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## getting our green groove on



On 7 July 2008, RCI Asia Pacific launched "Go Green"– an environmental conservation initiative aimed at changing the way we operate for the betterment of the environment and the mitigation of climate change.

The first wave of the three-tiered initiative focused on launching "green" activities for the RCI team which included installing recycle bins for paper, plastic and cans in the offices; instating posters, screensavers and email signatures reminding staff to adopt environmentally friendly habits in the office; conducting environment-themed games to educate staff about climate

change; and screening Al Gore's award-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth". We aim to measurably reduce paper consumption and become more energy efficient in the Asia Pacific region.

Looking ahead, we hope to extend the "Go Green" initiative to the resorts we are affiliated with and to members like you, encouraging all to embrace ecofriendly practices that can help to reduce the human footprint on the environment.

#### "At RCI, we strongly believe that the core values of our company govern our actions as a

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responsibly for the betterment of the environment and for the mitigation of climate change."

- RCI's Go Green Mission Statement

Here are some tips on how you can **Go Green** on your next RCI holiday:

#### 1. Use Public Transportation

Instead of renting a gas-guzzling car that will emit greenhouse gas emissions, try taking trains, buses, monorails, ferries or subways.

#### 2. Rent a Smart Car

Choose a hybrid or a compact model that will consume less gas. And make it a point to drive within the speed limit to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

#### 3. Pack Light

Try not to bring more luggage than you need. This extra luggage adds weight to the airplane, buses, cars and other means of transportation you use, thus requiring more energy, and emitting more greenhouse gases, as it transport you from place to place.

#### 4. Take Digital Shots

Use a digital camera to capture your great holiday pictures rather than a disposable camera or an oldfashioned one that uses film. And try to use rechargeable batteries instead of disposables ones too!

#### 5. Conserve In-Room Energy

Remember to turn off the lights, TV, and air conditioning when you leave your room.

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## Cebu get-away

A SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT DECISION TO SPEND FIVE DAYS IN CEBU TURNED INTO A MEMORABLE VACATION – AND HAD BERMAR A. BANTOLA AND FAMILY ASKING FOR MORE!



INSET: (left) **Bohol, The Chocolate Hills** are amazingly uniform and said to number 1268. They get their name from the grass covering them which, at the end of the dry season, turns chocolate brown.

owards the end of our summer break, our family spent five days in Cebu, Eastern Philippines. None of us – my wife, sister, three kids, and I – had ever been to Cebu, nor knew anyone there, and had neither guides nor any semblance of an itinerary to speak of.

All we had were five days, some cash, and an RCI membership.

To maximise our vacation, we booked an early (6:30am!) Manila-Cebu flight with Cebu Pacific. Upon landing at Mactan we instantly experienced the excellent service of Days Hotel. Their driver and waiting van welcomed us as we stepped out of the airport. After a brief rest at the hotel we went sightseeing, visiting the Lapu-Lapu shrine, Magellan's Cross in downtown Cebu, and **TOPS** at Lahug which offered a panoramic nightscape of the city. En route, our driver recommended City View Restaurant for dinner where the view, food, and ambience justified his suggestion. Our focus on the second day was to satisfy our craving for Cebu's pristine beaches. We chose the beach-fronted Tambuli Beach Club (West), and were driven there in tricycles. We discovered the entrance fee included a sumptuous

lunch, which you could opt for it to be served at your chosen spot on the beach (by paying a little extra, of course). Beach bums had plenty to keep busy with - jet skis, parasailing, banana boats, and boat tours to nearby islands with fish sanctuaries and excellent dive/snorkel spots. Swimming in the sea was great, because during low tide, the shallow

"All we had were five days, some cash, and an RCI membership."

water does not get above head level even as far out as 100 meters from the shore. Dinner was at the **Su-Tu-Kil** collection of restaurants near the Lapu-Lapu shrine. We chose our fresh raw ingredients, and the skilled cooks prepared them in sugba (grilled), tula (soup) or kilaw (raw fish salad) style. We selected our particular restaurant because of the challenge the cook threw: "Kapag hindi masarap, libre na!" ("If it doesn't taste good, it's free!"). Needless to say, we paid wholeheartedly!

During the day, consensus was already being formed about plans for Day 3. Enthusiastically, we voted on **Bohol**! Reaching Pier 1, we boarded the first 6am Ocean Jet ferry to Bohol. Upon arrival, we rented a van and Dodong, our driver, became our tour guide and photographer-cum-translator for the day. Our first stop was, where else, but at the famous Chocolate Hills. One hill has been converted into the 'base' hill with the tourist office, souvenir shops and food booths. It was worth the 217-step climb to the peak for the scenic view of the other perfectly cone-shaped hills. Forgot your camera? Don't worry as photographers come to your rescue, complete with a developing station and enthusiastic suggestions for creative poses!

