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Editor's Message

Loosen your belt because we've got a scrumptious buffet of vacation ideas, travel tips, a new member's section, and even a recipe to one of Asia's most famous dishes: Penang Laksa. Yummy.

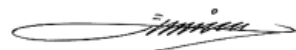
This issue of **Endless Vacation®** takes you on a whirlwind tour of the world. Discover secrets of the Forbidden City, go on a wild, hair-raising roller-coaster ride in Orlando, or just sit back and chill in Tagaytay. We've unearth 10 new, exciting destinations for you to satisfy your hunger to **PLAY, EAT, SHOP, RELAX, and EXPLORE.**

For starters, have a taste of our latest section created specially for you: Understanding how to maximize your Trading Power better so you'll always get the best out of your vacation ownership.

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It's a veritable feast for ardent travel lovers like yourself. Pick up tips on packing. Take part in our "How was Your Holiday?" contest. Uncover the best spas, and restaurants in our Travel & Beauty section. Learn the smart way to travel with camera equipment, and enjoy an exclusive preview of our new affiliated resorts.

Happy travels. And remember life should always be an endless vacation.



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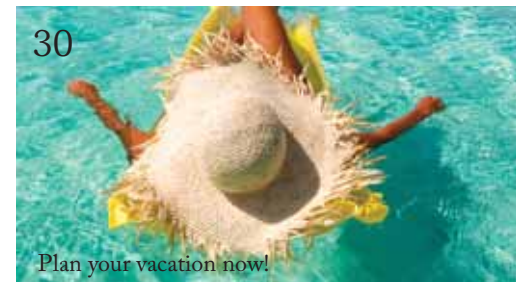
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How was your Holiday?

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Please do tell us. Was it everything you expected, and more? A dream of a lifetime? Or was it so romantic you got down on your knees and proposed?

Some holidays never end. They live on in our memories forever. They so overwhelm us that we're inspired to share them with everyone we meet. Sometimes we're even enthusiastic to write about them.

Well, if you've experienced such a vacation, we and the other readers of **Endless Vacation®** will love to hear from you. Send us your story, and photos.

Send your entries entitled
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WIN A DIGITAL CAMERA & GET FEATURED!

If your holiday story moves us as much as it moved you, we'll reward you with a digital camera. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, we'll feature the very same destination in the next issue of **Endless Vacation®**. And, with your permission, even include some of your photos as well.

There's no better way to celebrate a great vacation than to share it.



Beijing

The Throne Of Heaven

Beijing, or Peking, was envisioned and created by the third emperor of the Ming dynasty, known as Yongle. Over 16 years, 2,000,000 workers constructed a city that would be the capital not just of **China**, or the world, but of the Universe.





{explore}



The Forbidden City

Indeed, in traditional thinking all under heaven belonged to Yongle, a belief emphasized by the country's name for itself: **Zhong Guo, the Middle Kingdom.**

There was a reason for this. At the time, China was still the world's economic superpower. With no competitors (Europe was in its infancy), China was confident of its superiority, and Yongle's capital was appropriately grand, a throne fit for the Son of Heaven.

At the capital's centre was Yongle's Palace, **The Forbidden City**. Spread over 250 acres, this vast complex is a maze of courtyards and ceremonial halls surrounded by towering walls.



stay

- A530 Beijing Badaling Hot Spring Resort
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- R524 Luxury Serviced Residence (3 Nights) - Rental
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It is designed to humble you, and it does. For 500 years it was a fitting home for an emperor.

Even more forbidding is the **Great Wall of China**. Stretching almost 4,000 miles across northern China, it took 1,800 years and countless lives to build. Stretching almost 4,000 miles, several sections are easily accessible from Beijing. The most famous is **Badaling**, an hour's drive northwest of the city.

About an hour northeast of the city, the **Mutianyu** section of the Great Wall has expansive scenery, and fewer tourists. About three hours northeast of the city are the semi-ruined sections of **Simatai** and **Jinshanling**, which though overgrown are still beautiful.

The Great Wall of China

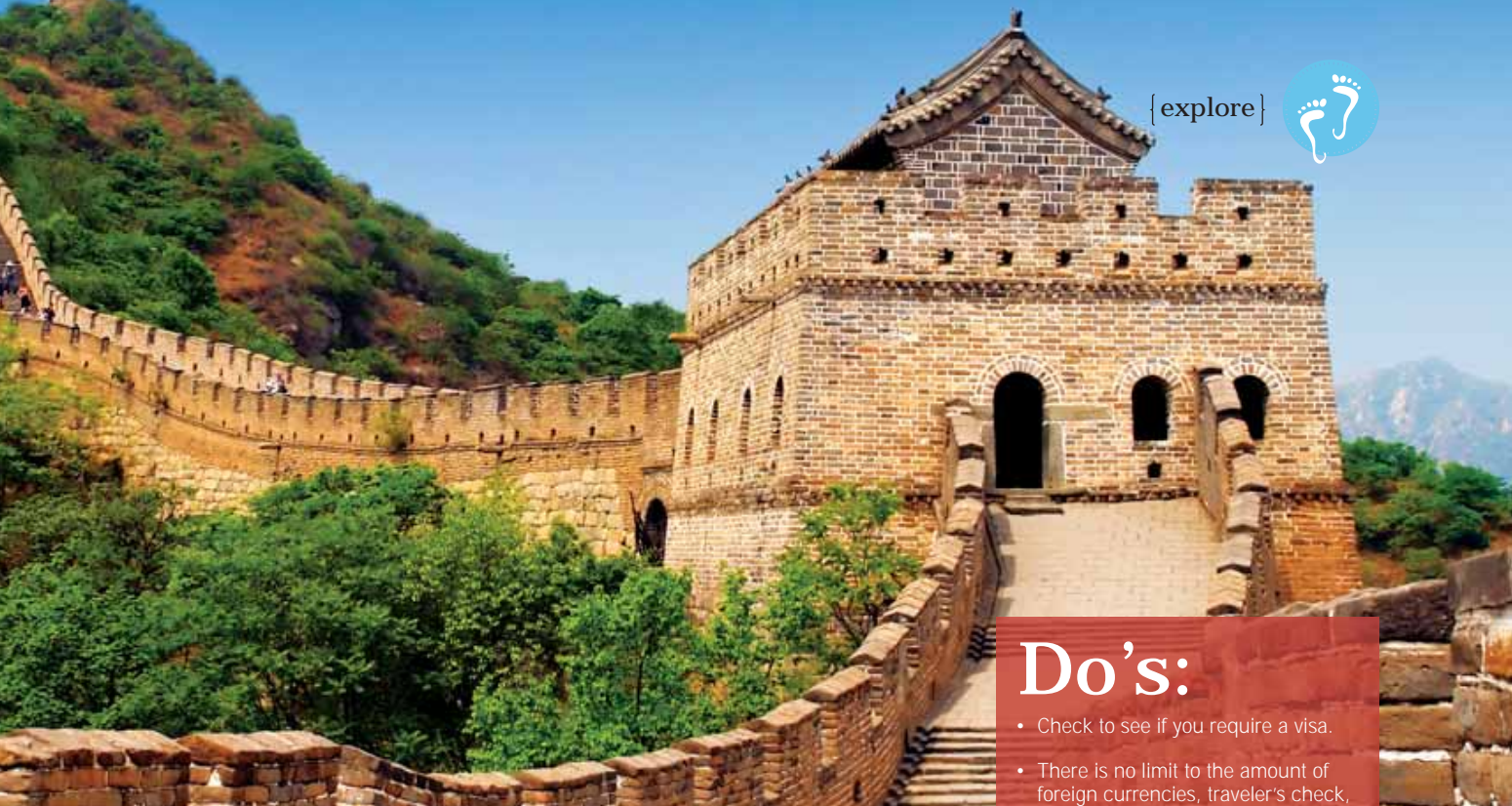


Go For Gold

As host of the 2008 Olympics, Beijing today bears little resemblance to the one Yongle knew. Modern Beijing's own imperial palace is one of the most talked-about buildings in Asia. The grand Olympic stadium, dubbed the **Bird's Nest**, is alien to any Chinese architectural tradition.

Adjacent to the Bird's Nest is an angular, rectangular structure whose exterior is a honeycomb of blue bubbles. Known as the **Water Cube**, it was the stage for the Olympic swimming and diving events.

The essence of Beijing is more than its buildings.



“Mao” To Do, And See

Early risers may want to participate in the **Tai-Chi** exercises which take place at dawn in many of Beijing's parks. (Your concierge will be able to point you in the right direction.)

Or find peace and tranquility in the capital's largest Tibetan lama temple, **Yongshe Temple**, in the north-eastern part of the old city.

No visit to Beijing is complete without the ubiquitous **rickshaw ride**. Discover the traditional **hutongs**, or alleyways lined with ancient thatched-roof houses, and capture a glimpse of everyday Beijing life.

End your ride at Beijing's famous **Qianmen Street** located near **Tiananmen Square**. Over 600 years old, it's home to some of the city's oldest stores, tea houses, and restaurants. The area also presents the perfect opportunity for you to try the world famous Peking Roast Duck. A specialty of the ever popular **Liqun Roast Duck Restaurant**, off Qianmen Avenue. (For reservations call **010-6705-5578**.)

