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Dear RCI member,

Have you got all your holiday plans finalised for 2012? If not, then you'll enjoy reading about all the options available to you in this edition of Endless Vacation magazine.

I've just returned from visiting our resorts in tropical Fiji and can highly recommend this destination for your consideration. The flooding in Nadi earlier this year hasn't affected any of our resorts and each one offers a very different and enjoyable experience. WorldMark Denarau offers the luxury and amenities of a large resort, right on the beach. Just a one hour ferry ride takes you out to Malolo Lailai where a more traditional Fijian island holiday can be enjoyed with the nearby Musket Cove Resort offering all of its facilities to the timeshare guests. Around on the Coral Coast, Fiji Palms Resort offers peace and tranquillity amid the palm trees, tropical foliage and adjacent beach front. And if you want to get right away from it all, try Naigani Island Resort. It's nestled into a bay on this secluded island with snorkelling and swimming sure to entice you into the pristine waters. All resorts offer the Fijian hospitality that our members always mark so highly on their return.

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Cover Image: Oahu, the heart of Hawaii.



WARM AND INVITING: Kerwan's Lane, Galloway City, Ireland.

Going *solo*

Traveling alone is not only popular but a unique experience that's rewarding. The appeal of freedom lures travellers of all ages thanks to a mutual love of discovery. Ever increasing in popularity with an array of sensory pleasures to explore, these are some of the best destinations to take in solo.

IRELAND

Well known for its friendly people, the island of Ireland boasts beautiful countryside and a great pub culture, making it extremely appealing to the solo traveller. Locals are only too willing to strike up a conversation, get you dancing and reveal hidden gems worthy of exploration. With ancient myths and legends to uncover, lose yourself in eleven urban hubs including Belfast, Dublin, free-spirited Cork and the medieval heritage cities of Kilkenny and Waterford are sure to impress. Our tip: Let the island guide your journey.

ready,
set,
go

MEXICO

Daily connecting flights from Dallas/Fort Worth to Cancun mean it's never been easier to live it up like a celebrity and get your fill of pina colodas. This town is equivalent to Las Vegas or Ibiza and certainly gives Acapulco a run for its money. The white sandy beaches and turquoise water lure many a snorkeler, whilst the natural wonders and Mayan ruins are simply enticing. Our Tip: Stay at an all-inclusive resort. Beside catering for your meals and drinks these resorts often host events for guests making it ideal to meet other like-minded travellers.

THAILAND

Thailand is easily accessible and budget-friendly. In particular, Bangkok and the Thai islands offer a bevy of shopping and pamper options and widely inexpensive food. A variety of cultural and culinary adventures awaits travellers who can appreciate the vibrant and warm friendly nature of the Thai.

NEW ZEALAND

Beautiful, clean, friendly and easy to travel! Many outdoor activities for the adventurous allowing individuals to easily join without being part of a group. Auckland and Queenstown both have a great hop-on and hop-off travel network making sightseeing a breeze.





H Rediscover the *heart* of Hawaii

The third largest of the Hawaiian Islands, Oahu is a blend of native culture and western modernity. The ancient and the modern sit side-by-side on this tropical island, ensuring there's plenty for visitors to see and do.

Crystal clear waters, white sand beaches and fantastic dive spots contrast with the high-rises and shopping malls of downtown Honolulu and the sophisticated nightlife of the North Shore. Magnificent nature reserves are just moments away from the historic and moving Pearl Harbour memorial. And for food lovers, the decadent mix of Polynesian and world cuisines provide some fine dining opportunities.



EXPLORE

Much of Oahu's lush hinterland and rugged coastline is protected, meaning that nature lovers are guaranteed unspoilt peace and

stunning scenery, whether walking along deserted cliffs or descending into the craters of dormant volcanoes.

The hike along the dramatic headland of the Ka Iwi State Scenic Shoreline offers sweeping views across the ocean and, if you're lucky, you'll be able to spot migrating humpback whales that pass this way in their thousands every mating season (November – May). It's a two kilometre hike to the lookout situated above the Makapuu Lighthouse.

For one of the most breathtaking (and windy) views across Oahu, visitors should head to the Nuuanu Pali Lookout set above the forested cliffs of the Ko'olau Mountain Range. But remember



not to wear a hat – unless you want to lose it. The wind up here is surprisingly wicked.

Another well-known National Park is Diamond State, on the eastern edge of Waikiki. This now-dormant crater was formed 300,000 years ago and today provides a refuge for local wildlife. The trail to the summit of the crater is steep, ending in a tunnel, but it's worth the climb. At the top, as well as incredible 360-degree views, you'll find artillery bunkers and a lighthouse.

The attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese led to America's entry into the Second World War. Today the harbor and the USS Arizona, a battleship torpedoed in the harbor, are two of

the most visited attractions in Hawaii. Get there early to avoid the crowds.

There are few places on earth with more incredible ocean wildlife than Hawaii. Humpback whales as well as bottlenose dolphins are frequent visitors to the warm waters surrounding the islands. Whale and dolphin watching tours are high on the list of things to do and rarely disappoint.

Back on land, a good way to become familiar with Honolulu and soak up the atmosphere is to grab a map and take a self-guided walking tour through the charming old neighbourhoods of Manoa, Kapahulu and Kaimuki.



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SHOP

Oahu provides some of Hawaii's best shopping opportunities, from the air-conditioned malls of Waikiki to smaller independent boutiques in out of the way towns, selling traditional crafts and original artworks.