Dodong then drove us to Bohol's other tourist destinations, supplying us with interesting historical and anecdotal snippets. After stopping at the **Hanging Bridge**, we feasted on a buffet lunch at a floating restaurant on Loboc River; took photo ops with the tiny Tarsiers with their enormous eyes; had a history lesson at the **Clarin Ancestral House**; saw the



(above) **Cebu church, Baclayon** - The 400-yearold Baclayon Church is made of stone and has a museum within its premises.

gigantic 25-foot python, and took more pictures at the 400-year-old **Baclayon Church Museum**, the site where metal statues depict the chieftain Datu Sikatuna making a 'blood compact' with Spanish explorer Legazpi, before finally hitting the souvenir shops on the way to the port. Kapoy!

The fourth day was mostly a mall-andmarket day. We knew about the delicious lechon (*roasted pig*) this province is famed for, and we managed to hunt down a specialty restaurant, **CnT Restaurant**, just outside SM Cebu. True enough, the tasty meat did not disappoint us. Couple this with efficient service and affordable prices, and our search was well worth it. If only lechon was a more healthy cuisine!

After a quick tour of SM, we headed to **Taboan Market**, known for selling the lowest-priced dried, salted danggit, pusit and other seafood, as well as pasalubong (*souvenir*) food such as dried mangoes and otap (*puff pastry*). Our overwhelming load of boxes and bags were a testimony to the fact that we had came to the right place!

Our flight home was after lunch on our fifth day. Though we had packed in so much during our stay here, it seemed as if we had scarcely scratched Cebu's surface.

We barely had a chance to interact with the people, sample much of Cebu's cuisine, be part of the colourful festivals, not to mention dive down to its worldrenowned corals at **Balicasag**, an island off Bohol, which was recently being named one of the three best dive sites in the world!

This only meant one thing.

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Lapu-Lapu shrine - The 20-meter bronze statue is erected in honour of Lapu-Lapu a native chieftain who defeated and killed Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan in 1521.

Bohol 1 loboc river - A buffet lunch while sightseeing on a floating restaurant on Loboc River is a real treat!

**Cebu** - Cebu is famed for its pristine white sandy beaches, aqua sea and blue sky.

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# the heart of conservative Japan

By Amita Sarwal I Photographs courtesy of Japan National Tourist Organization

apan's imperial capital for over a thousand years, Kyoto sits snugly surrounded by picturesque hills, or a "natural fortress" as labeled by Kyoto's founding ruler Emperor Kammu. Kyoto, or Heiankyo as it was originally named, was the cultural and artistic centre from 794 to 1866 AD. Today the Capital of Peace's traditional past lives blissfully alongside its present modernism. One of Japan's most important university towns, it has also become an important convention centre and MICE destination. Shopping opportunities and cuisine are found in abundance in Downtown Kyoto. Religion too has a significant hold, as evidenced by the over 1,600 Buddhist temples and 270 Shinto shrines. Visitors continue to throng to its steeped-in-time plethora of architectural wonders and gardens - each nurtured and preserved with care.

### Where Royalty Dwelt

Literally the jewel in the crown continues to be the Kyoto Imperial Palace, standing dignified in its simplicity. Situated in the heart of the city, the numerous buildings serving as residences to the ranking noble court families have since been torn down, but sprawling manicured lawns and 9,000 peach and plum trees fill the grounds in their place and are in full glory during spring. Nearby, stands Nijo Castle. Built in 1603 by a Tokugawa shogun, the ornate castle's unique 'nightingale floor' apparently makes bird-like sounds when walked upon, to warn residents of possible intruders.

## Plethora Of Temples And Gardens

Reminiscent of the past are the shrines and temples, each reputed for its special feature. No matter where you go - be it to the north, south, central, east or west of Kyoto – you are sure to find magnificent temples and gardens to take your breath away.