After a brief respite, head over to the **Beijing Zoo** for close-up view of one of the world's most loved, and

endangered animals. The giant panda is the rarest member of the bear family and among the world's most threatened animals.



Less endangered but endearing nonetheless is the **World Chocolate Wonderland Theme Park** which offers a tempting selection of Chinese sculptures, and artifacts, including the famous terracotta warriors, made of chocolate for sale.

Equally satisfying offerings include seasonal festivals like the colorful **Lantern Festival**, and boisterous **Lunar New Year Celebrations**. The protected wetlands of **Beijing Wild Duck Lake** in Yannqing District. Home to 260 species of birds. And the many **hot springs** around Beijing.

Beijing is truly a magnificent city that has much to offer its visitors. Even mere mortals.

Do's:

- Check to see if you require a visa.
- There is no limit to the amount of foreign currencies, traveler's check, and credit cards travelers can carry.
- Learn some Chinese phrases. It'll endear you to the locals.
- Taxis are plentiful, cheap and metered.
- Have your destination written in Chinese. Most taxi drivers don't speak English.

Don'ts:

- The limit on Renminbi for inbound and outbound passengers is 6,000 yuan.
- It's best not to purchase cultural relics.
- Never assume that cars will stop for you at a zebra crossing.
- It's not a good idea to talk about politics or religion.





{ play }

Breathless In Sunny Gold Coast

The **Gold Coast**, located in Queensland, is world famous for its beaches, nightlife, shopping, theme parks and tropical hinterland.

With a subtropical climate, and 287 days of sunshine a year, you can bet your last breath there's never a dull moment.

So take a deep breath, and let's cowabunga! Life's truly a beach here. **Surfer's Paradise, Broadbeach, and Kirra Point**, to name 3, are part of 70 kilometres of uninterrupted coastline. Surf, dive, snorkel, sail, paddle, swim, play volleyball, or just grab a moment and catch your breath.



Dreamworld's Big 6 Thrill Rides will have you panting for more. From life-flashing-before-your-eyes rides to the wet-your-pants 120 metre free fall to the latest I-don't-want-to-die, 9 storey high, spinning machine, aptly christened The Claw.

Take a breather.

Fortunately, **Dreamworld**, like many of Gold Coast's theme parks offer a variety of attractions for all ages, and for all levels of adrenaline junkies.

Got your breath back? Then let's go hunt down, and shoot 800 native animals with your camera! At Dreamworld's **Australian Wildlife Experience**. Watch your kids' rapid breathing as they behold **Wiggles World**, with its wiggly rides, and, of course, the Wiggles themselves.

Breathe in, and hold as we dive into **Sea World's** spectacular marine life exhibits, awe-inspiring **Shark Bay**, and new multimillion dollar Sesame Street extravaganza.

Not to be outdone is **Thunderbird Park**. Australia's number one Adventure Playground!

Explore a breathtaking 112 hectares on horseback, go bush walking, unearth ancient treasures in the world's largest Thunderegg mine, and conquer 68 aerial challenges and 8 flying foxes.

The Gold Coast's amusement goes beyond theme parks. It *is* the perfect destination for anyone, or family, who lives and breathes excitement.

Do's:

- Carry a list of emergency phone numbers and your embassy contact information.
- Plan your trip, do the adequate research, and book tickets to attractions in advance.
- Wear waterproof sun cream, and a hat to avoid sunburn.
- If driving in Australia, seat belts are mandatory.

Don'ts:

- Never eat and drink on public transport, in shops and art galleries.
- Until and unless you have checked the warnings posted on the beaches, don't swim in the ocean.
- Avoid eating uncooked meat while dining out.
- Carry photocopies of your identity wherever you go.

stay

- 1707 Golden Shores Holiday
- 6128 Beachpoint Resort
- 1815 Sandy Point Beach Resort
- 0168 Cedar Lake Country Resort
- 5716 Tamarind Sands - Bogangar

stay

Rental Only

- R479 Central Sky Lounge
Apartment Hotel (3N)
- R597 Oaks On Collins (3N)
- R480 Central Sky Lounge
Apartment Hotel (4N)
- R598 Oaks On Collins (4N)
- R600 Oaks On Collins

One of the world's most 'alive' cities, **Melbourne** has long laid claim as the arts and cultural centre of Australia. It boasts great events, a passion for food and wine and a fabulous arts scene. **Melbourne** is home to a non-stop program of festivals, renowned dining, major art exhibitions and musical extravaganzas.

The city boasts a dizzying array of top spots, stops, tours and attractions to fill any holiday itinerary.

But there's a lot more to be discovered beyond the city limits of Victoria's most populous city.



An easy drive out of the city are the therapeutic mineral waters of **Daylesford**. Indulge in a mineral spa, or a decadent meal of local produce.

Take part in exciting adventure activities in **Victoria's High Country**. Challenge your nerves climbing and abseiling **Mount Buffalo National Park's** awe-inspiring cliffs, or go off-road in your four-wheel drive on the tracks around Mansfield. Go rafting, caving, or hang gliding, or mountain bike along one of the alpine bike tracks.

Live It Up In Melbourne

{ play }



Melbourne, Australia Skyline

Explore wineries in the **Yarra Valley**. There are over 90 wineries in the birthplace of the Victorian wine industry. Imbibe in Australia's finest pinot noir and sparkling wines.

Take in stunning scenic lookouts in the **Grampians**. The superb national and state parks provide a diverse array of native wildlife, picturesque walking tracks and breathtaking scenic attractions.

Strike gold in **Sovereign Hill**, in the Goldfields. As well as unearth the rich treasures of the many artists who call the Goldfields home. View works by famous artists, and discover the history of cartoon and caricature at the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**. Wander through sleepy country villages or stretch your legs on a beautiful bush walk.

Drive the magnificent **Great Ocean Road**. Travel one of the world's most scenic roads which covers south-west Victoria and is home to the famous 12 Apostles.

Best of all, many of Victoria's unique landscapes, and attractions are easily accessible as day trips from Melbourne.



The 12 Apostles on the Great Ocean Road

Do's:

- Hire a 4WD if you're planning to head off the main roads.
- Visit a pub, especially in smaller towns, for a slice of Aussieness, and good food at reasonable prices.
- Attend an Aboriginal music and dance performance. It's a unique experience.

Don'ts:

- Never attempt to drive when you're tired, or had too much alcohol.
- It's best not to drive in the country at night. The roads may not be lit.
- Never attempt activities beyond your capabilities.



Pack Smarter, Lighter

Do you really need to pack all that stuff? A little planning, and research can help you reduce what you need to pack. It's simpler than you think, and a lot lighter on you.

1

Do your homework. Call the hotel, motel, friend's house where you're staying, and check if they provide: hairdryer, iron, ironing board, bathrobes, anything that's bulky. If yes, don't bring your own.

2

Do your research. Check temperature, weather, and dress codes at your destination. Pack accordingly.

4

Rule of thumb. Less than one week it's one shirt per day, one layering jacket or sweater. One bottom for every two days (minimum two pairs of pants), two pairs of shoes (one you wear, one you pack), underwear for every day, and seasonal additions, like a bathing suit.

5

Do laundry. For trips more than a week, employ the rule above, and plan on doing laundry. If you can afford it use the hotel laundry service or dry cleaning. Otherwise, bring detergent.

3

Be disciplined. Stick to a central color, or theme for your clothes. Pick a neutral such as brown, black, or tan, pack accessories and accent pieces that go with this color palette.

6

Make a list. And stick to it. Write down everything you plan to bring. Check it before you pack to ensure you don't miss anything.

7

Keep it small. Buy travel-size versions of your toiletries whenever you see them, not just when you're ready to travel. Alternatively, use small plastic bottles, and decant from larger products.

8

Safety first. Never agree to carry anything for strangers no matter how nice they are. And don't leave your luggage out of your sight. Keep important documents and valuables with you at all times.

We hope these tips help you pack smarter and lighter. Happy holidays.



Tagaytay.

Antidote To Civilization.

Taal Lake, Tagaytay City

Suddenly, you no longer care if your mobile phone works. You notice you're walking a little slower. You're smiling a lot more. And you can't, for the life of you, remember the name of your boss. You've just received the antidote to civilization.

And its effect is immediate.

How could it not be. Breathtaking views of **Lake Taal**, and its picturesque volcano. The scenic beauty of Manila, Balayan and Laguna de Bay. Rolling hills, and mountains shrouded in forest, and grasslands. Here even the views have views.

There are many ways to enjoy Tagaytay's splendor. At **Picnic Grove**, you can hike the Eco-Adventure Trail where you can see more of the stunning Taal Volcano. Or simply have a picnic.

You can take a 15 minute outrigger boat ride to the volcano. And take a leisurely horseback ride up to the crater. The journey ends in spectacular fashion.

If golf is your cure for stress, Tagaytay has 2 championship courses, including the famous **Tagaytay Highlands Golf Club**.

For a retreat that offers the perfect escape from the hustle of city living, Tagaytay has lots to offer.

From the manicured lawns of the **Japanese Friendship Garden** to the splendor of **Flower Farm** to the **People's Park in the Sky** and its unique combination of natural and man-made attractions.

