come back here in a heartbeat."

Inclub Palmeraie 3230

Located within an extensive estate development of international reputation, about 10 km from the fascinating city of Marrakesh. A car is recommended for use within the estate and to reach Marrakesh.

Member Review: "Staff were lovely! Made our trip that extra bit special."

diningin



Moroccan Chicken with Green Olives and Lemon

INGREDIENTS

- 2 regular lemons
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, pressed
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon or 2 sticks
- 1 teaspoon ground or fresh ginger
- 2 cups low-salt chicken broth
- 1 whole chicken, cut into pieces, skin removed
- 1/2 cup green olives


METHOD

1. Cut 1 lemon into 8 wedges. Squeeze enough juice from second lemon to measure 2 tablespoons; set wedges and juice aside. **2.** Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sprinkle with salt and pepper; sauté until golden brown, about 8 minutes. **3.** Add next 5 ingredients; stir 1 minute. Add broth; bring to boil. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper; add to skillet. **4.** Add lemon wedges. Cover; reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer until chicken is cooked through, turning occasionally, 25 to 30 minutes. **5.** Transfer chicken to platter. Add olives and 2 tablespoons lemon juice to skillet. **6.** Increase heat to high; boil uncovered to thicken slightly, about 5 minutes. **7.** Season with salt and pepper. Pour over chicken. Serve with couscous if desired.

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE MOROCCAN STYLE

In terms of Moroccan cuisine, couscous is the dish most people would be familiar with but it's the clever mix of spices that make Moroccan cooking a standout.

Other characteristic flavours include pickled lemon, olives and dried fruits such as dates and raisins and nuts like almonds mixed with aromatic spices and popular meats such as beef, lamb and chicken more heavily spiced than Middle Eastern cuisine making it distinctively unique.

The tajine is the most commonly used cooking utensil in Moroccan kitchens but some stove top recipes can be equally delicious. After dinner relax with a cup of mint flavoured green tea to aid digestion. 

EASTERN DELIGHTS: **1.** A little sweet to balance out the spice. **2.** A traditional Tajine meal.



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Member Review: "We had a wonderful holiday at Mariner Shores and look forward to one day returning. We will be definitely recommending this resort to others. It was one of the best holidays we have ever taken."

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Cabarita

Cabarita is a delightful little Tweed coastal town with pristine beaches and excellent surfing and fishing - all within walking distance of the resort.

TAMARIND SANDS 5716
Cabarita Beach
7 nights from **AU\$199*/ NZ\$259***

Member Review: "This resort was one of the best RCI exchanges we have ever had. It is very centrally located with easy driving to lots of attractions and activities. We highly recommend this resort to anyone."

Situated on the Tomago River in New South Wales, The Moorings Resort offers special pleasures for boaters and anglers and is one of Australia's best game fishing areas.

THE MOORINGS RESORT 1174
Tomakin
7 nights from **AU\$99*/ NZ\$129***

Member Review: "We always enjoy our time here. It is in such a lovely position and so relaxing."



Tomakin

PORT PACIFIC RESORT 1816
Port Macquarie
7 nights from **AU\$199*/ NZ\$259***

Member Review: "We enjoyed the activities close to the resort; everything is in walking distance like restaurants, the mall, boat cruise, and only a short drive to pick strawberries."



Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie, Mid North Coast of NSW is a beautiful holiday location with fabulous beaches, a colourful convict history, and lots for kids to do.

The beautiful coastal town of Coffs Harbour has many areas to explore including the picturesque hinterland through to a bustling town centre.

KORORA BAY VILLAGE 0834
Coffs Harbour
7 nights from **AU\$199*/ NZ\$259***

Member Review: "The weather wasn't the best but we enjoyed many short drives and walks. The resort is a credit to management and all staff."

BOAMBEE BAY RESORT 1803
Coffs Harbour
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "First class resort in a beautiful setting by the river, also close to beach."

WYNDHAM COFFS HARBOUR TREETOPS C012
Coffs Harbour
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "Great overall experience, if you like a resort set in quiet bush surrounds close to the beach and waking up to the sounds of Kookaburras you'll love it."



QLD

A 30-minute drive in either direction can take you to Surfers Paradise or west to Tamborine Mountain with its spectacular scenery, art galleries and regional rainforest.

CEDAR LAKE COUNTRY RESORT 0168
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "I loved the atmosphere, it was quiet and relaxing. Just loved the birds in the morning."



VIC - Mulwala

On the border of NSW and VIC, Mulwala is a picturesque inland aquatic paradise where visitors can enjoy stunning scenery, serene forests, and the mighty Murray River.

LAKE EDGE RESORT 1731
Mulwala
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "Top class resort, run by caring Manager, great staff. All meals at restaurants were great. Close walk for groceries."