#### Central

The must-see ones in central Kyoto include Higashi-Honganji Temple. Kyoto's largest wooden building, like Nijo Castle, was built by the first Tokugawa shogun in 1602, though the present building dates from 1895. Along with the neighbouring Nishi-Honganji Temple, founded in 1272 in Higashiyama (Eastern Kyoto) and relocated to its present site in 1591, these two temples form the foundation of one of Japan's largest Buddhist sects, Jodo Shinshu. Another significant, and one of the oldest, shrines is Shimogamo, famed for its hollyhock (Aoi Matsuri) festival and situated in the Tadasuno-Mori forest along the confluence of the Kamo and Takano Rivers. Shokokuji, one of the Gozan (Five Great Zen) temples, was once a famous painting academy and currently has a museum on its premises. Another shrine worth visiting is Kitano Tenmangu, which was built to honour a wronged 9th century scholar, Michizane Sugawara, and has among its treasures two scrolls illustrating the shrine's history.

#### East

Located in the northeast is the Ginkakuji Temple, also known as the Temple of the Silver Pavilion. Its name is rather ironic considering that it had never been covered in silver because the shogun who had it erected during the Ashikaga era (c.1489) died before it was completed. Further east, the Higashiyama area offers ideal walking trails along its undulating slopes. This starts from the Heian Shrine founded in 1895 to commemorate Kyoto's 1,000th anniversary. It is a scaled-down replica of the Imperial Palace and is set in a stunning garden; you will soon realize that the gardens of Shoren are among the finest. The temple was the former residence of the head abbots, many from the imperial family. Wander into Maruyama Park which draws large crowds to its landscaped gardens and cherry blossoms in the spring. At its northern end is **Chion-in**, one of the country's largest temples. Marvel at the very tall Torii gates showcased at Yasaka Shrine, also known as 'Gion-san'. From here proceed to the popular Kiyomizu











**Temple** perched on a hillside. Entry is through Teapot Lane, named for the numerous shops selling Kiyomizu ceramics. Pop into the home of the famed potter Kawai Kanjiro and take in the showcase of his pottery. Or visit the 1001 statues of the Goddess of Mercy at the **Sanjusanendo Temple**.

#### North

Two main temples to visit in the northern part of Kyoto, are **Daitokuji Temple** and **Shisendo Temple**, both renowned for their landscaped gardens. The former was originally the private retreat of an Edo period poet and scholar, while the latter is reputed for its Zen-style architecture.

#### West

The prime attraction in western Kyoto is the golden pavilion or **Kinkakuji Temple**. Visitors swear by the beauty of its reflection in the still waters of the Kyoto Pond. Other must-sees include **Ryoanji Temple**, with its unusual garden of rocks and raked sand which is conducive to contemplation, and **Koryuji Temple**, with its priceless Buddhist statues including the 7th century Miroku-bosatu famed for its enigmatic smile. **Tenryuji**, another Gozan temple built in the 19th century, is set in a 14th century Muromachi period garden.

#### South

There are two temples of consequence down south. The original 8th century **Toji Temple** was rebuilt in the 17th century and boasts the tallest, five-storey pagoda. The sand-and-stone landscaping of the 13th century **Tofukuji Temple** is among its many gardens including one of cultivated moss.



## Do:

- 1. Go to **Gion Corner** between 7pm and 8pm daily (from March to November) to participate in, and imbibe local traditions and culture like tea ceremonies and court music.
- Remember to remove your shoes before entering all shrines and temples and many tea restaurants.
- 3. Remember the Imperial Palace and Villas require foreign visitors to register with the Imperial Household Agency at least 30 minutes prior to a visit.
- Call: 075-211-1215 Mon-Fri.
- 4. Schedule your visit to catch some Japanese festivals and join in the fun.



## Enjoy Museums And Movie Land

South of Nijo Castle is a comparatively new addition to the city – **The Museum of Kyoto** depicting the history of Kyoto. **The Kyoto National Museum** houses over 10,000 art works from numerous temples and shrines.

An appealing change is **Toei Movie Land**. An outdoor set recreating the feudal period, it is still in demand as a location for period movies. If you are lucky, you might see a film shoot in progress, with actors in costume to add to the historical ambience.

## Buy Ingenious Creations And Craft

Like all downtowns, Kyoto's too bustles and bristles along its main streets – **Shijo dori, Teramachi-dori, Kawaramachidori** and **Shinkyogoku-dori** – 'the new edge of Kyoto'. While chic boutiques offer the latest in fashion trends, department stores retail high-end brands while globally famous Japanese electrical goods tempt you from wellstocked stores. Yet, interestingly, just off this contemporary segment lie almost forgotten, quaint shops – still conducting their age-old trades of a not-too-distance past. Walk along the narrow bylanes of **Ponto-cho, Hanamikoji-dori** and **Miyagawa-cho** where you will sight printing shops, book shops, tea shops for the time-honoured tea ceremony – and most likely spot a geisha in all her glory. Buy from a wide variety of authentic Japanese souvenirs, Japanese confectionery, clothes and fashion accessories. For silkwoven textiles, a stopover at the Nishijin Textile Center famed for its silk woven textiles and products is a must.