But surely the true beauty of Tagaytay is that after your holiday here is over, you won't feel like you need another.

stay

5369 Sunrise Holiday Mansion

5720 VCI Holidays at Tagaytay

Do's:

- Make your reservations in advance, and reconfirm them before your trip. Tagaytay is affected by typhoons and rain. Plan accordingly.
- Check prices. Some vendors can be unscrupulous.
- Register with your embassy in Manila.

Don'ts:

- Avoid touts.
- If you want to help the poor, donate at a church.
- Flashing large amounts of money is a bad idea.
- Avoid confrontations. It's best to walk away.





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Eat Off The Streets In Penang

If you intend to visit Penang, on the Northwest coast of Peninsula **Malaysia**, pack an extra, large appetite. The streets are paved with the influence of Chinese, Indian, Nonya (early Chinese immigrants), Thai, Eurasian, and European cuisine.

Over the centuries, these cultures have blended resulting in a rich cultural heritage, and cuisine that is unique to Penang. Food is such an important part of Penang life, that there's always something to eat on every street corner, no matter what time of day.

In **George Town**, Penang's capital, you'll find posh restaurants, and local eating places lining its many streets. At night, hawkers fill these streets, and the atmosphere with aromas that tease, and tantalise. Take your time to savour them all. Eateries stay open until the wee hours of the morning, with some opening around the clock.



The most famous of these streets is **Gurney Drive**. A seafront promenade in Georgetown that is popular with both locals, and tourists. But there are many other streets to explore too. If it's your first taste of Penang, here are some tips. Always inform the

hawker how spicy you'd like your food. It's also a good idea to share dishes so you can sample more. Here are some of Penang's signature dishes:

Penang Laksa is a dish of thick round rice noodles in a spicy and sour tamarind-based fish soup. The dish is garnished with mint, cucumber, onions, shredded lettuce and pineapple.



If you'd like to sample a variety of flavours in one dish, try **Nasi Kandar**. It's an Indian-Muslim dish of rice with an assortment of meat, seafood and vegetable curries. The secret is in the mix of curries.

Char Kway Teow is another signature dish. Flat rice noodles are fried with chili spices, prawns and cockles, and topped with fried egg. It's a favourite among locals.

Another local favorite is **Hokkien Mee** or **Prawn Noodle**. Rice and egg noodles are served together with hard boiled eggs, small prawns, meat slices, bean sprouts and water spinach in a spicy prawn & pig bone stock.

If there's still room, try **Rojak**. A delicious fruit and vegetable salad tossed in a dressing of shrimp paste, sugar, chili and lime juice. And served with chopped peanuts and sesame seeds.

And then there's dessert... Penang is a buffet that never ends. It's a city that lives to eat. And once you've experienced it all, you'll understand why.

Do's:

- Always use the right hand when eating with one's hand or giving and receiving objects.
- Observe the various religious customs. Hindus don't consume beef. Muslims refrain from pork.
- If invited to a home, always remove your shoes before entering.

Don'ts:

- The country's large Muslim population does not drink alcohol.
- It's taboo to interchange cutlery between Chinese and Muslim dishes. Chinese dishes tend to contain pork.
- Never consume meat that's raw.
- Never consume uncooked shellfish.

stay

3957 Leisure Cove



PENANG Recipes

LAKSA

Laksa is one of the most famous, and loved of hawker fare in Penang. It originated here, and the best versions are still found here.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 500 gm fresh laksa rice noodles
- Haeko (black prawn paste mixed with hot water to flowing consistency)
- 1 kg mackerel
- 1 ginger flower - cut into halves
- 6 stalks Thai basil leaves
- 2 cups tamarind juice
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 tsp sugar

INGREDIENTS TO GRIND:

- 3 stalks sliced lemon grass
- 6-8 garlic cloves
- 3 cm piece galangal
- 250 gm shallots
- 12 dried chillies - soaked
- 1 cm piece turmeric
- 1/2 cm piece belacan or shrimp paste

INGREDIENTS FOR GARNISH:

- 1 seedless cucumber skinned and shredded
- 2 red onions sliced
- 1/2 pineapple thinly sliced
- 10 springs mint leaves
- 3 fresh chillies – sliced
- Prawn paste or haeko
- 1 onion - finely sliced



WHAT TO DO:

- Put fish, salt and 5 cups of water in a pan and bring it to boil
- When fish is cooked, remove bones from fish, and set aside
- Simmer bones for at least 30 minutes
- Remove bones
- Add ground ingredients to fish stock and bring to boil
- Add tamarind juice, Thai Basil, ginger flower, sugar, fish meat and oil
- Simmer for 20 minutes
- Gravy should be kept warm till serving time
- Place laksa in a bowl, add garnishings. Ladle gravy over it and add a little haeko sauce on top. Best eaten when hot. Simply heaven.

Mind Your Language

It always helps if you know a few of the local phrases. Locals, besides being highly amused by your attempt to speak their language, tend to be appreciative, and more helpful when you do. Go ahead and use some of the phrases. No one will hold it against you. In fact, you may find that your travels may be more memorable.

China

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|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Hello | nǐhǎo | 你好 |
| How are you? [Good/Okay/Bad] | nǐhǎoma? [wǒ hén hǎo/hái kényī/wǒ bù hǎo] | 你好吗? [我很好/还可以/我不好] |
| Bye | zàijiàn | 再见 |
| Thank you [You're welcome] | xièxiè [búkèqì] | 谢谢 [不客气] |
| Excuse me [I have a question] | qǐngwèn | 请问 |
| How much? [Money] | duōshǎo qián? | 多少钱? |
| I don't understand [What you said] | wǒ tīngbùdǒng | 我听不懂 |
| Can you speak English? | nǐ huì jiǎng yīngwén ma? | 你会讲英文吗? |

Malaysia

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Welcome | Selamat Datang |
| How are you? | Apa khabar? |
| I am fine | Khabar baik |
| Thank you | Terima Kasih |
| You are welcome | Sama sama |
| Goodbye | Selamat Jalan / Selamat Tinggal |
| Good Morning | Selamat Pagi |
| Good Night | Selamat Malam |
| Excuse me | Maafkan saya |
| How much is this? | Berapa harga? |

Philippines

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Hello / Greetings | Mabuhay! |
| Goodbye | Paalam po |
| Good Morning | Magandang Umaga po |
| Good Afternoon | Magandang Hapon po |
| Good Night | Magandang Gabi po |
| How much? | Magkano po? |
| Thank you | Salamat po |
| Where is the toilet? | Nasaan ho ang banyo? |
| How are you? | Kamusta po kayo? |

Vietnam

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hello | Xin chào |
| Goodbye | Tạm biệt |
| Thank you | Cám ơn |
| I am sorry | Xin lỗi |
| No problem | Không sao |
| What is this? | Cái này là cái gì? |
| Where is the ATM? | ATM ở đâu? |
| I am going to the bus station | Tôi đi ga xe buýt |

Korean

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Thank you | Kamsa hamnida |
| Hello, how are you? | Anyong Hasey |
| How much, (Please)? | Olma eyo |
| W1,000 | Chun won |
| W2,000 | Ee-cheun won |
| W5,000 | O-cheun won |
| W10,000 | Mahn won |
| (Please) Come here | Yeogi-yo |

India

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hello | Namaste / Namaskar |
| How are you? | Kaise hain? |
| I am fine | Main theek hoon |
| Goodbye | Main chalta hoon (chalti for female) |
| How much / What is the cost? | Kitna hua / kitna daam hai? |
| I want to go to hotel | Mujhe hotel jana hai |
| Can you please help me? | Kya aap meri madad karenge? |
| My name is ... | Mera naam ... hai |
| Thank you | Shukriya / Dhanyavaad |

The Crowning Glory Of Vietnam

relax



Halong Bay, Vietnam

In 2008, the most beautiful woman in the Universe was crowned in **Nha Trang**, Vietnam. It was no surprise that the Miss Universe Pageant was held in this idyllic resort. **Nha Trang**, with its gorgeous Mediterranean weather, alluring beaches, and seductive crystal waters created the perfect stage for an event that celebrates all things beautiful.

Step away from its shores, and you'll be surprised by what **Nha Trang** has to offer. **The Thap Ba** hot springs is definitely one of them. Up the coast spectacular seafood restaurants line the waters edge. The **Cham** temples, remnants of an ancient Indian civilization that colonized much of South Vietnam and Cambodia around 500AD, certainly deserve a visit. Or cable car across to the island for a day at an off the wall theme park.

With so much to offer it's little wonder that Nha Trang is hugely popular with both local Vietnamese visitors, and foreign tourists alike. Summer months can prove daunting as you would expect for a beachside town that's often compared to Cancun, Mexico, and Oahu, Hawaii. Fortunately, this resort town is also the choice of some of the world's most famous, and exclusive resorts and spas.

None more so than the **Evason Ana Mandara Resort & Six Senses Spa**. The resort has earned its reputation as one of the finest in the region. Its setting can't be more perfect with the only beachfront access. Needless to say, its hospitality, like its food is legendary. Be prepared for a lifetime of disappointment once you leave this resort.

Nha Trang Bay is widely considered as one of the world's most beautiful bays. Not surprisingly, life here revolves around the beaches, and fabulous waters. Diving and snorkelling promise thrilling rendezvous with exquisite marine and coral life. While sun worshippers can concentrate on sipping cocktails, and the important task of achieving an immaculate tan.