Ala Moana shopping centre in Honolulu is one for the serious shopaholic. You'll need all day to visit its 290-plus stores and restaurants. If luxury is what you're after then Luxury Row is for those with a limitless credit card. Here you'll find Chanel, Gucci, Coach and Tiffany all vying for shoppers' attentions.

At the other end of the spectrum, Aloha Stadium Swap Meet is a colourful and bustling bazaar where hundreds of stallholders set up every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, selling everything from collectibles and antiques to plants and souvenirs.

On the waterfront, and slightly more upmarket, Aloha Tower Marketplace is another outdoor market, this one with distinctly Hawaiian appeal thanks to its speciality boutiques. It's a great place to eat or just to hang out, watching the ships sail past or enjoying the free entertainment on the waterfront stage.

If it's art you're after then The Kahakii Gallery showcases original contemporary works by Hawaiian artists.



RELAX

Think Hawaii and automatically images of white sand beaches are conjured, and Kailua Beach doesn't disappoint. It's the ideal spot for families as the waves are gentle and calm. Those of a more active disposition won't be disappointed however, as there are plenty of water sports offered along this stretch of sand, including snorkeling through stunning coral gardens just offshore. Less relaxing perhaps, but no less enjoyable, two islands lying 800m offshore provide a destination for adventurous kayakers or keen swimmers.

Away from the beach lies lush tropical rainforest and perhaps the best place to explore this untouched wilderness is the Lyon Arboretum. Follow one of the many tracks that lead to the magnificent waterfall. An alternative for those who prefer horses to hiking is to join an escorted ride through rainforest, valleys and orchards, enjoying mountain views along the trails.



PLAY

Not for the amateur, but rather for those who like to play a serious game of golf, the Ko'olau Golf Course is touted as the most demanding golf course in the world and is definitely the place to work on improving your handicap.



EAT

Hawaii benefits from its centuries of immigrant history. Local food is rich in the flavours of Polynesia but Filipino, Japanese, Korean and Portuguese influences all contribute to the eclectic food scene that's arisen.

Don't leave without trying some of the specialities for which Hawaii is known, such as Lau Lau, a traditional entrée made with either pork or chicken, wrapped in a type of spinach leaf and steamed.

Sample these and other Asian delicacies with the locals at the **Makai Market**, the largest international food court in Hawaii, seating 1500 people and serving food from across the globe.

If battling through food stalls is not your thing and you like your Lau Lau

served with a bit more flair, try the elegant **A Closer Look**, an award-winning restaurant serving Hawaiian cuisine.

It's always good to follow the locals' advice when it comes to eating out and **Le Bistro** has developed a loyal clientele serving local cuisine with a French twist.

Tita's on the north shore is a casual roadside café with bundles of charm. Run by a husband and wife team, it's famed for its shrimp and freshly baked bread.




Spicy Hawaiian shrimp and rice



ISLANDS IN PICTURES: 1. Pu'uhonua O Honaunau National Historical Park - Big Island
2. Ukulele for sale at open air markets 3. Aloha Festival - Honolulu 4. Kauai waterfall
5. Surfboard parking lot - Waikiki 6. Waikiki Beach at night.

Once you've played a round, or after a long day sightseeing and sunbathing, head to Waikiki where the colourful nightlife will give you a second wind. With a wide variety of restaurants, bars and clubs, Honolulu serves tourists and locals well. In Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown, smaller underground jazz clubs and intimate bars rub shoulders with casual eateries. On the first Friday of every month, Chinatown comes alive with an art celebration that stirs up a lot of buzz and a carnival atmosphere.

There's plenty to do for free too. Take a stroll through the grounds of the 'Iolani Palace on Fridays at lunchtime for a chance to hear the Royal Hawaiian Band or catch a movie on Kapahulu Pier, which is transformed at night into an outdoor movie theatre.

If you time your trip well you'll also be able to enjoy the colourful parades that float down the streets of Honolulu during the Aloha Festivals. 

STAY

RCI affiliated resorts on Oahu include:

OAHU

Imperial Hawaii Vacation Club, Honolulu (2605)

MEMBER REVIEW: "Great view of the Pacific Ocean from the owners lounge on the 26th floor."

Wyndham Vacation

Resorts Royal Garden at Waikiki, Honolulu (C178)

The resort is away from the busy streets of Waikiki, but within walking distance to shops, dining, and other attractions. It's the perfect atmosphere for a romantic getaway.



MEMBER REVIEW: "Resort is within easy walking distance of Waikiki and it's easy to get around the city from the resort."

Royal Hawaiian Adventure Club, Honolulu (0037)

The Royal Hawaiian Adventure Club at the Royal Kuhio Condominium is a high-rise resort two blocks from Waikiki Beach. It offers a deck roof and pool and its recreation area encompasses the entire seventh floor.

MEMBER REVIEW: "We had a corner unit with a great breeze, lovely mountain view and Diamond Head view, flat screen TV and all the items we needed."

Get to know thy neighbour - Maui, Kauai and the Big Island of Hawaii.

Hawaiian airlines are in the process of increasing its neighbour island service and the reintroduction of non-stop service to Maui from Los Angeles starting in June, means it's never been easier to island hop or day trip.

UNWIND IN MAUI

Discover more than 80 beaches along 193km of picturesque shoreline. Awaken your senses at Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm - pick up yummy Lavender Fudge Sauce.