## What The Locals Eat

Nishiki-Koji's Food Market, popularly known as **Kyoto's Kitchen**, stocks every imaginable food item, from fresh fish and meats to vegetables, fish paste, noodles, dry goods, pickled vegetables, sweets and snacks. Find local delicacies, such as Kyo Kaiseki using fresh ingredients and seasonal vegetables cooked in a base of fish and seaweed, and Nishin Soba, a buckwheat noodle served with stewed herring. A plethora of popular dishes include tempura, Yudofu (*tofu*), udon noodles, shabu shabu, sushi and wagashi (*sweets*), which you can wash down with sake (*rice wine*) and matcha, a special tea.

For vegetarians, Shojin-ryori is recommended. The Buddhists meal is cooked without fish, poultry, meats, egg, dairy products or root vegetables like onion and garlic.

## Celebrate Japanese Style

Festivals: Think Japan and the annual cherry blossom viewing or Hanami (April) comes to mind. Hanami is also Kyoto's prime attraction. Mid-March is the Higashiyama Hanatoro when literally thousands of lanterns are lit, and millions of flowers decorate the walkways from Sanjo to Gojo streets. May 15th is the Aoi Matsuri Festival, comprising a colourful procession of decorated oxcarts and people dressed in Heian-period costumes. July 1st to 31st marks Gion Matsuri, a month long extravaganza of floats around the Shiji-Karasuma area. August 16th is Gozan Okuribi, when five bonfires are lit in the form of kanji (Chinese characters) on five mountains surrounding Kyoto. It marks the end of Obon, the traditional day of ancestor worship and is said to send ancestral spirits who come to visit the world, back to the other side.

For more information on dates of festivals, visit www.jnto.go.jp 👁



## Don't:

- Bargain as most prices are fixed – unless your Japanese ability does not get lost in translation!
- Forget to bring a plug adapter for your electrical appliances such as mobile phone batteries, digital cameras as only the 2- flat-pin type plugs are used in Japan.



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## Eastern Canada's Tempting Trio

Toronto. Ottawa. Quebec City – disparate from one other as chalk is from cheese, yet they have an underlying common link. Each lets you re-live history while promising a host of wonderful moments to savour – and memories to take home.

Ottawa, Canada's capital, and Toronto, its business capital, both lie in Ontario province. Another top-drawer in the eastern region is the romantic Quebec City, claimed as the only fortified city on the North American continent.

Don't let talk of the long winters in this region scare you away! Ottawa and Quebec City will charm you as ideal destinations for skiing and diversified outdoor winter activities in pristine surroundings, including Ottawa's **Winterlude Festival** each February. Toronto has milder winters (except for last year which was an exception).

But from May to October – the six months of spring, summer and autumn – Eastern Canada rolls out its red carpet studded with gems of myriad festivals and celebrations – music, dance, film, theatre, food, farmer's markets, flowers, shopping and sightseeing.

## TORONTO

## Canada's Multicultural Melting Pot

One of Toronto's strengths is its diversity of people, which translates to a delightful medley of languages, cuisines and cultural influences. Ontario's capital and Canada's largest city is a clean, safe and vibrant metropolis. Located on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario, it extends across 2,000 parks and green spaces.

At street level, Torontonians declare that their 1,896km **Yonge Street** is the longest in the world. Up in the sky they have their over 553.33mt (1,815ft) high **CN Tower**. Take a glass-elevator up the world's tallest free standing structure to its glass-floored observation deck or further to the revolving restaurant, and feast on spectacular panoramic bird's eye views.

## Museums Galore - and Much More

Beyond that, ground reality brings with it a plethora of museums and art galleries. There is a museum for practically everything! In the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) visit the **Royal Ontario Museum, Bata Shoe Museum, Art Gallery of Ontario, Canadian National Exhibition, Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art** and **Hockey Hall of Fame**, among a multitude of others.