Do's:

- Beware of the monsoons that occur between October and December.
- Book early if you intend to visit during Summer.
- Adequate sun protection is important.
- Dine on the fresh local seafood.

Don'ts:

- Never leave belongings unattended.
- Be wary of uncooked shell fish.
- Cuts from corals can get infected. Best not to touch them.

As more, and more travellers explore Vietnam, other bays, and beaches will be discovered. But **Nha Trang** will always remain the jewel in the crown.

stay

A518 Sea Links Golf & Beach Villas



Vietnam Dai Nam Temple

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FREE YOUR MIND & BODY

Beauty + Wellness: Rudra Spa Mumbai

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Holistic Healing: Nurture Spa Village, Tagaytay, Philippines

Feeling stressed, bedraggled, or ill? Then **Nurture Spa Village**, an hour from Manila in the highlands of volcano country, may offer the perfect antidote. Here, famed Dr. Sam Dizon prescribes rejuvenating spa treatments, detoxification, alternative medicine and health programs. Guests include frazzled urbanites to medical patients, including cancer sufferers. It's ideal if

you need an intensive program that doesn't cost the earth.

Food for thought: Six Senses Destination Spa Phuket, Thailand

At **Six Senses Destination Spa** off the east coast of Phuket, relieving stress starts from the inside. Its specialty chefs feature healthy organic offerings at every meal. From gluten free spreads to an exciting pescetarian menu to salads that surprise with every mouthful. The menu changes daily, and so will the way you feel.

FREE YOUR TASTE BUDS

Bebek Bengil (Dirty Duck) Restaurant, Ubud, Bali



Named after a flock of ducks which flew into the restaurant and made a mess, **Bebek Bengil**, is famous for its crispy fried duck served with Indonesian vegetables and delicate

sambal. A long guarded family recipe, the ducks are marinated for 36 long hours in secret Indonesian herbs and spices, steamed and deep-fried for that inimitable crispiness.

There's also the Bebek Bengil fried chicken served with yellow rice, stuffed chicken with shiitake, sprouts, and spinach, barbecue pork ribs, and *bebek betutu* (smoked duck stuffed with Balinese spices, and wrapped in banana leaf. Requires a day's notice).

Sarong Restaurant, Kerobokan-Kuta, Bali

Kitchen maestro, Australian Will Meyrick, after famed stints at Jimmy



Liks and Long Grain, two of Australia's hottest bar/restaurants, helms **Sarong**. Having lived and worked in Asia, Meyrick draws inspiration from the eclectic street food of Southeast Asian countries, and is famous for his innovative takes on some old favorites.



Pattaya

Ready, Set, Go, Go, Go...

All visitors to Pattaya face a challenging problem - Where do you start?

A good starting point will be **Pattaya Beach** and **Jomtien Beach** with their endless array of watersport activities. But there's lots to do even if you stay out of the sea. In fact, if you've had your fill of beach resorts you're in luck.

Believe it or not in Pattaya you can discover masks made from human skin, shrunken heads, 4-eyed humans, a replica of the Titanic made from a million matchsticks and many others at **Ripley's Believe or Not Museum**.

At **The Bottle Art Museum**, you'll be captivated by miniature art in, you guessed it, bottles. From Buddha images to typical Thai houses to Chinese palaces to miniature replicas of famous buildings. Simply magical.

But the real magic is found at **Tuxedo Magic Theatre**. The theatre is a spellbinding collection of everything magic and magical.

If your one desire is to be under a spell then, abracadabra, there's **Underwater World Pattaya**. Swimming with the fishes take on new meaning. Its 105-meter-long acrylic pedestrian tunnel, the longest in Asia lets you discover colorful

marine species, exotic corals, hungry predator fish, and even a sunken ship.

Pace too slow for you?

Pattaya Water Park offers an amusement park, jacuzzi and giant water slides. While **Pattaya Park Tower**, the highest seaside tower and revolving restaurant in Thailand will take your breath away, literally. Overcome vertigo on the Observation deck on the 55th floor, or enjoy the death-defying Tower Jump, Speed Shuttle and Sky Shuttle.

Coming back down to Earth, there's **Pattaya Elephant Village** a popular destination that leaves you memories you'll never forget. The ingenious **Monkey Training Centre** where primates do things that put humans to shame. **The Khao Khiao Open Zoo** where over 300 species, and 8,000 animals roam free over 2,000 acres in the **Khao Khiao - Khao Chomphu Wildlife Reserve**.

Just when you think you've seen, and done it all, the sun begins to set, and another must-see attraction of the city rouses itself before you.

The nightlife. But that's another story altogether.

Do's:

- Observe appropriate dress code when visiting attractions.
- Carry a bottle of water at all times.
- Light-hearted, friendly bargaining is expected.
- A passport is needed when withdrawing money from an exchange bureau.
- Learn to 'wai'. Press palms together near your chest, and bow.

Don'ts:

- Women should not touch monks.
- Avoid being confrontational.
- It's best not to carry large amounts of cash.
- Never touch the top of another person's head.



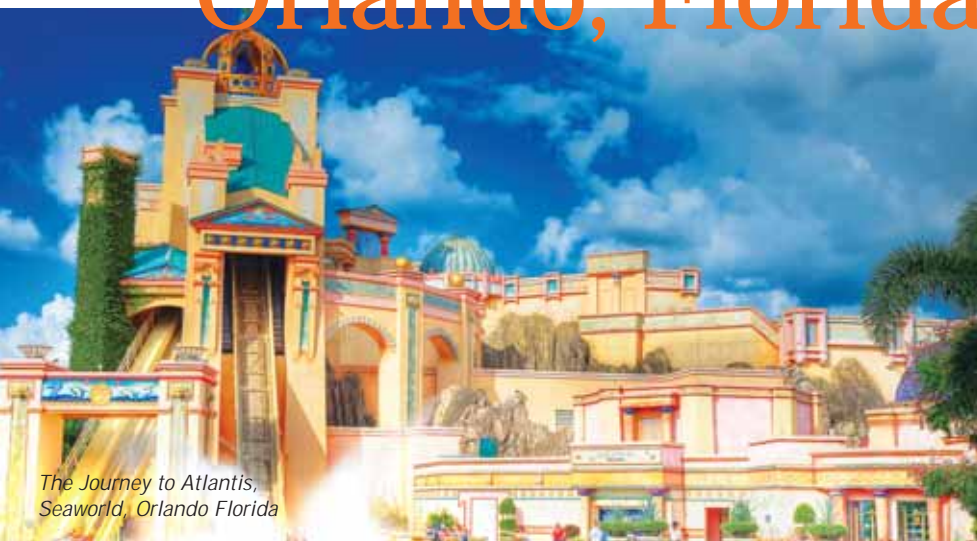
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- 5962 MTC at Pattaya Hill
1300 Sigma Resort Club (South Pattaya)
5719 Chateau Dale Beach Resort



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Family Magic In Orlando, Florida



The Journey to Atlantis, SeaWorld, Orlando Florida

Orlando will cast a spell over you. Its hundreds of family-friendly hotels and resorts, and world-famous theme parks and water parks, will transform your family vacation into a magical escape.

Here you'll find the World's Who's Who of theme parks like **Universal Resort**, **SeaWorld**, and **Walt Disney World**.



At **Walt Disney World Resort** you'll discover what every child's dreams are made of. **Magic Kingdom**, **Epcot**, **Disney's Hollywood Studios**, **Disney's Animal Kingdom**, **Disney World Speedway**, **Typhoon Lagoon**, **Blizzard Beach**, **Downtown Disney**, and **DisneyQuest® Indoor Interactive Theme Park**. Even a day here is a lifetime of childhood memories.

And which child doesn't want to visit the celebrated **SeaWorld**. It's the planet's premier marine adventure park. Dive into the amazing aquatic with world-class shows, thrilling manta ray inspired rides, and meet the stars of the sea like killer whales, dolphins, sea lions, the world's largest rays and more.

Be Harry Potter for the day at **Universal Resorts**. Get behind the scenes, beyond the screen, and into the action at the number one movie, and TV based theme park in the world. This real, working film and TV production facility showcases a blockbuster array of rides, shows, movie sets and attractions that put you right in the picture.

Even the bizarre call Orlando home. Welcome to **Wonderworks**. The world's only upside down attraction with features that will push your mind to its limits.

In fact in Orlando there's no limit to fun. **Birthday World Fun Center** with its adrenaline rides, fun games, mini-golf, bounces, toddler zone and great food, ensures that it's fun, fun, fun even if it isn't your birthday. The magic never seems to end. Let your spirits soar in a hot air balloon adventure over **Disney World**. Come

Do's:

- Check out the latest offers before you leave to see Orlando's best for less.
- Plan your itinerary so you don't waste time traveling.
- Comfortable walking shoes are a good idea.
- Have a designated meeting place in case you get separated.
- If it rains, head to Universal Studios, where most of the attractions—and queues—are indoors.

Don'ts:

- Never let family members go off in different directions unless there is adequate communication.
- Forget that room with a view. You won't be there enough to enjoy it.
- If driving avoid high traffic periods, and always have a map.
- Make sure you have all necessary driving documents.