STAY

Kahana Falls, Lahaina (2788)

BIG ISLAND ADVENTURE

Discover majestic giant mantra rays at Kona on a night snorkel.

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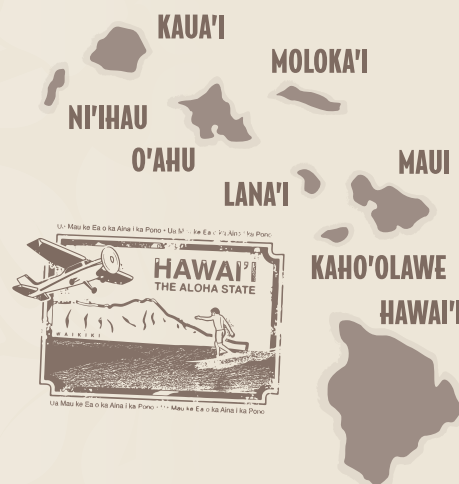
Wyndham Mauna Loa Village, Kailua-Kona (4908)

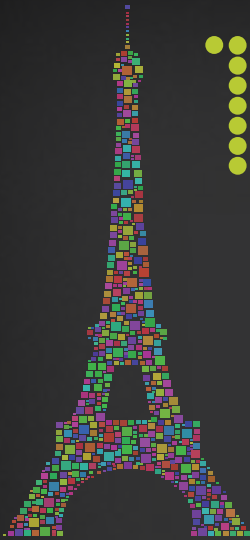
REJUVENATE IN KAUAI

Book a unique spa treatment incorporating fragrant natural ingredients and the Hawaiian Lomilomi style of massage.

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Wyndham Kauai Beach Villas, Lihue (3681)





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The height of the Eiffel Tower replica at the Paris Las Vegas. About half the size of the original in France, the similarities include an enclosed observation deck and glass elevator to admire the stunning vistas on the way to the top.

A REAL HIT!

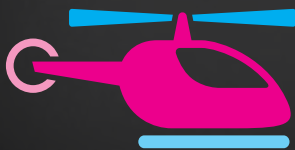
The Las Vegas Mob Museum, a new edition to downtown certainly packs a punch - from Tommy guns, film clips, artifacts of real mobsters, to interactive exhibits and more. Catch a glimpse of the Las Vegas underbelly, in a former federal courthouse where high profile mobsters once stood trial.



LAS VEGAS

eagle eye

AU\$114 for the new sightseeing excursions from **Maverick Helicopters**, offering views of the Strip day or night.
Maverickhelicopter.com



VEGAS VIC

The enormous neon cowboy that towers over Fremont Street is the world's largest mechanical neon sign.

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STAY



RCI affiliated resorts in Las Vegas include:

Grandview at Las Vegas (6923)

This family-oriented resort has four swimming pools.

The Cliffs at Peace Canyon (6389)

A relaxing resort away from the crowds.

Bluegreen Club 36 (A851)

The perfect retreat a few streets from the non-stop action of the Strip.

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



Hilton Grand Vacations Club on the Las Vegas Strip (6300)

In the heart of the action.



South Africa a world in one country

South Africa is one of the most spectacular countries on earth. It is game reserves for which South Africa is known best, but with cosmopolitan cities rich with culture and history, miles of dramatic coastline and incredible beaches, visitors will find they're spoiled for choice when it comes to deciding what to see and do first.

On the east coast, you'll find equally popular and sophisticated Durban. Its biggest drawcard is kilometres of golden beaches and the fact that it is sunny almost year-round. Thankfully, it's safe to swim in the warm Indian Ocean waters without fear of sharks because the beaches are protected by a string of nets.

The waves on this side of the coast attract surfers from across the globe. The Bay of Plenty and Snake Park Beach are two legendary surf spots, while families may

want to opt for the calmer waves at South Beach. Those seeking privacy should head to Oasis Beach where sunbathers are protected by the rolling sand dunes.

Further up the coast, Ushaka Marine World is a fun place to spend a day. This marine theme park is often voted the best attraction in Durban. Its water park rides and Dangerous Creatures exhibit will appeal to thrill seekers, while its aquarium and Kids World will suit the rest of the family.

While it might be tempting to spend

your whole vacation on the beach, the city is also worth exploring and is small enough to navigate fairly easily. Culturally diverse, with a large Indian population, Durban's street scene is markedly colourful. The Victoria Indian Street Market is a fun way to spend a morning. It's also close to the Jumma Masjid, the largest mosque in the southern hemisphere. Wander among the mosques and temples of this area, stopping to sample Indian food or buy spices, textiles or indigenous medicines.





The main attractions of the city, besides Victoria Street Market, include the Botanical Gardens the oldest surviving botanic gardens in Africa, established on the slopes of the Berea ridge in 1848 and City Hall, which houses the Natural Science Museum, a great museum for kids and adults alike.

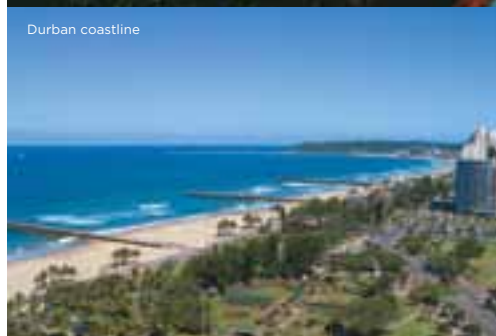
For shopping and entertainment, you need head no further than Wilson's Wharf on the marina, with a stunning view of the city's skyline. Dining here offers plenty of options – from fast food to silver service. Nearby, the Bartel Arts Trust Centre, housed in converted warehouses, showcases art from local artists and is a popular live music venue.