If architecture interests you, imbibe it from the architectural heritage around you. The past dwells in semi-circular neighbouring **Toronto City Hall** and **Old City Hall**, the **Gooderham** (*Flatiron*) Building (*c. 1891*) and **St. James Cathedral**. Among stunning contemporary icons are the **Royal Ontario Museum's Michael Lee-Chin Crystal**, and the unique 'table top' **Sharp Centre for Design** at the **Ontario College of Art & Design**. For family outings, visit the **Ontario Science Centre** and its Omnimax, head to **Ontario Place**, or interact with the animals at **Toronto Zoo**. Or take a peep into history at **Casa Loma** and **Black Creek Pioneer Village**.

## Shop Till You Drop

If shopping's high on your itinerary, Yonge fits in as the touristy street with restaurants and souvenir shops. High-end **Yorkville** and **Eaton Centre** present trendy branded stores and chic boutiques. The underground shop-lined PATH System, stretching from Eaton to Union Station, offers solace during extreme summer and winter weather.

For something slightly offbeat, wander around **Spadina Avenue** and head to the bohemian hub **Kensington Market** for its music shops, surplus outlets and food stalls. **Queen West SoHo** is one of the hipper, trendier shopping scenes and a goldmine for the fashion-hungry. The strip is filled with cool, upbeat shops selling styles that cover everything from grunge to cutting-edge to ultra-chic.

**Chinatown**, infused with the sights, sounds and smells of China, Vietnam, Korea and more of Asia, offers ethnic cuisine and souvenirs from these countries.

## Mosaic of Diverse Cuisines

There are more than 7,000 restaurants representing flavours and ingredients from, literally, around the world. Choose from an eclectic array of cafes, bistros, patisseries and restaurants – fine dining, al fresco, casual and budget-friendly. These line Baldwin, King, Queen, College and Bloor streets, Bayview Avenue and Yorkville.



## Do:

- Visit the Niagara Falls an hour's drive from Toronto.
- Give yourself an hour to get to/from Toronto International Airport.

## Don't:

• Argue with the Torontonians about Yonge Street actually not being the longest street in the world! It is locally regarded as such and they are fiercely proud of it!





## OTTAWA

### A Capital chosen by a Hatpin

Folklore has it that on New Year's Eve 1857, Queen Victoria chose a capital for the then-province of Canada (*Quebec and Ontario*) by sticking her hatpin on a map between Toronto and Montreal – right onto Ottawa. Though purely hearsay, it makes for an interesting conversation piece for an interesting destination!

### Spring and Summertime

Each May, Ottawa draws admirers to the world's largest **Tulip Festival**. After the Dutch Royal Family took refuge in Ottawa during World War II, a gift of tulip bulbs resulted, and continues each year!

On July 1 each year, Ottawa is the best place to celebrate **Canada Day**, the nation's birthday.

Ottawa holds records too. The 4.8-mile-long **Rideau Canal Skateway** is the world's largest skating rink in winter and Ottawa is home to the world's largest beach volleyball tournament and chamber music festival.

#### Sights and Sounds

Start in the downtown core, with **Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal**, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, the **National War Memorial**, and the bustling **ByWard Market** neighbourhood. Explore the **Canadian Museum of Civilization** or the **National Gallery of Canada**.

### Shopping

The **ByWard Market** neighbourhood offers great food and fashion accessories, and as it is just steps from Rideau Centre's 180 shops, you will be spoiled for choice!

### Gastronomic Delights

Ottawa's location on the Ontario-Québec border results in the best of English and French Canadian cuisine. Indulge yourself at five-diamond restaurants **Signatures** by Le Cordon Bleu and **Le Baccara** at the Casino du Lac-Leamy or munch on a BeaverTail, a wholewheat pastry treat that was born in Ottawa. Look for restaurants that are part of Savour Ottawa; they use only local products to make give you an authentic local experience.

### Night Cap

Yearning for a roll of the dice? Meet Lady Luck at the **Casino du Lac-Leamy**. Or join the locals at a hotspot in the ByWard Market or on Elgin Street, in Westboro or in the Glebe. For the best in performing arts, take in an evening at the **National Arts Centre**.

## Do:

- Take a tour to get your bearings by boat, by bus, in a rickshaw or on foot.
- Check out a festival while you're in town there's something on year-round.
- Practice your French. Many people speak both French and English in their daily lives.
- Get outside. Outdoor activities dominate year round, offering a plethora in summer winter pursuits.

## Don't:

- Worry about transportation. Ottawa has a compact downtown core. You can walk to many major attractions or take a quick taxi ride or public transit.
- Be surprised by who you see. As a national capital, you'll sometimes see the Prime Minister, celebrities and visiting dignitaries on the streets. Smile and say hello!
- Stay only one night. There's so much to see and do. Make sure you have the time to enjoy it all!