CAPRI WATERS COUNTRY CLUB 1487
Mulwala
7 nights from **AU\$249*/ NZ\$329***

Member Review: "Capri Waters is a lovely restful place to spend a week and recharge one's batteries."

MURRAY VALLEY RESORT 0953
Yarrawonga
(North East Vic close to Mulwala)
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "Plenty of activities to keep the children occupied and the adults were able to relax."

VIC - Numurkah, Mansfield, Kyneton & Mildura

Numurkah, in the heart of North Eastern Victoria, is the gateway to the Murray River.

LAKESIDE COUNTRY CLUB 1172
Numurkah
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "The way the golf club is integrated into the amenities is a real treat. Challenging but fun."

Mansfield is situated in the foothills of the "Australian Alps". Local townships offer history, wineries, and regional festivals.

MANSFIELD COUNTRY RESORT 0827
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "A beautiful, peaceful countryside resort, within easy reach of the town centre."

Kyneton is a fabulous year-round destination, only an hour's drive from Melbourne this town has gained a reputation in recent years as something of a culinary capital.

KYNETON BUSHLAND RESORT 0830
Kyneton
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "A great Resort and so much to do in the area."

Only a short flight from Melbourne Sydney, and Adelaide, experience the diverse regional centre with an abundance of enriching experiences.

SUNRAYSIA RESORT 1179
Mildura
7 nights from **AU\$299*/ NZ\$389***

Member Review: "Great resort for families, plenty of activities for all."

Rosebud, on the Mornington Peninsula gives holiday makers the opportunity to relax and explore.

NEPEAN COUNTRY CLUB & DAY SPA 1169
Rosebud
7 nights from **AU\$199*/ NZ\$259***

Member Review: "This resort is what timeshare is all about, getting together and having fun."



Fiji

Fiji's Naigani Island is a rugged and beautiful island, of some 540 acres of lush tropical vegetation.

NAIGANI ISLAND RESORT 4978
7 nights **AU\$249*/ NZ\$329***

Member Review: "The meals were excellent, the staff friendly and we felt we experienced the real Fiji."



New Zealand's Bay of Islands, in the North Island, draws visitors for its Maori and settler history as it does for the natural beauty of the 144 islands that scatter the bay.

CLUB PAIHIA 1374
7 nights from **AU\$209*/ NZ\$259***

Member Review: "just a short stroll to the shops, restaurants and pier for the ferry and boat trips."



NZ - Bay of Islands

playing favourites

Our most Popular Cruise & Tours as booked by RCI members

It's an exciting time to book a cruise or tour. You're getting more bang for your buck and best of all cruise and tour operators have been heavily discounting prices year round. Now is the best time to snap up last minute 2012 deals and to get in early for 2013 and these deals are all available to book now! Don't forget as an RCI member you can book up to 4 Cabins in the one exchange so it's perfect for taking friends and family along for a memorable holiday.

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European holidays have never been more affordable or popular. With a combination of new ships, destinations and itineraries, as well as Europe's financial woes, many holiday makers already know and appreciate the elegance and splendour that river cruising brings, making this type of cruise the number one pick for members.

In reality you are aboard a luxury floating hotel with all meals while onboard, plus shore excursions included, that make a river cruise the ultimate experience. Relax and indulge as you glide down the many great rivers of the world, delving into the very heart of historic towns and cities.

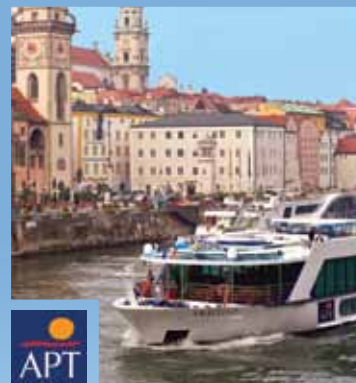
Panoramic picture windows perfectly frame some of the most wonderful places in the world. From historic hillside villages and fairytale castles through to bustling cities and towns, lush vineyards and the most spectacular natural scenery in Europe. With numerous sailings available on many exceptional European River Cruise Lines – see the deals below for APT, Scenic Tours, Royal Crown and there's more – NOW is the time to choose your next holiday destination.

1. EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISES



Scenic Space Ship
 14 Night Jewels of Europe River Cruise between Amsterdam and Budapest
 Balcony Suite Twin Share
 Selected Departures: July - August 2012
*Was from AU\$9067*pp*
Now from AU\$6222*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$5600*per exchange
 Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee
Highlights: Choose from up to four different sightseeing choices at key destinations.

Amacello
 14 Night European River Cruise between Amsterdam and Arles
 Outside stateroom Twin Share
 Selected Departures: July - August 2012
*Was from AU\$8390*pp*
Now from only AU\$6789*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$3200*per exchange
 Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee



Royal Crown
 7 Night Dutch & Belgian Waterways with Floriade River Cruise round trip from Amsterdam
 Premium Outside Stateroom Twin Share
 Selected Departures: July - August 2012
*Was from AU\$3399*pp*
Now from AU\$2684*pp
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Highlights: Enter the Golden Age of travel, the elegant romantic world of Europe in the 1930's.



2. AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

LIMITED TIME ONLY: Pay only one CRUISE EXCHANGE FEE on up to 4 cabins for ALL Domestic Departures.

Home and neighbouring cruise options are a perfect way to see our backyard. Both countries offer many beautiful sights and excursions. This is a very budget friendly option for locals.

Celebrity Solstice

12 Night Australia/New Zealand cruise for Christmas and New Year!
Inside Stateroom Twin share
Selected Departure in December 2012

Was from AU\$2668*pp
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Twin share for 2, 3 and 4 cabins!

Celebrity X Cruises

3. TRANS-PACIFIC MARVELS

Rhapsody of the Seas

17 Night Trans-Pacific Cruise from Honolulu to Sydney
Balcony Stateroom Twin Share
Selected Departures in Sept 2013

Highlights: Sumptuous food, unique activities, world class entertainment and outstanding service.

Was from AU\$3624*pp
Now from AU\$3224*pp
SAVE AU\$800* per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee



Celebrity X Cruises

Celebrity Millennium

15 Nights Trans-Pacific Cruise between Shanghai and Seward, Alaska
Oceanview Stateroom Twin Share
Selected Departure in April 2013
Highlights: Add on an additional Alaska Inside Passage cruise to extend your journey.

Was from AU\$2223*pp
Now from AU\$1648*pp
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Gratuities (tips) included



AMAZING! ONLY AU\$1369*pp
Twin share for 2, 3, 4 cabins!

Captain Cook Cruises

4. FABULOUS FIJI

One of the best ways to see the tropical South Pacific is to visit some of the magnificent islands that make up Fiji - over 333 gorgeous jewel-like islands surrounded by gentle azure seas.

Reef Endeavour

7 Night Fiji Islands Cruise
Outside Stateroom Twin Share
Departures: Oct 2012 - Jan 2013

Was from AU\$2144*pp
Now from AU\$1468*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$1350*
per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee

5. THE MEDITERRANEAN

Prinsendam Holland America Line
14 & 16 Night Mediterranean Cruises
Super Verandah Suite Twin Share
Selected Departures in October 2012

Was from AU\$4298*pp
Now from AU\$3919*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$750* per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee

LUXURY YACHT

Heavenly Greek Isles M/S Galileo

7 Night modern, private luxury yacht cruise experience of the Greek Isles
Outside stateroom Twin Share
Selected Departures: July and Oct 2012

Was from AU\$2234*pp
Now from AU\$1874*pp
SAVE AU\$720* per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee



6. HAWAII

Pride of America

7 Night Hawaii Islands Cruise round trip from Honolulu
Balcony Stateroom Twin Share
Departures: Jan 2013 - May 2014
Highlights: The only cruise line to visit all four main islands.

Was from AU\$2475*pp
Now from AU\$2073*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$800*
per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee
Gratuities (tips) included

7. EXTRAORDINARY ASIA

Silver Shadow

9 Night Luxury Asia Cruises from Bangkok to Hong Kong & Singapore
Oceanview Vista Suite Twin Share with Full Butler Service
Selected Departures: Nov - Dec 2012

Was from AU\$4999*pp
Now from AU\$3653*pp
SAVE OVER AU\$2600*
per exchange
Includes RCI Cruise Exchange Fee



SILVERSEA



Celebrity X Cruises

8. ALASKA

Celebrity Infinity

7 Night Alaska Cruise round trip from Seattle
Concierge Class with Balcony Twin Share
Selected Departures in August 2012

Was from AU\$2668*pp
Now from AU\$2046*pp
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A truly magical eco-tourism experience in Alberta with wonders such as Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site, Banff and Jasper National Parks gives visitors a chance to catch a glimpse of eagles, elk, big horn sheep, mountain goats and the beautiful black bears and grizzly bears. If golf is more to your liking then you're in luck, the area boasts some of the most acclaimed golf courses in the country. It's no wonder this destination is RCI members favourite.

Gems of the Rockies and Alaska Cruise

21 DAYS 2013
Was AU\$ 10,745*pp
Now Only AU\$10,145*pp Inc. RCI Tour Exchange Fee
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Explore Vancouver before stepping aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train for an exciting journey through the majestic Rockies. Continue through the alpine villages of Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff, and Whistler to Victoria.



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Was from AU\$6299*pp
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per exchange

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3. AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

LAST FRONTIER, DARWIN TO PERTH - 18 DAYS

Begin your journey in Darwin and travel along Australia's West Coast. Travel through Katherine as you make your way to the Western Australia border. Explore the Kimberley, Pilbara and Monkey Mia as you make your way to Perth.