Located just outside of Durban is the Valley of a Thousand Hills. Hiking all of them might be a bit much, but you can hop a ride on the aptly named 1000 Hills Choo Choo: a train that rides the valley route up to the ridge. The area, rich in Zulu culture, has lured painters and poets for centuries, and there are many places to stop for a bite to eat and admire the scenery.

Top of the bucket list has to be a South African safari. Nowhere else on earth



Beautiful Cape Town



Durban coastline



Tribal beads

will you have a chance to see lions, rhinos, cheetahs, leopards and hippos in their natural environment except for here, in one of the many wild game preserves scattered across South Africa. Johannesburg, the capital city is often used as a gateway for travellers looking to head straight out on safari to South Africa's flagship game reserve the nearby Kruger National Park. A visit to this unspoiled wilderness is a truly magical experience and one of the only reserves you can explore DIY. The idea of a self-guided safari goes against the traditional image of this type of outing, in which visitors ride in an open jeep with a guide and driver but a self-guided safari is surprisingly easy. Visitors can drive the

network of paved and dirt roads whenever the gates are open. You're required to stay in your vehicle at all times, although there are a few scenic overviews where you're permitted to walk around at your own risk.

In contrast to Durban, Johannesburg has had its fair share of civil unrest in the past. Visitors might be surprised by how pleasant the city is. Organised trips (emphasis on the organised) to the sprawling township of Soweto are a highlight, but take sensible precautions against crime.

At the southern tip of South Africa sits the beautiful harbour city of Cape Town, resting on the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain. With balmy summers and cool winters, Cape Town attracts many return visitors keen to take advantage of its great restaurants, shops and beaches. The nearby wine lands and stunning scenery of the Garden Route might also be an added incentive.

The attraction that gets the most visitors is the V&A Waterfront, a hive of boutique shops, achingly hip bars and busy restaurants. There's also a great market selling local arts and crafts. Boats leaving from the harbour here take tourists on sightseeing and whale-watching cruises.

Hike or take the cable car up to the flat top of Table Mountain. You'll be able to see far out out to sea, provided the



Gordons Bay near Cape Town South Africa



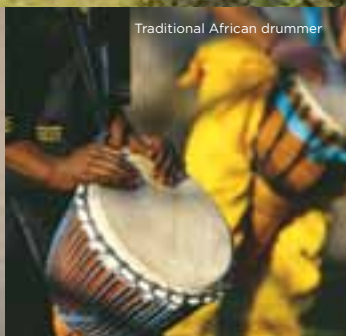
A Game drive is most popular way to see South Africa's wildlife. Photo: InnaFelker / Shutterstock.com



Cape Town Waterfront



Vuvuzuela trumpeter, Johannesburg




Traditional African drummer

mountain isn't covered by a tablecloth of cloud. Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela and others were imprisoned, can be seen from up here. But it's worth travelling across the bay and touring the island, which was used as a prison for centuries. It's a truly humbling experience to witness the cells where prisoners were kept and to learn about the history of the political change that has occurred in South Africa over the last three centuries.

Cape Town's beaches will make you sigh with happiness. The water here is rather cooler than in Durban but the surfing is just as good. The most popular beaches are Camps Bay, lined by great

restaurants and bars, and Clifton, which draws the young and the hip in droves.

If you are keen to do some DIY exploring, it's an easy journey by car from Cape Town out into the stunning valleys of the Western Cape. Over 560 wineries compete for attention here. Constantia and Darling being just two of the areas that entice wine aficionados. Another great and well-trodden tour is the Garden Route: a scenic highway that travels through the southern Cape all the way to the Eastern Cape border. The road winds through ancient forests and liberal arts communities, past lush golf courses and close to mountain retreats. 

If you're keen to see more of Africa consider adding on to your trip, a luxury safari through **Kenya**. Flying safari visiting three outstanding locations Samburu in the semi-arid north, Mount Kenya on the equator and the Masai Mara.

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RCI affiliated resorts in South Africa include:

CAPE TOWN & SURROUNDS

The Peninsula, Cape Town (2155)

The resort is within easy access of Cape Town's must-sees, making it an ideal base for exploring the Mother City or venturing further afield to Western Cape attractions like the wine lands.

MEMBER REVIEW: "We have just arrived home from 5 wonderful weeks in Africa - Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana and South Africa. Our time at the Peninsula was a standout."

DURBAN & DOLPHIN COAST

Durban Sands, Durban (1895)

Bird's-eye view across the lapping waters of South Beach to the Bluff. On the rooftop is the resort's super-private leisure deck where, high above the city, you can enjoy mini-golf, squash, and a barbecue at the poolside.

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Cabana Beach Lifestyle Resort, Umhlanga Rocks (1290)

MEMBER REVIEW: "It was fabulous, we were pleasantly surprised. Also a very safe area - good security and walking distance to a lot of nice restaurants. The weather was perfect as well."



JOHANNESBURG AREA

Sudwala Lodge, Schagen, (2944)

The Malelane and Numbi gates of the Kruger Park are a mere 1-hour drive away, while the Sudwala pre-historic park is within walking distance.

MEMBER REVIEW: "Very glad I used the services of Sundowners Tours - the husband and wife tour company recommended by Sudwala - they made my week's holiday an absolute joy!"