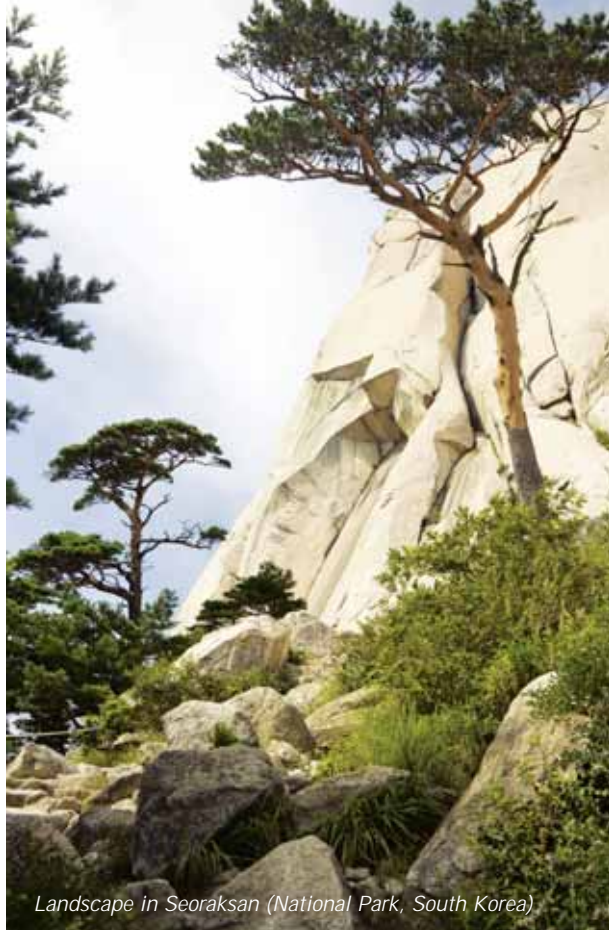
face to face with the jaws of death at **GatorLand**. Orlando is one theme park where the ride never ends.

stay

- 8616 **Celebrity Resorts Lake Buena Vista**
- 3996 **Cypress Pointe Grande Villas Resort**
- 3664 **Grand Beach**
- 5945 **Kingstown Reef**
- 0552 **Orlando International Resort Club**
- 1998 **Orlando's Sunshine Resort**
- 0450 **Sheraton Vistana Resort**
- 1613 **Bryan's Spanish Cove**
- 7605 **The Fountains**
- 4206 **Westgate Leisure Resort**



Pleasure Soar On Mt Sorak, Sokcho



Landscape in Seoraksan (National Park, South Korea)



Do's:

- The popular months are July to August, so plan early.
- Autumn can get very chilly, so pack accordingly.
- Not everyone speaks English, thus joining a tour or hiring a guide will make the experience more pleasurable.
- Learn a few local phrases, and surprise the locals.

stay

3049 Kensington Resort
Seorak Beach

Sokcho is a coastal city, and is famous as the main entry point to **Mount Sorak**, or **Seoraksan National Park**. The area offers a number of white sandy beaches, relaxing spas, refreshing pine forest, beautiful lakes, and meandering streams flushed with aquatic life.

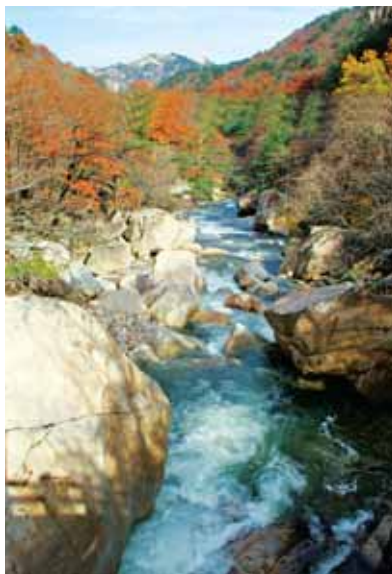
Its seaside promenade is a delight to the eye as well as the appetite. It's the perfect place to indulge in the pleasures of fresh seafood such as Hwaleo Hoe (sashimi).

To add to its accolades, Sokcho gained celebrity status when it was chosen as the setting for the popular Korean TV drama "Autumn in My Heart". An endearing story of love that captured audiences around the world over, much like the city itself.

But there's another great reason to visit Sokcho. It's also the gateway to **Mt Sorak**, the highest mountain in eastern South Korea. A national monument, it's home to the magnificent **Biryong**, or **Flying Dragon Falls**. So named because the falls look like ancient dragons racing each other up towards the sky.

Not to be outdone, **Cheonbuldong Valley** too boasts its own natural formations. Over the centuries, nature has sculpted its surrounding peaks to resemble, what locals believe, are Buddhist Saints paying homage to Buddha.

But surely one of the most striking natural phenomenon is the coming of Autumn. Fall presents a spectacular show that's simply unrivalled. A fiery sea of orange, and red cascades from the mountain tops all the way to the valley like the rays of a never ending sunset.



Don'ts:

- Keep to designated paths when exploring Mt Sorak's natural attractions.
- When dining on Sokcho's delicacies, never stick chopsticks into the bowl of rice. It resembles an offering to ancestors.
- Politics is best left out of your conversations with the locals.
- Always respect the local customs even if they seem strange.

An equally rare sight is the **Kensington Resort Sorak**. A villa-style condominium that is unique in Korea. It's the choice of celebrities, sports personalities, and even Presidents who want to immerse themselves in the splendor of Mt Sorak. Like Mt Sorak, the resort is definitely one of the highlights of a visit to the region.

A visit to Sokcho, and its magnificent Mt. Sorak will take you to new heights of pleasure like never before. But don't take our word for it, experience it for yourself.

Rajasthan, India

The Land Of Kings



Hawa Mahal, The Palace of Winds, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Rajasthan is steeped in folklores of heroism, romance, chivalry, glory, and tragedy. This was, and still is the land of Kings. Amazing palaces, and forts command the horizons near and far. They mesmerize with their awe-inspiring architecture, and are harbingers of what this magnificent state has to offer.



Here in modern times, you can relive the lives of Kings. Journey in their illustrious footsteps. Indulge in their decadent desires for lives very finest.

Fortunately, you don't need a king's ransom to immerse yourself in their rich heritage, and exuberant culture. Or journey on intrepid desert safaris, thrilling camel caravans, or secluded tiger trails.

Discover the 250 year-old bird sanctuary at **Keoladeo National Park** near **Bharatpur**, a World Heritage Site. This former royal hunting ground is a major wintering area for some 364 species of aquatic birds, including the rare Siberian crane.

Another hunting reserve of the **Maharajas, Ranthambore National Park** is now a sanctuary for tigers, and one of the best places to see the majestic predators in their natural habitat. The **Sariska Tiger Reserve** is another well known refuge whose tiger population is slowly but surely recovering.

Step onboard the **Palace on Wheels**, and discover a royal sanctuary that harks back hundreds of years. Opulent furnishing, exquisite cuisine, pomp and pageantry, are very much a royal edict on this enchanting railway journey.

Rajasthan lavishes its visitors with luxurious accommodations in refurbished palaces, arts and craft inspired by ancient royal craftsmen, and cuisine that once graced the tables of royalty.

Do's:

- Like all holidays it pays to be cautious and careful.
- Keep your passport, ticket, and money safely stashed in a belt pouch fastened securely around your waist.
- Bring extra padlocks with chains. They'll provide extra security for your valuables.
- Always keep your luggage close to you.
- Travel insurance for yourself, and valuables is essential.
- In all towns, dial 100 for the police.

Don'ts:

- Never leave your valuables unattended during your journey.
- Thieves and thugs are prevalent on popular tourists routes, be careful not to accept food or beverages from strangers.
- Beware of pickpockets.
- Touts are prevalent, and will try to mislead you.
- Dining off the streets is not wise.

A visit to Rajasthan is a must for the well travelled. Consider it a royal decree.

Rajasthan is **Rajasthan India Tour** - the land of royalty is a glittering jewel set in the golden sands of a barren deserts landscape. The light that reflects off the golden sands engulfs a land renowned for its vibrant colors, people in bright clothes and beautiful jewelry, living in cities dotted and dominated by towering forts and palace that rise from the sands like mirage. It is among the richest states in the country as far as handicrafts are concerned.

SEPANG'S Secret Formula

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Sepang, long famous for Formula One racing, also boasts a 22 kilometre coastline, and warm, clear waters. The race is on to create a beach front community that will one day rival Australia's Gold Coast.

Longest Palm Tree Shaped Resort in Malaysia".

Created as the first eco-friendly sea-hotel in the world, the resort is the perfect playground for eco adventures, and non-motorized water sports like canoeing, windsurfing and cart sailing. Closer to shore, guests can try archery, biking or beach soccer. This concern for the environment bore fruits when Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas was awarded the CNBC Best Property Award and Best Interior Award in 2008.

Chinese Restaurant overlooking the infinity pool. A family Steamboat Restaurant, and the Sunset Beach Restaurant which showcases amazing sunsets.

The **Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas** is designed to excite, and relax you. Its spa boasts a variety of massages, and its perfectly manicured, beachside garden is a picture of tranquility. Nearby guests can explore the rich mangrove wetlands, expansive fruit plantations, a native Orang Asli



Already the dream is taking shape in the form of **Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas**. The palm-shaped, luxurious holiday resort opened earlier this year to a spectacular reception. The resort literally branches out from the Sepang coastline, for a kilometre, into the sheltered waters of the Straits of Malacca. Its 393 well-appointed sea villas dot the seascape create a striking image of a palm tree. Not surprisingly, it has earned a coveted place in the Malaysia Book of Records as "The

There are five distinctive villa configurations. All are raised on stilts with natural alang-alang roofing. The semi-detached and detached designs, range from 52 square-metres to 232 square-metres. The smallest are the **Travelers Palm Villas**, and the largest are the grand **Royale Palm Villas**. All offer air-conditioning, ceiling fans, modern amenities, and sweeping views of the straits.