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per exchange

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Includes: 17 nights quality accommodation, cruises on Katherine Gorge, Ningaloo Reef and Geikie Gorge, Monkey Mia, the Pinnacles, 33 delicious meals, Travelmarvel tour director, airport transfers on first and last day.

4. BRITAIN AND IRELAND

2013 MAJESTIC BRITAIN & IRELAND & JEWELS OF EUROPE RIVER CRUISE - 36 DAYS

This is a case of best of both worlds for members. The tour offers members an absolute bargain and brings you the best of Britannia. River cruise adds a touch of style with the classical river city capitals proving a real treat.

This amazing 36 day tour takes you from London to Budapest experiencing the best of Britain and Ireland. Also includes a 15 day river cruise through Cologne and Vienna.

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Was from AU\$17,545*pp
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5. EASTERN CANADA

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2013 CHARMS OF VIETNAM & CHINA - 27 DAYS

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7. SCANDINAVIA

GRAND TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA 20 DAYS

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8. MIDDLE EAST

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9. SOUTH AMERICA

2013 ICONS OF SOUTH AMERICA - 20 DAYS

Spend 20 exceptional days witnessing the grandeur of South America's most iconic sights including Machu Picchu, Iguazú Falls and Cuzco.

SCENIC TOURS

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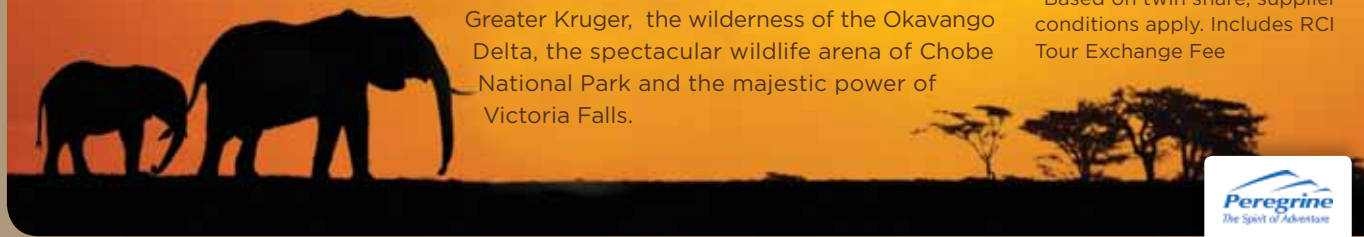
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2013 KRUGER & BOTSWANA EXPLORER - 18 DAYS

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LAS VEGAS, NV

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POMPANO BEACH, FL

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We were lucky to be able to visit RCI headquarters at Bundall and link up with Jo who was able to help us locate a suitable exchange for us to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We settled on "Awana" in the Genting Highlands about 100 Km out of Kuala Lumpur. We were a little apprehensive about how we might get to our Resort as we were novices in regard to a foreign country and the availability of transport within Kuala Lumpur. However, we need not have worried as the Public Transport system within KL and surrounding regional areas is fantastic and cheap. Coach and Rail travel is easy to access and the locals most helpful. Even the taxis were reasonable if you settled on a price before you entered the cab. It cost us about AU\$30 to get from KL to Awana.


Upon arriving at Awana, we were pleased with our unit and settled in for an exciting week. We were traveling with friends we had met on our honeymoon and who were also celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary with us. The surrounding areas of our resort were lush, green Rain Forest and being in the Highlands, the scenery was spectacular. The Resort was about 6 km from the summit of the Genting Highlands upon which sat the most amazing City. Genting City is composed of six

International Hotels, four Casinos, three Theme Parks and kilometres of interlinking plazas, coffee shops, restaurants and shopping arcades. We spent hours shopping, exploring and getting lost in the myriad of escalators and passageways. It was great fun.

The Resort itself is home to an International Golf Course which is beautifully manicured and remarkably cheap to play. The accommodation was good and the unit was serviced every second day. The food was excellent and there were six different Restaurants to choose from. We mostly ate at the hotel dining room where the choices on the enormous buffet were many and varied. We also sampled the food from the American Style Cafe & Bar as well as the Japanese, Korean, Hawaiian and the bistro attached to the Golf Club.

We were able to visit KL on three occasions where we were amazed at the Petronas Towers, the variety of shopping in the up-market areas

beneath the towers and the many local markets. We found the "Hop-on Hop off" bus tour excellent to orient ourselves in this large city.

There were free shuttle coaches from Awana to the Genting City and also down to the Genting Skyway. The Skyway was a real highlight as this gave us many trips in the Cable Cars up the mountain to the City. Views were spectacular. Other enjoyable ventures were the visits to the local markets around the Skyway centre and picking our own fresh Strawberries at a local farm. In all, a great way to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary thanks to Jo and RCI. 



Petronas Twin Towers at
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