*Subject to limited availability at the time of print. No Spacebank or RCI Points contribution required. Room configurations vary per resort. Speak to a Reservations Consultant regarding available room configurations.



LANDMARKS

priceless ancient wonders


Captivating Cambodia

Cambodia is fast emerging as the must-visit South East Asian destination. Unlike some of her more commercialised neighbours, Cambodia provides visitors with an authentic Asian cultural experience. Still emerging for her turbulent past, the people remain eternally optimistic and the beauty of this land is magical.



TOP: Statues of Buddha

BOTTOM: Temple gate to Ancient Angkor Wat

The Prince D'Angkor Hotel & Spa is ideally positioned in the heart of Siem Reap, where visitors can experience the history, culture and shopping district all within walking distance. Just 15 minutes drive from the airport and just 10 minutes from one of the most spectacular temple complex sites in the world, the famed Angkor Wat. Siem Reap City has colonial and Chinese-style architectural flair throughout the Old French Quarter, and around the Old Market. In the city, there are traditional Apsara dance performances, craft shops, silk farms, rice-paddy countryside, fishing villages and a bird sanctuary near the Tonle Sap Lake. For many visitors, Angkor is the main draw card but your trip should definitely include a detour to Kbal Spien, a boat trip to Preaek Tol, or simply an overnight excursion to the former Khmer Rouge stronghold of Anlong Veng all fascinating experiences that far fewer people undertake, making it exceptionally rewarding. 



STAY



PRINCE D'ANGKOR HOTEL & SPA

Siem Reap, Cambodia

3 Nights from
AU\$179*/ NZ\$229*

7 Nights from
AU\$389*/ NZ\$499*

MEMBER REVIEW:

"I would absolutely recommend this resort. It has everything you would want. Terrific range of restaurants in Siem Reap on Pub Street."

*Prices are based on low season and are subject to availability at time of print.

TAUPO



TAKE THE KIDS
New Zealand

more than meets the eye *fun for all ages and interests*

Below: Nature's mud baths, Rotorua.
Photo: Chris Sisarich, courtesy of
Tourism New Zealand

Tongariro Crossing

Lake Taupo in New Zealand is famous among thrill seekers who travel there to scale mountains, ski and white water raft. Not surprisingly, the Great Lake Taupo is also the events capital of New Zealand hosting year round rock concerts, sporting events, arts and culture displays. This area of stunning natural beauty has more to offer visitors than the lake itself. There's an alternative side to Taupo for those who'd rather indulge in relaxed fun.



SOAK IT UP

The hot thermal springs in Taupo were highly valued by the Maori for their healing powers and therapeutic benefits. At the turn of the 20th century, travellers from all over the world came by train, horse or stagecoach to soak in the springs.


Today, several spas offer the chance to dip your toes in the famed healing waters. Families should try DeBretts Thermal Spas, where children can play while the adults soak in the steaming hot pools. A more relaxing option for those without little one's is the Wairakei Terraces Spa offering a more private setting.

MOON WALK

Give your muscles a work out before you take a dip on the Tokaanu Thermal Walk, a free bushwalk that winds past steaming pools and spluttering mud baths. Alternatively, you could take the Craters of the Moon Walk, which has a slightly longer loop trail suitable for all ages and fitness levels. If you're keen head to the upper lookout (this section is steep and stepped in places but the view is well worth the effort and highly recommended).

FOOD ADVENTURES

Kids and adults will enjoy the buzz at Huka Honey Hive next to New Zealand's most visited natural attraction, Huka Falls. At the Honey Hive you'll see honey being made into a number of yummy products, not all edible – some are for slathering on your body and others for drinking.

Another edible option is a visit to the Huka Prawn Park. Taupo might be better known for its trout fishing but New Zealand's only prawn park offers hours of entertainment. You can handfeed baby prawns as well as try to hook one on a line. Vegetarians might prefer to head straight for the adventure playground and geothermal footbaths. 



RCI affiliated resorts in
Lake Taupo include:

Lake Edge Resort (1708)

North Island, New Zealand

MEMBER REVIEW: "Delighted with the resort and overall experience - superb location, excellent amenities within apartment and could easily reside there for some time!"

Taupo Ika Nui (0900)

North Island, New Zealand

MEMBER REVIEW: "Our family thoroughly enjoyed their stay, especially as they had a unit looking straight out to Lake Taupo. Being within walking distance to the shopping area was a bonus."

The Lakeside Villas (3004)

North Island, New Zealand

MEMBER REVIEW: "We found Lakeside Villas an absolute dream, the facilities were just great and we felt like we were staying in a home away from home. The 2 bdrm villa compares well to the standard of our home timeshare Grandview, Las Vegas."

The Phoenix Resort (3854)

North Island, New Zealand

MEMBER REVIEW: "Small personalised resort with wonderful staff. A great base for travelling around the area as there is lots to do."



DISCOVER
at your own pace

The wonderful West

The best of Margaret River and Dunsborough

Just a three-and-a-half hour drive from Perth, amid rolling green valleys and ancient forests, are the boutique towns of Margaret River and Dunsborough.

It's here that Western Australia earns its reputation for spectacular scenery. Windswept white beaches meet sparkling ocean while thickly forested hills meet acres of sun-drenched vineyards.

The perfect area for those seeking a romantic weekend getaway, Margaret River and Dunsborough are also ideal locations for a family holiday.