To accompany the magnificent views, the **Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas** offer a menu of dining options. There's a café which serves delicious breads and pastries for breakfast. A palatial



Settlement and the pulse-racing Sepang Formula One track.

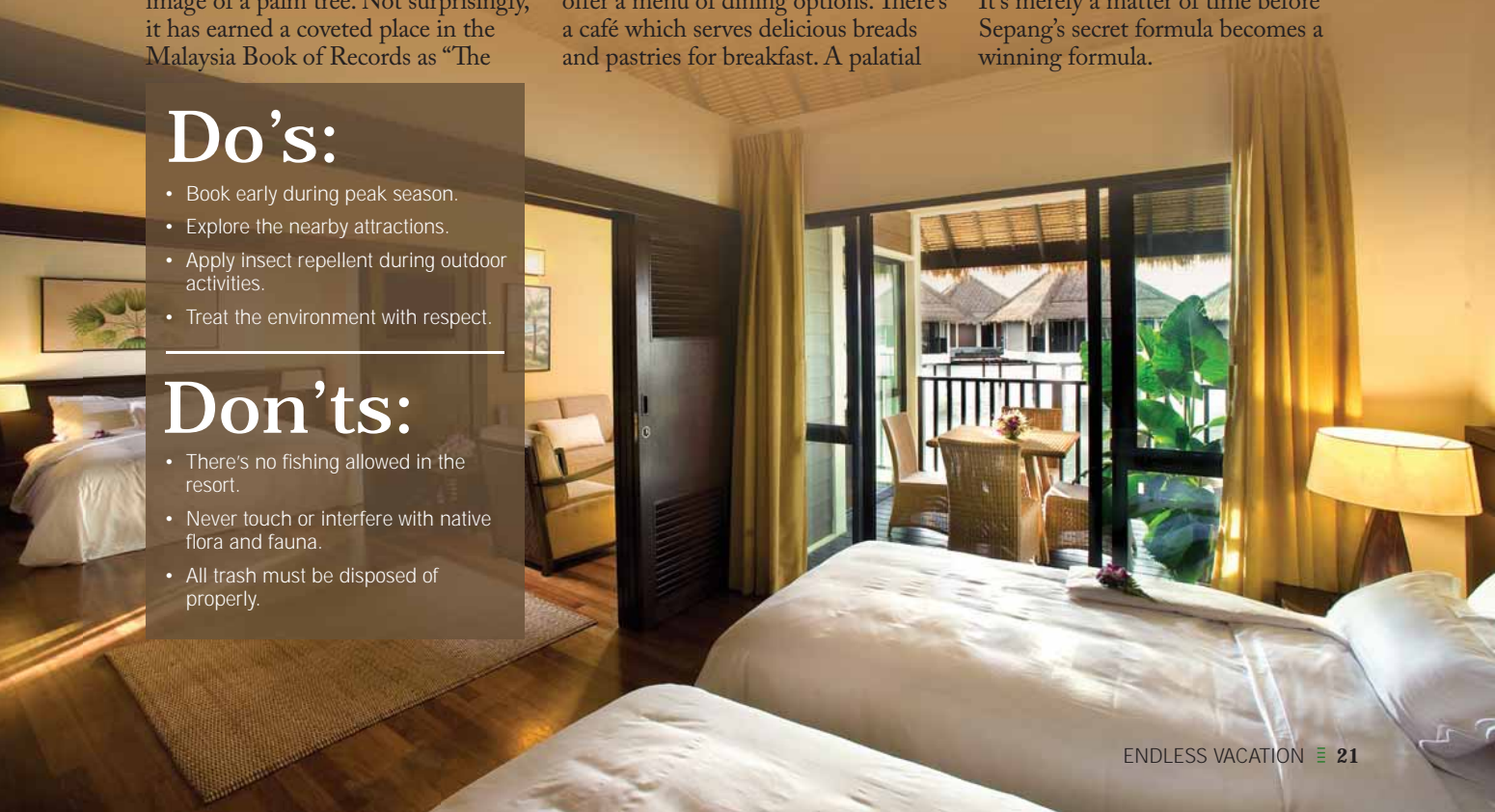
It's merely a matter of time before Sepang's secret formula becomes a winning formula.

Do's:

- Book early during peak season.
- Explore the nearby attractions.
- Apply insect repellent during outdoor activities.
- Treat the environment with respect.

Don'ts:

- There's no fishing allowed in the resort.
- Never touch or interfere with native flora and fauna.
- All trash must be disposed of properly.



New Resorts



Bali Island Villas & Spa (A538) | BALI

This private complex of 10 self-contained luxury villas is located within the vibrant pulse of **Seminyak**. It provides a refreshing break from the bustling cosmopolitan district of **Bali**. The villas exude elegance through its modern aesthetic design that deviates from the typical Balinese architecture, but still incorporates element that reflects the local culture.

Each one-bedroom villa shares a common infrastructure that evokes the sense of residential living within a small community. It is fully equipped with a gourmet kitchen, dining and a lounge area. The spacious master's bedroom is complimented with a walk-in wardrobe and a spa-inspired ensuite bathroom.

Hawaii, A Club Bali Resort (A539) | SERANG, BANTEN

Hawaii, A Club Bali Resort, is a popular ocean front holiday destination on the **Anyer Coast**, about 145 km from **Jakarta**. It is comprised of 73 apartments in studio, one, two and four bedroom presidential suite configurations that reflects a Mediterranean theme. Onsite amenities such as an aquatic centre, restaurant & bar, tennis court, meeting rooms, banquet hall, BBQ area and karaoke are available. The resort also features a water park that includes five swimming pools, a lazy river and water slides.

Famous tourist spots such as the **Banten National Park**, **Tanjung Lesung Beach** and **Krakatau Volcanic Island** are easily accessible through the Resort.



Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas & Spa (A540) | SELANGOR

Golden Palm Tree stretches out from the **Selangor** coastline, almost a kilometer into the sheltered waters of the **Straits of Malacca** with 392 luxuriously appointed sea villas that shape a palm tree. With minimum impact to the environment and touted to be the **first eco-friendly sea-hotel in the world**, Golden Palm Tree is a 5 star haven of peace, perfect for eco adventure, non-motorized water sports, family-friendly fun or to just relax and unwind.

These award winning villas offer luxurious, spacious accommodation that feature a fusion of tradition and modernity in its interior designs. Within easy proximity of the **Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA)**, Golden Palm Tree reveals the soul of its destination with the warmth of Malaysian welcome and the sophistication of service showcasing culinary arts in authentic local delicacies.



Ana Mandara Villas Dalat – Resort & Spa (A542) | DALAT CITY



Nestled on the gentle slopes of Vietnam's rural highlands, in the romantic city of **Dalat, Vietnam**, Ana Mandara Villas Dalat Resort & Spa is a tranquil sanctuary. This five-star hotel houses 17 fully restored French-style villas with 65 elegantly furnished guestrooms. Each villa features surrounding landscaped areas and expansive views of local urban life and farming countryside.

Foreign and local tourists alike will have no trouble finding the hotel. It is a mere 30-minute drive from the **Lien Khuong Airport**. If you're flying in from **Ho Chi Minh City**, you can reach our Dalat resort in about 45 minutes. From **Hanoi** it'll take you a little less than 2 hours. Ana Mandara Villas Dalat Resort & Spa places you in the midst of everything our wonderful city has to offer.

Ana Mandara Resort Ninh Binh (A544) | NINH BINH

Part of the Ana Mandara chain of luxury hotels and resorts, it will be the newest addition to the Van Long eco-tourism complex in Gia Ven district, Ninh Binh province set to open on October 2010. A 4-star hotel that offers 51 villas with 170 bedrooms, it combines a skilful mix of modern and traditional styles, very close to nature.



Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang - Six Senses Spa (A543) | NHA TRANG

Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang is a reflection of the image of an old Vietnamese village, with its warm hospitality, rich culture and unique tastes. The exclusive location of Evason Ana Mandara affords city-centre access to **Nha Trang's** only beachfront resort. Surrounded by private tropical gardens, it offers simplicity, serenity and refinement together with spectacular views of **Nha Trang Bay**.

The numerous islands surrounding it are perfect for exciting island trips, fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving. Only a stones throw away from the city is some of the most astounding countryside, with the lush green paddy fields. You can also hire a motorbike for exploring at your own pace, immersing yourself in the 'true' Vietnamese way of life.



NEW RESORTS



Ana Mandara Resort Hue (A545) | THUA THIEN HUE

Ana Mandara Resort Hue's five-star facilities in an off-beaten track location is putting **Thuan An Beach** firmly on the international tourist map. Just 15km away from **Hue City**, this resort is surrounded by picturesque rice paddy terraces, beautiful Tam Giang lagoons and set within luxuriant landscaped tropical gardens - coconut palms, manicured lawns, and lotus ponds.