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## **QUÉBEC** Celebrating 400 years with Joie de Vivre

Québec City could well be a French town instated in North America, having earned the moniker 'Cradle of New France'. The French aura has been preserved since Samuel de Champlain first landed here 400 years ago. It is perceptible in the ensemble of 17th- to 19th-century grey-stoned buildings within a fortification. Add to that the horse-drawn calèches trotting down narrow cobbled streets, Québécois French spoken extensively, and the best of French cuisine this side of the Atlantic.

## Lovable Levels

The fortified Upper Town, located atop Cap Diamant, overlooks St Lawrence River and is dominated by the towering **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac**, a historic copper-roofed hotel with its medieval gables and turrets. Fronting it is **Dufferin Terrace**, a wide wooden boardwalk with cannons.

The Lower Town is connected by a funicular at the foot of Cap Diamant. **The Place Royale** buildings have been restored and house the interpretation centre, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and bistros.

## Where Old is Gold

Near Old Quebec (*Vieux-Québec*) on Parliament Hill is the Hôtel du Parlement where the National Assembly meets. It runs parallel to the Plains of Abraham also known as Battlefields Park. Streets of great interest are rue Saint-Jean, Grande Allée and avenue Cartier, while a short distance away is the rejuvenated **Saint-Roch District**.

History buffs can visit **Musée national des beaux-arts** du Québec (*National Museum of Fine Arts*), **Musée de la** civilisation (*Museum of Civilization*), **Musée de l'Amérique** française housed in an ancient Seminary, and **Musée des** Ursulines. Facing Île d'Orleans is the **Sainte-Anne-de-**Beaupré shrine visited by devotees since the mid 17th century. If you are travelling with children, make a pit stop at the Parc Aquarium - the kids will love it!



## Year-long Celebrations

Québecers enjoy each season to the hilt. During summer, revel in the **Québec City Summer Festival** and **New France Festival** which spill out of the concert halls and on to the city's streets and parks. Come February and celebration turns to the world's largest **Winter Carnival**.

### **Religious Calling**

Numerous churches bear evidence to Québec's centuriesold religious and cultural heritage. Worthy of a visit are the stunning **Notre-Dame-de-Québec Basilica** and the comparatively modest **Notre-Dame-des-Victoires**.

### **Majestic Gardens**

Representative of a stately lifestyle gone by, these parks include the Bois-de-Coulonge and Battlefields Park, as well as Villa Bagatelle, Domaine Maizerets and Jardin Roger-Van den Hende in Université Laval.

## Do Remember:

- Although French dominates, people working in the tourism industry are bilingual. Knowing French might help but is not mandatory to enjoy this charming city.
- The Québécois take their cuisine seriously. You will eat very well here.







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#### Delve Further into Nature with the Call of the View of

Leave the city behind and get back to nature at Cedar Lake Country Resort (CLCR)! Situated in the natural environs of the Gold Coast, the resort boasts proximity to a hinterland that is a sanctuary for an array of flora – flowers, trees, rainforest greens – and fauna – a myriad of birds, animals and reptiles.

But before you venture beyond the resort, take time out to experience what the 90-acre CLCR has to keep you busy with. It's nature at its best!





njoy a close encounter with the animals and birds! CLCR takes great pride in protecting the wildlife on its extensive premises. To familiarise yourself with these 'resident' creatures big and small, borrow the Guide Book to Australian Bird Life, Animals or Reptiles from the resort's reception. You can also purchase reptile food (for turtles and lizards) from the reception. For health and safety reasons, it is strongly advised that you do not feed the wildlife except for at the three designated wildlife feeding areas.

#### **Equestrian Experience**

For the horse-riding enthusiast, the Equestrian Centre is open daily from 8am, offering trail rides into the Hinze Dam area and catering to various experience levels. Riding lessons are available for all ages and experience levels, from beginners to advanced, but are on a one-to-one basis so make it a point to pre-book your lessons.

#### **Golfing Greens**

For those who prefer a round of golf, CLCR offers a nine-hole Chip-and-Putt golf course which is situated near the front entrance of the resort. There is no charge to use the golf course and there is also a free-to-use Minigolf course located adjacent to the Games room.

#### Lovely Lake

Take a canoe or paddle boat ride with your family on the resort's natural water lake and enjoy the serenity as you glide along, taking in the abundance of birds, turtles, eels and other wildlife that call this lake home. The paddle boats, canoes and lifejackets are free of charge and are available from reception. But be aware that swimming is not recommended to avoid disturbing the animals.