A 45-minute drive from Margaret River, Dunsborough is a pretty seaside town and the ideal place from which to explore the coast. The beaches here, facing north to the Indian Ocean, are more sheltered, offering secluded bays as well as access to some incredible cliff-top walks. Meelup and Eagle Bay are a short drive away and entice swimmers and kayakers with their gleaming blue waters.

If staying at the gorgeous Wyndham Dunsborough Resort & Spa, you'll have a fantastic view over Geographe Bay and may even be able to spot bottlenose dolphins.

The laid-back town of Busselton is only a 30-minute drive from Dunsborough making it a great location for a daytrip. Situated on a glistening Emerald Bay,

and twice voted Western Australia's top tourist town, Busselton is famous mainly for its 1.9km jetty. Built in 1865, it's the longest pier in the southern hemisphere. It even has a train to carry you its length. At the end sits an underwater observatory where you can descend eight metres beneath the ocean and catch a glimpse of the artificial reef that is home to several hundred species of colourful fish.

It's not just about the pier though, Busselton also invites visitors to explore its old town streets. The arts centre was once an old court house and jail, and the new canal development is the perfect spot to sit in the sunshine to enjoy a beer or glass of wine.

Busselton jetty

Sunset at Redgate Beach near Margaret River





Margaret River's famous waves



Blessed by its stunning location, this area of Western Australia is charming whatever the time of year. In autumn, enjoy walks through wooded valleys. In winter, the coast is almost deserted, making the cliff walks truly memorable.


In spring, enjoy horseback riding through the forests and picnic among the wildflowers, while in summer there's nothing more fun than firing up a BBQ on the beach.

If you're a wine lover or just an avid explorer, head to one of Australia's prime wine regions, Margaret River. A short scenic drive from Dunsborough, multiple visits to conduct your own wine "research" are highly recommended. With elegant shops, art galleries and wonderful restaurants, Margaret River should be the main stop on any tour of the region. It's no surprise that the town has developed a reputation for gastronomic excellence and continues to draw food-lovers from all over the world.

Situated in the heart of wine country, the food here keeps pace with the range of wonderful wines on offer. Several award-winning restaurants, in or close to town, need to be booked

well in advance. Not to be missed is the Voyager Estate, arguably the most beautiful winery in Margaret River, with a menu to rival its views. The Arc of Iris might look a little shabbier but its seafood platter is raved about by locals and visitors alike.

Originally, a quiet surfing spot, Margaret River has quickly evolved into a cosmopolitan town where boutique hotels rub shoulders with high-end dining establishments – yet it still draws surfers to its shores. Endless, golden swathes of beach are often half-deserted and the crystal clear waters offer some of the best breaks in Australia. In fact, it's so famed for its surfing that not just one, but two annual surfing events are held here: the Margaret River Classic and the Margaret River Pro. The other main event you may wish to attend is the yearly Leeuwin Estate Concert for lovers of classical music.

After some indulging in fine food, wine, swimming, walking and exploring, you're sure to remember the Australian wild west. 



Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park



Native wildflowers



RCI affiliated resorts in Margaret River and Dunsborough include:



Wyndham Dunsborough Resort & Spa, Dunsborough (A789)

Wyndham Resort & Spa Dunsborough is a luxurious resort with extensive facilities and amenities including a beauty and day spa, a fireside wine bar, a tour desk and even a wedding chapel. Gourmet dining is available at Toby's Restaurant & Bar, which offers premier wines of the region.

MEMBER REVIEW: *"What we needed from this holiday was to relax, experience peacefulness and be treated with respect. We were rewarded in every respect absolutely."*



NEW PROPERTY

Australis Margaret River, WA

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Central Victoria, the new Gourmet Capital



Set in sweeping gold rush country, amid the stunning Macedon Ranges, the historic town of Kyneton traditionally draws visitors looking for a 'back to nature' escape from the daily grind. What you may not know is that Kyneton has also gained a reputation in recent years as something of a culinary capital, becoming one of the "in" places to visit for foodies and those who appreciate authentic farm to plate culinary gems.

Located only an hour's drive from Melbourne, those in the know make a culinary pilgrimage to stock up on supplies. In particular, on the second Saturday of the month, the Kyneton Farmers Market in St Pauls Park becomes the hub of activity for the town, after which visitors and locals branch out for late breakfasts or long lunches in the cafés and pubs. The town is certainly passionate about food, so much so that it boasts an impressive concentration of small businesses specialising in top quality dining and culinary products.

A booming town during the gold rush, Kyneton's history is alive on its streets. Visitors can still admire the old bluestone churches and buildings at its centre, where antique shops, art galleries and cafes sit side by side, many of them still boasting their original facades and ornate verandas. No more evident than when visitors head to beautifully restored Piper Street, where you'll find acclaimed restaurants like Annie Smithers Bistrot and Star Anise along with casual dining at Pizza Verde and

The Royal George all drawing crowds, various awards and critical praise. All should be booked in advance.

Kyneton Bushland Resort manager John Nissen's favourite place to dine is Annie Smithers. In fact, Annie is affectionately referred to by locals like John, as the Maggie Beer of Victoria. Her small French Bistrot offers a truly unique dining experience, the menu changes almost daily depending on what fruit and produce is harvested from her kitchen garden in nearby Malmsbury. Catering to the 'food and wine savvy' award-winning chef and owner Annie, also hosts 'masterclass' for those eager to learn the tricks of the trade. Her classes are widely popular and range from two hours to a full day throughout May to October 2012. Bookings are essential.