Ana Mandara Beach Resort and Spa offers 78 varying styles of accommodation including Beach pool villas, beach villas, duplex rooms and deluxe rooms with a wide range of choice in decor and style. And these villas are among Hue's largest.

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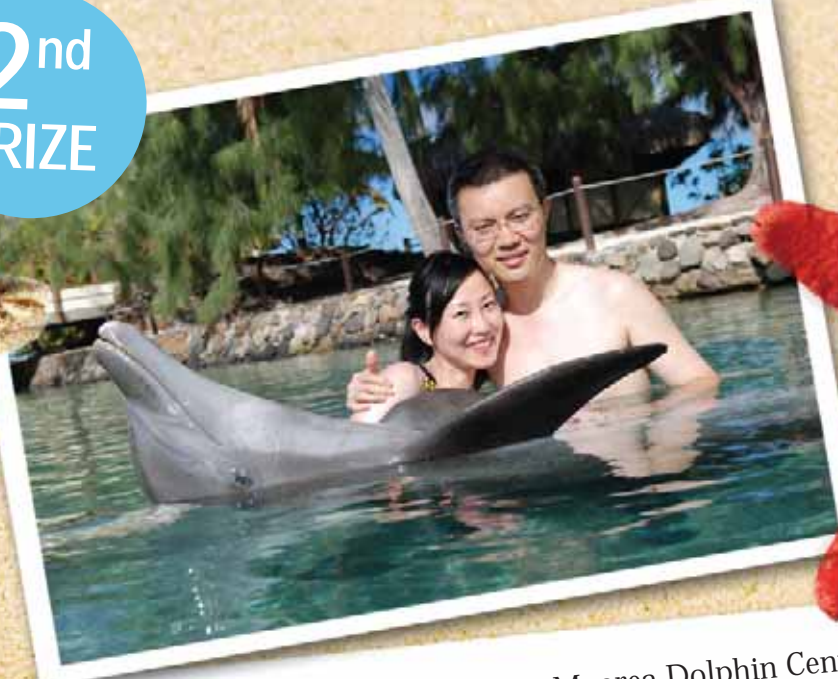
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"We spent a spectacular day at the Moorea Dolphin Center – we participated in the dolphin training course. It was fun playing with him and we even got to kiss him afterwards."

YANG XU-SHENG & LIU XUE-FENG, CHINA
Stayed at Club Bali Hai Moorea

3rd
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"The Haikou West Coast Resort Beach in Hainan has a wide and clean coastal road, allowing us to enjoy a relaxing walk accompanied by gentle breezes. Compared to Sanya, Haikou emits a sense of romanticism amidst its calmness and is a great destination for the children's winter vacation and for their health."

JIA SHEN-ZHEN, CHINA
HNA @ New State Guesthouse, Hainan



"Hanging out with Mater and Lightning McQueen at Disneyworld in Florida!"

MILDRED DY, PHILIPPINES

Stayed at Holiday Inn for Orange Lake-E Village



"Complete Japanese-Style living."

ELIZA LIM LAY HOON, SINGAPORE

Stayed at Hotel Resorpia Hakone



"Get serious With Mr President."

CHE ARIFFIN BIN CHE HASSAN, MALAYSIA

Stayed at Dolphin Cove Resort, Anaheim, California,
United States



"We visited the magnificent pyramids and various temples, castles and museums."

LI LI-NA

Stayed at Egypt Red Sea Resort #A322



"I celebrated my birthday at Sydney, on the same day that they were celebrating their Australian ANZAC DAY. We had dinner at an Italian Restaurant at Darling Harbour and capped the day with a stroll with my family."

HERMINIO P. CARREON, PHILIPPINES

Stayed at Wyndham Sydney, Australia



"An ultra high-powered 4WD brought us deep into the heart of Mt. Tamborine National Park in Queensland, Australia, where we were able to experience the wonders of a 20 million years old rainforest, understand the evolution of the ancient rainforest plants and history of the aborigines. This picture shows a towering ancient tree that is over 2,500 years old, which spans 3m in diameter. It is so huge that even my mother and I (Li Ji-Xuan) could only reach halfway round its trunk."

LI BIN, LI JI-XUAN, CHINA
Stayed at Tikivillage, Goldcoast, Australia



"Do you want to dance? It doesn't matter whether you're dressed up or not, you will surely feel young again!"

YANG CHOR LEONG, MALAYSIA
Stayed at Royal Bali Beach Club



"Hold your hands, hands in hands!
If not you'll be blown!"

DR. SOMBAT & LINDA SINPAIBUL & FAMILY
Stayed at Kaimanawa Lodge Turangi, New Zealand

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Digital Images: Include the information above with your high resolution pictures (300 dpi preferred) and email to ev-editor@rci.com before **31 December 2010**.

Capturing The Moments

We all love to capture our travels to remind us of the good times, and to share with family and friends. To help you get the best out of your travel photography, we'll be sharing tips with you in every issue.

Let us start at the beginning.

Thankfully, X-ray machines and metal detectors have no effect on digital media, so you can travel confidently with cameras and memory cards.

Carry your photography equipment with you. Don't check it in.

How much memory to bring? Well, it depends on your shooting habits. But remember you may never get to capture that moment again so take two or three times what you think you'll use.

Batteries are often impossible to find when traveling, or they're ridiculously expensive. The best is to bring rechargeable batteries, and your charger, or you'll need to pack lots of extra batteries.

You may want to have your equipment insured. Check with your travel insurance agent to find the best coverage.

If you don't have enough memory cards, you may need to download your images. If you have a laptop in hand, that's great. If not you may need to find an internet café to upload your pictures to your online accounts like Flickr, or Facebook.

Buying equipment abroad is not a good idea in most countries. Although in some countries like Singapore there's no duty to pay. You should, however be aware of the validity of warranties when you get back home.

If your main camera is a digital SLR, you may want to bring along a compact digital camera as back-up.

If your main goal is to have fun, and enjoy yourself, keep your camera equipment to the bare essentials. Bring a lens that's versatile. It'll save you the hassle of changing lens. The less you have, the less you have to worry about.

Until the next issue, we suggest you get to know your camera well. Play with it at home. Experiment. Read up. And if possible take some courses. It'll only make capturing that memory easier.

Happy clicking!



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Beijing, China

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Luxury Serviced Residence

Located in central Beijing, this serviced residence is an ideal corporate housing option for executives on project assignment and interim stay. Conveniently located, the residence offers beneficial services, spacious accommodation with Scandinavian interior design and the pleasure of being near to business and shopping areas.

Shenzhen, China

From SGD99 per night

Somerset Garden City

These spacious residences boast of a convenient location, just a five minute walk to Redbud City shopping centers, five minutes drive to the bustling Shekou business district and ferry port as well as many cultural and tourist destinations including Sea World, Poly Theatre. Its 147 stylish residences range from a stylish studio to three-bedroom choices. All are furnished with a fully equipped kitchen, ensuite bathroom, high-end amenities and a private balcony.



Xi'an, China

From SGD83 per night



Citadines Xi'an Central

Ideal for business travel and vacation, this exclusive serviced residence is in the heart of the city surrounded by the business district, shopping, restaurants and entertainment. It provides a private urban retreat equipped with business and recreational facilities and services. The 162 studio and one-bedroom deluxe apartments were specifically designed with the living and working environment of an international traveler in mind.

Gojo, Japan

From SGD266 per night

Citadines Kyoto Karasuma

These elegant serviced residences provide the comfort, convenience and security desired while living and working in Kyoto. Getting around is a breeze, as the Gojo subway station is just outside the residence. Choose from the studio twin, studio double, studio premier twin and one bedroom premier for the apartment that suits your requirements and budget. Each apartment is fully furnished with stylish interiors, designer fittings and modern amenities.



Makati, Philippines

From SGD163 per night



Somerset Salcedo

These spacious hotel apartments in Manila offer you the opportunity to enjoy Makati while on business travel or a leisure vacation. Its location within the financial district is a definite plus. The 150 fully-furnished apartments ranges from studio to three-bedroom units and features layouts and interiors made for the executive and international family.

Singapore

From SGD200 per night

Berjaya Hotel

A blend of the old and the new, it features the elegance of the colonial era with the modern amenities of a boutique hotel. Located in the heart of Chinatown, they offer 49 rooms and suites that are fully-equipped with facilities and services that will make your stay most comfortable. With nearby attractions that includes the Singapore River, Boat Quay and Clarke Quay.





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- STEP 2** Once your home resort deposits your week, it will be waiting for you at RCI.com
- STEP 3** Go to RCI.com to find your perfect exchange vacation!

Understanding Your Deposit



Your Deposit is the vacation week you give to RCI that enables you to book an Exchange vacation using your RCI subscribing membership benefits! It is the first step towards getting on vacation. The information on this page will help you to understand what type of week you own, and what steps you need to follow when depositing.

TYPE OF WEEK DEPOSITS

Now you're probably wondering what is meant by the "type" of Deposit. A Deposit is a Deposit right? Wrong. Your Deposit can fall into one of the two categories based on the type of week you own, fixed or floating. Read on as we explain further.

Fixed Week Deposits

A fixed week deposit means that you own the same unit and week every year, at the same resort.

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Most members with a fixed week deposit can deposit directly with RCI. Try depositing online for the quickest, and easiest Deposit process!