#### **Test Your Skills**

For even more outdoor fun, grab a mountain bike, which are available in various sizes, and head off for a 2-wheel commune with nature!

The hire of equipment is free of charge but requires a cash deposit of A\$20.00. Equipment available for hire includes basketballs, tennis racquets and balls, volleyball, life jackets & boat keys and board games

For those craving indoor challenges, CLCR has a well-equipped Games Room in the main Lodge building. The choice of indoor activities includes table tennis (available for purchase from reception for A\$1.00). While not owned by CLCR, there are also coin-operated pool tables, and a number of amusement machines including air hockey.

#### Relax

And after a day of nature-oriented activities, relax with a stress-relieving massage for your tired limbs. The resort offers massages by appointment for both men and women. To make your vacation even more enjoyable and memorable, CLCR offers facilities such as a children's playground, baby sitting services, internet, BBQ pits, eskies (chilly bins to keep your food cold) and free in-house movies. So you can enjoy nature with all the comforts of home! To satisfy your appetite for nature, venture beyond CLCR to one of the following places of interest:

## **1** Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

With hundreds of Australian animals living in natural bushland and rainforest settings, you can

get close to native wildlife An option is the nightly **Wildlife Adventure tour**. Infotainment for the young ones at Wild Island's interactive science activity zone provides more than just fun and games.



## **2** Hinterland 4 Wheel Drive Tours

These offer a range of options – from nature walks, animal spotting and bird feeding, to off-road driving, wine tours and overnight camping. An average day tour encompasses the world's largest sub-tropical rainforests at **Lamington National Park** and the rainforests of **Mount Tamborine National Park**, plus the **O'Reilly's Canopy Tree top walk**. Last, but not the least, there is bird watching and an opportunity to feed the brightly-coloured wild King Parrots, Crimson Rosella with their crimson plumage and bright blue cheeks, and the brilliant black and golden-yellow Regent Bowerbirds.

## **3** Paradise Country Home

Experience an interactive Aussie farm – shear sheep, cuddle koalas, and feed kangaroos – and perhaps even spot a young joey riding in his Mummy 'roo's pocket!

## **A** Mount Tamborine

Popularly known as The Green Behind The Gold, the flat topped mountain has many attractions. Take in the beautiful views both inland and overlooking the coast, walk through the rainforest interspersed with



streams and waterfalls, and spy the exotically coloured birds. Go horse riding or visit the wildlife sanctuary. The artistically and craftoriented community has set up numerous craft and antique shops, art galleries, wineries, tearooms and restaurants in the villages.

## O'Reilly's Tree Top Walk



The Tree Top Walk was the first of its kind in Australia, and provides you with the experience of walking through a canopy of flowering and fruiting trees. You will spot orchids, ferns and an array of other flora.

Looking up above, you will see brilliantly-hued birds and some animals that inhabit the tree tops. The 180-metres long walkway is made up of nine suspension bridges, with most of them being 15 metres above the ground.

## 6 Lamington National Park

Queenland's favourite national park is a combination of rainforests including one of the largest remnant upland lush subtropical rainforest in the world. There are forests of hoop pine and the most



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temperate rainforests in Australia, the oldest said to be over 5000 years old. Be prepared for spectacular scenery in this World Heritagelisted park with its waterfalls, streams and creeks. Enjoy spotting a variety of flora and a wide range of birds, frogs and mammals during half-day or full-day walks. The **Binna Burra** 'sense trail' is popular as well as the Green Mountains tree top trail which has strategic look-out points presenting views across the surrounding landscape.

## 7 Springbrook National Park

This spectacular national park is located on and around Springbrook Plateau along the Scenic Rim – a chain of mountains stretching across the Queensland-New South Wales border. The 2,720ha park has plunging waterfalls, gorges, streams, rainforests, eucalyptus forests, and the origins of some rivers flowing down to the Gold Coast. Take advantage of the fabulous lookout points for ideal photo ops around the Springbrook National Park. Among the numerous walking trails, the 1km walk through the Natural Arch is highly recommended. The Natural Arch (Natural Bridge) is a picturesque natural rock formation over Cave Creek in the



scenic Numinbah Valley and has a waterfall running through it. A colony of glow worms dwell beneath the bridge, glowing like tiny stars in the dark.

## Do Remember To Bring Along:

1. Comfortable shoes and clothes, including something slightly warm for the winter months, as there will be plenty of walking involved!

2. Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and rain poncho. The weather in this region can be unpredictable alternating from sunny and hot, to rainy and grey.