For those keen to test their own culinary skills, head to Piper Street to pick up some of Emelia's award winning and totally natural sauces, relishes, dressings and more. Pop into the Piper Street Food Company specialising in the ancient French art of creating terrine, sausage, rillettes and pâtés using the best Central Victorian produce. Owner and Charcuterie Damian Sandercock, guarantees his products will create a successful picnic, light supper or shared table.

Another reputable multi award winning and Kyneton gourmet darling is Kyneton Olive Oil. A short drive from Kyneton Bushland Resort, the Trovarello family business, hosts an annual open weekend giving visitors and locals a chance to sample new season products in relaxed environment whilst nibbling

CATERING TO FOODIES: Famous for its farmers markets and shopping strip populated with cafes, pubs and retailers who specialise in quality dining and culinary products. Once visitors have quenched their appetites they can also take in churches, antique shops and art galleries.



LOCAL TREASURES:

1. Kyneton gourmet darling Annie Smithers in her kitchen.
2. Spaghetini with Cavalo Nero. Image Courtesy of Annie Smithers from her new book "Annie's from Garden to Table."
3. Piper Street



gourmet wood-fire pizza and sipping local wine. This year's open weekend is being held from 9-11 June. Being a close-knit community you'll find Kyneton Olive Oil being used in the kitchens of Annie Smithers, Albion Hotel and nearby Daylesford businesses.


And it's not just the food that's attracting visitors; the wine in this region is also award-winning. Dozens of family operated boutique wineries dot the surrounding countryside. One winery that's worth the visit is Candlebark Hill, for its breathtaking views over the valley as much as for the chance to sample its limited release wines. In addition, Granite Hills Winery winner of over 400 awards boasts an Australian benchmark Riesling and a 'peppery shiraz', a total revelation and well worth the drive.

The perfect base for discovering the gourmet secrets of Central Victoria is Kyneton Bushland Resort. Close to town and spanning fifty hectares of natural Australian bushland there are plenty of onsite activities and adventure to keep families and individuals entertained. Why not spend an afternoon fishing for dinner onsite at the lake, rod hire is only AU\$5/ NZ\$6 and you can BBQ your freshly caught trout or red fin. A perfect end to day after exploring the Botanic Gardens set on the banks of the Campaspe River.

Undoubtedly, the best way to get to Kyneton and explore the area is by car. It's only 10km from Kyneton to Lauriston Reservoir, a beautiful picnic spot set within a cool pine forest. Closer to town, near Boggy Creek, are the Kyneton Mineral Springs, where visitors can use the old Victorian hand pump to draw the water.

Just fifteen minutes away from Kyneton, Turpin Falls is the perfect place for a quick dip, or alternatively head further out to the majestic peak of Mount Macedon and picnic at Hanging Rock, scene of the spooky book and movie.

Daylesford, a 35-minute drive from Kyneton, takes you past the spectacular Trentham Falls. Here the great attractions are the natural mineral springs. Several spas offer treatments in town.

Kyneton is a fabulous year-round destination, but for an extra-special stay try timing your visit to coincide with one of the town's many celebrations. In February, there's a country music festival, in April a literature festival and in September the Spring Flower Show and Daffodil and Arts Festival. The biggest race meet of the season is held in November, as is The Budburst Wine and Food Festival. 



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in kyneton include:



Kyneton Bushland Resort (0830)

Rest, relax and enjoy the wonders of the Australian bush and its wildlife. Swim in the resort's pool and unwind in the sauna and spa. Canoe, fish or swim in the five-acre lake. Go bike riding or play tennis, volleyball, mini-golf, table tennis or video games.

MEMBER REVIEW: "Thanks RCI for the voucher we received when we checked in, much appreciated to cover extra resort charges."



In *Kyneton*, Gourmet is King

Kyneton nestled in the Macedon region in country Victoria has certainly become one of the “in” places to visit for foodies and those who appreciate authentic farm to plate culinary gems. Piper Street, the gourmet hub of town is where you’ll find Emelia’s (The Saucy Australian) the most decorated Sauce Company in Australia. Winning six National Fine Food awards, Ron and Emelia’s

finest array of sauces, relishes, chutneys, dressings, and the World’s Greatest Pickled Onion have made their way into gourmet and speciality stores throughout Australia. Ron and Emelia don’t enter competitions anymore; they let their all-natural, gluten and genetically modified free products speak for themselves. It’s no surprise Emelia’s customers keep flocking back, once you’ve tasted the gourmet secrets of Kyneton you’ll also be back! 



Ron and Emelia Prendergast producers of Emelia's (The Saucy Australian).



Warm Chicken Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 500g chicken breast or thigh fillets
- Emelia's Garlic & Chilli Oil (or generic infused oil)
- Fresh garlic and chilli for flavour
- Emelia's Sweet Serendipity Sauce (or generic sweet marinade)
- 200g mixed washed salad
- Halved cherry tomatoes
- Sliced red onion rings
- Shaved green cucumber
- Strips of red capsicum
- Avocado balls, spooned
- Emelia's Magic Salad Dressing (or generic salad dressing)

METHOD

1. In a hot wok or frying pan, heat 3 tbsps of Emelia's Garlic and Chilli Oil with 2 cloves of fresh garlic and 1/2 chilli to taste.
2. Add chicken strips and stir fry with 6 tbsps of Emelia's Sweet Serendipity Sauce, cover chicken gently, stir fry so evenly cooked, do not overcook, 2 or 3 mins is sufficient.
3. Pour Emelia's Magic Salad Dressing over salads, one tbsp to each bowl, add the warm chicken to the salads, serve immediately, add just a little extra sweet serendipity to each chicken dish, and decorate with snow pea sprouts.
4. Serve with vegetables such as green French beans tossed in garlic butter and Dutch baby carrots sautéed in Emelia's Sweet Serendipity.
5. This is truly a magnificent restaurant meal, without leaving the comforts of your home. Enjoy.

Recipe courtesy of

Emelia's (The Saucy Australian)

Some sauces are available from **Kyneton Bushland Resort** or visit www.emelias.com.au



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TWEED COAST CALLING

The smooth vibe of the Tweed Coast is immediately apparent with the lack of high rises and excited crowds. This is one destination where life seems to have switched into low gear and chilling out takes precedence. Nestled in the caldera of an ancient shield volcano, the Tweed boasts lush World Heritage listed rainforests alongside rolling countryside and deserted sandy beaches. Here the attraction is the stunning landscape dotted with eclectic small towns reached by leisurely winding roads. Free from pretence, the coastal villages of Kingscliff and Cabarita are perfect bases for exploring one of Australia's best kept holiday secrets.

Rejuvenate your senses amid lush, tropical grounds at this tranquil holiday getaway. Cabarita is a delightful little coastal town with pristine beaches and excellent surfing and fishing—all within walking distance of Tamarind Sands resort. If you prefer pampering with stunning views of the coastline, Mantra on Salt Beach at Kingscliff provides guests with access to the renowned Golden Door Spa and a number of retail stores and restaurants. Perfectly located to explore the Tweed River Valley, and bordering Hinterland, Mantra on Salt Beach provides a relaxed, casual atmosphere well suited to a peaceful beachside holiday. **EV**



STAY

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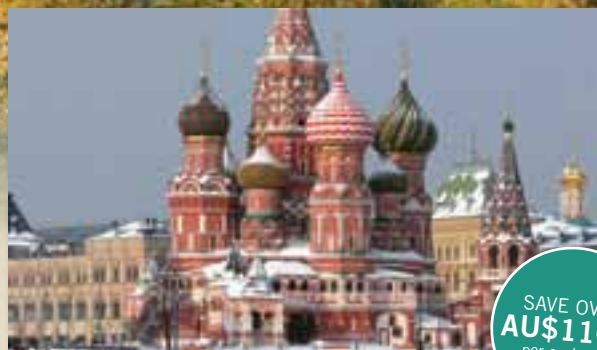

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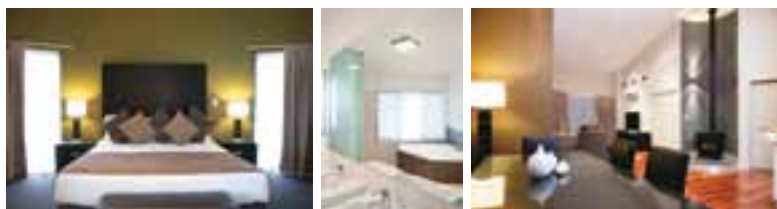
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PORT PACIFIC RESORT (1816)

Port Macquarie, NSW

**7 nights from
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NEPEAN COUNTRY CLUB (1169)

Rosebud, Victoria

**7 nights from
AU\$199*/ NZ\$259***

MEMBER REVIEW: "The grounds were large and had beautiful views. There were many kinds of games and activities and whilst we were there we got to enjoy the newly opened Day Spa. The best resort in which we have stayed."



THE MOORINGS (1174)

Tomakin, NSW

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We were fortunate enough to have swapped one week of our timeshare in Durban for 2 weeks at the luxurious Grand Mayan, and the Mayan Palace – containing a golf course, tennis courts, about 8 restaurants, several enormous, sparkling blue swimming pools, and breeding sanctuaries for pink flamingos and alligators.

We ate and did things we had never tasted or done before. The excellent tours, service, range of activities, food, and commitment to tourism was impressive. Our first swim in the Caribbean was at the beach in Playa Del Carmen – the water was warm, an opaque turquoise and stunningly beautiful. The endless markets offering silver, ceramics, clothing and more were overwhelming. We caught ferries to Isla Mujeres and to Cozumel, and in a moment of madness, hired a scooter

(having never ridden one before!) we rode around the island for 3 hours and had a great time. We took tours to the Mayan ruins in Tulum (the only ruins overlooking the sea, bordered by the second largest reef in the world) and to Chichen Itza, stopping first at a “Cenote” (there are no rivers in Yucatan province, but some 17 thousand Cenotes, which provide all their water). This one was a deep 120m well and we swam in the clear cool water, with lots of small catfish. Next was a Yucatan buffet lunch – the best tour lunch ever, Italy included! The scale of the ruins was impressive as was the complexity of their five thousand year old calendar (still the most accurate to date).

Our favourite tour was to Xel Ha, the largest natural aquarium in the world it was like an enormous water park with extensive waterways, lagoons and Cenotes. The assortment of different,

brightly coloured fish so close up was magical. Additional attractions included swimming with dolphins and manatees and guided snorkelling tours, at an extra cost, but there was plenty to do without these. All food and drink, including alcohol, was included in the tour price, and you could have unlimited amounts all day! But what made it even more amazing was the quality and variety of the food. Riviera Maya is number one on our list of wonderful destinations! We hope to return and recommend it to anyone planning a trip. 



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