3. Mosquito / insect repellents. It is advisable to use these during the nature walks.

4. Water / snacks / food. Carry your bottle which can be refilled at water fountains at most places. Bottled water is sold at foodcourts and kiosks. Bring snacks or food especially if travelling with children. There will be picnic spots to enjoy a meal.

5. Camera. A 'must' to capture those momentous holiday moments – and remember to bring backup memory cards and batteries!

6. Cash. To purchase drinks, snacks, souvenirs – and animal food.

## Don't Bring:

1. Your Pets. These are not allowed at the resort.

2. Alcohol. Many areas are designated alcohol-free zones.

3. Your own animal/bird food. Your guide will give you some to feed the birds/animals or you can buy animal/bird food from the shops on site.



## latest affliations

## EL PUERTO MARINA BEACH RESORT & SPA, PANGASINAN, THE PHILIPPINES

El Puerto Marina Beach Resort & Spa is a hidden paradise nestled in Lingayen Gulf Coast where the clear blue sea meets the powdery volcanic sand. The resort boasts beach view rooms which are all located on the second floor and command a spectacular view of Lingayen Gulf. Activities available at the resort include water sports, air-rifle range, fishing alley, luxurious spa, all-terrain vehicle and bicycle rentals, beach volleyball, Jacuzzi, darts and table-tennis. It also has picnic huts, and bonfires on the beach can be arranged. This resort is currently on pre-sale and will be available in **December 2009**.





## THE AZALEA BAGUIO RESIDENCES, BAGUIO CITY, THE PHILIPPINES

The Azalea Baguio Residences is a five-storey contemporary log cabininspired residence hotel located in Baguio City in northern Philippines, 250km away from Manila. Boasting 63 fully furnished 1-bedroom to 4-bedroom units, the Azalea Baguio offers world-class standards in accommodations and amenities including a luxurious spa, outdoor children's play area and three levels of basement parking. Located only a few minutes drive away from all the major tourist attractions in the city, the residence hotel offers a multitude of activities including horseback riding, boating, hiking, picnics and golf. This resort is on pre-sale and will be available in **December 2009**.

## resort highlights

## RISATA BALI RESORT & SPA, BALI, INDONESIA

Following the renovations of the swimming pool, spa and children's playground in 2007, the Risata Bali Resort & Spa revamped its lobby and reception area at the beginning of this year, furnishing the area with dark woods and invitingly warm reds. The resort also renovated all of the timeshare units with tasteful Balinese touches, adding to the warm authenticity of the resort.



## new rentals

### 323 CLUB HOUSE, HONG KONG

The address itself augurs a promising beginning. The number 323 Club House adds up to an auspicious '8'.

The fully-furnished, air conditioned two-bed roomed apartments come with a private bathroom, modern amenities and facilities. Equipped with a mini fridge, in-room locker, hair dryer and slippers, it offers daily housekeeping services and 24-hours security. Fitted with two queen beds and a sofa bed, the suite comfortably sleeps five persons.

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Head to where the 'in crowd' zooms in for after-hours entertainment. Famed Lang Kwai Fong and the 'happening' SoHo (*South of Hollywood Road*), studded with bars and restaurants, are a 10- to 15- minute walk away. Shopping malls IFC and Landmark will keep you busy for hours with the large array of branded stores, restaurants and boutiques. If you want to browse around local bazaars and shops selling antiques and crafts, find them lining the narrow street close to the apartment.

Hong Kong International Airport is 30 minutes away by the Airport Express from Central MTR station. Equally easy to access are Disneyland, Tsim Sha Tsui and Mong Kok Ladies Market.

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7903 🥠	Hanwha Resort Seorak	Gangwon-do
4155	Ilsung Sorak Condominium	Gangwon-do
3697	Kensington Resort Chungju	Chungcheong buk-do
3049	Kensington Resort Seorak Beach	Gangwon-do
3891	Vivaldi Park	Gangwon-do

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2860	Aseania Resort Langkawi	Langkawi
4919	Awana Genting Highlands Golf & Country Resort	Genting Highlands
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4166	🚨 Berjaya Tioman Suites	Pulau Tioman
3013	Country Heights WRC	Kuala Lumpur
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4872	Duta Sands	Kuantan
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3010	Duta Vista Executive Suites	Kuala Lumpur
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6278	Tagaytay Dacha Villas	Tagaytay
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5719	Chateau Dale Beach Resort	Pattaya
6440	Club Thara @ Thara Patong Beach Resort	Phuket
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