Floating Week Deposits

A floating week deposit means that your vacation assignment varies by year.

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Members with a floating ownership can have one of two deposit processes!

There are 2 types of week deposits:

1. **Floating Ownership - Resort Week Deposits:** Some members who own floating time with their home resort must call their resort to request them to deposit on their behalf.



2. **Floating Ownership – RCI Week Deposits:** Some members who own floating time with their home resort simply call their resort and collect their unit and week assignment details. Then, they can go online to RCI.com and deposit their week.



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- Search and book Extra VacationsSM Getaways, Last CallSM Vacations and RCI Cruise Vacations
- Manage your account and view account details
- Deposit your week(s)

Access to RCI.com and all it has to offer is easy. If you're not already registered, simply log onto RCI.com and click the Register Now button. You'll then be prompted through the sign-up process.

How to Register

1. To register at **RCI.com**, log on, **click Register Now** and **select Weeks Member**.
2. Enter your **Member ID number***, **Name** and **Contact Information** including your **Email Address** and then submit.
3. You'll receive an email with your new PIN number and instructions on how to complete your registration.

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And there's more!

Your online experience will never be the same again. While browsing through **rci.com**, feel free to explore the latest social media efforts of RCI that will keep you glued to that screen, or phone, a little bit longer.



Some things are more fun and easily understood when seen as videos, especially if it showcases the many RCI-affiliated resorts. RCI has its own YouTube presence through the **RCI_Timeshare Channel**, where over 90 of these high-definition videos are uploaded. Sit back and enjoy watching the destination reviews while you dream of your next exotic getaway.



You're probably used to seeing the very corporate RCI site that features all that you need to know about the company and the resorts. This is the lighter, casual side of RCI. Updated twice a week, great vacation stories are shared by other fellow members in this online diary. You can read and participate by giving your comments and tips! **blog.rci.com**



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Resorts in Asia

Legend for RRP

- GOLD CROWN AWARD
 SILVER CROWN AWARD
 HOSPITALITY AWARD

CHINA

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| 3954 | Jiuhua Spa & Resort | Beijing |
| 4326 | Paradise Hill Hotel Zhuhai | Zhuhai, Guangdong |
| 4980 | Surf Plaza, Qingdao | Qingdao, Shandong |
| 6034 | Dianchi Garden Hotel & Spa | Kunming, Yunnan |
| 6406 | Holiday Inn Tian'an Wuhan | Wuhan, Hubei |
| 6408 | Phoenix Resort | Ezhou, Hubei |
| 6785 | Weihai Dawu Sea Feeling Hotel | Weihai, Shandong |
| 6838 | Huizhou Tangquan Golf Club | Huizhou, Guangdong |
| 6888 | The Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel | Dunhuang, Gansu |
| 7481 | Noble Yacht Club, Hainan | Haikou, Hainan |
| 7525 | Beijing Shihao International Hotel | Beijing |
| 7589 | BLG-Beijing Longtou Apartment | Beijing |
| 8585 | HNA @ Beach & Spa Resort Haikou | Haikou, Hainan |
| 8586 | HNA @ Kangle Garden Hainan | Xinglong, Hainan |
| 8587 | HNA @ International Asia-Pacific Convention Centre Sanya | Sanya, Hainan |
| A311 | FVC @ Xiangxigu Holiday Village | Huangshan Anhui |
| A312 | FVC @ Xiaoshan International Hotel | Hangzhou, Zhejiang |
| A517 | Lijiang Sina Hotel | Lijiang, Yunnan |
| A524 | BSC @ Olympus Club | Beijing |
| A525 | Ramada Plaza Hotel Yantai | Yantai, Shandong |
| A530 | BBMG Badaling Hot Spring Resort | Beijing |
| A533 | HIVC @ Luguhu Holiday Hotel | Luguhu, Sichuan |
| A535 | Ramada Hotel Wuxi | Wuxi, Jiangsu |
| A536 | FVC @ Lijiang Harmony Inn | Lijiang, Yunnan |

INDONESIA

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| 3505 | Bali Tropic Resort & Spa | Bali |
| 3690 | Club Bali @ Jayakarta Bali Residence | Bali |
| 3691 | Risata Bali Resort & Spa | Bali |
| 3692 | Mambuk Quality Resort | West Java |
| 3851 | Nirwana Bali | Bali |
| 3968 | Royal Bali Beach Club @ Candidasa | Bali |
| 5254 | Royal Bali Beach Club @ Jimbaran Bay | Jimbaran, Bali |
| 5450 | The Grand Bali - Nusa Dua | Bali |
| 5459 | Bali Masari Villas & Spa | Bali |
| 6302 | Medewi Bay Retreat | Negara - Bali |
| 6916 | Gili Meno Bird Park Resort | Lombok |
| 6920 | RVC @ Hotel Rama Candidasa | Bali |
| 6961 | Bali Shangrila Beach Club | Bali |
| 7590 | Bali Emerald Villas | Bali |
| 7724 | Keraton Jimbaran Resort | Bali |
| A515 | Sekuta Condo Suites | Bali |
| A516 | Club Bali @ Kota Bunga Resort & Spa | West Java |
| A526 | Goodway Hotel | Pulau Batam |
| A538 | Bali Island Villas & Spa | Bali |
| A539 | Hawaii, A Club Bali Resort | Serang, Banten |
| A547 | The Seminyak Village Resort & Spa | Bali |

SOUTH KOREA

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| 3048 | Kensington Resort Gyeongju | Gyeongsanbuk-Do |
| 3049 | Kensington Resort Seorak Beach | Gangwon-Do |
| 3697 | Kensington Resort Chungju | Chungcheonbuk-Do |
| 7903 | Hanwha Resort Seorak | Kangwon-Do |



MALAYSIA

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| 1703 | Genting View Resort | Genting Highlands |
| 2860 | Aseania Resort Langkawi | Langkawi, Kedah |
| 2864 | Berjaya Tioman Beach Golf & Spa Resort | Tioman Island |
| 2869 | KL Plaza Suites | Kuala Lumpur |
| 3010 | Duta Vista Executive Suites | Kuala Lumpur |
| 3013 | Country Heights WRC | Kajang, Selangor |
| 3196 | Greenhill Resort | Cameron Highlands |
| 3957 | Leisure Cove | Penang |
| 3967 | Bayu Beach Resort | Port Dickson |
| 4166 | Berjaya Tioman Suites | Tioman Island |
| 4919 | Awana Genting HL Golf & Country Resort | Genting Highlands |
| 5257 | Heritage Hotel Cameron Highlands | Cameron Highlands |
| 5259 | Heritage Hotel, Ipoh | Ipoh, Perak |
| 5461 | Perdana Beach Resort | Langkawi, Kedah |
| 7771 | Resort Suites At Sunway Lagoon Resort | Petaling Jaya, Selangor |
| A521 | Palace Of The Golden Horses | Seri Kembangan, Selangor |
| A522 | Country Villas Kajang | Kajang, Selangor |
| A540 | Golden Palm Tree Sea Villas & Spa | Sepang, Selangor |

PHILIPPINES

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| 1947 | Panoly Town & Beach Club | Boracay Island |
| 3502 | Laguna De Boracay Resort | Boracay Island |
| 5369 | Sunrise Holiday Mansion | Tagaytay |
| 5720 | VCI Holidays @ Tagaytay | Tagaytay |
| 5721 | VCI Holidays @ Mactan-Cebu | Lapu Lapu, Cebu |
| 5722 | VCI Holidays @ Batangas | Batangas |
| 6030 | Pearl Of The Pacific Beach Resort | Boracay Island |
| 6278 | Tagaytay Dacha Villas | Tagaytay |
| 6741 | Leisure Vacation Suites | Benquet (Metro Baguio) |
| 6781 | Casa Del Mar Golf Resort | Cebu |
| 7526 | SVC @ Subic Holiday Villas | Zambales |
| 7647 | Puerto Del Sol Beach Resort & Hotel | Bolinao, Pangasinan |
| 7773 | Astoria Plaza Suites | Pasig City |
| A006 | The A.Venue Hotel Suites | Makati City |
| A366 | Club Balai Isabel | Batangas |
| A548 | Boracay Regency Beach Resort | Boracay Island |

TAIWAN

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| 4325 | Kensington Resort | Ping-Tung Hsien |
| 4337 | Wing On Golf Country Club | Tainan County |

THAILAND

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| 1300 | Sigma Resort Club (South Pattaya) | Pattaya |
| 2234 | Jomtien Beach Paradise | Pattaya |
| 2861 | Hotel Royal Crown | Phuket |
| 4341 | Patong Tower Condominium | Phuket |
| 4344 | Patong Resort Hotel | Phuket |
| 4923 | Royal Lighthouse Villa | Phuket |
| 4973 | LHC @ Allamanda Laguna Phuket | Phuket |
| 5216 | Tai-Pan Hotel | Bangkok |
| 5376 | Royal Belle Vista Country Club | Hangdong Dist, Chiang Mai |
| 5377 | The Resonance Club @ State Tower | Bangkok |
| 5456 | MTC @ The Legacy River Kwai | Kanchanaburi |
| 5556 | Pattaya Hill Resort | Pattaya |
| 5719 | Chateau Dale Beach Resort | Chonburi, Pattaya |
| 5731 | Q Signature Samui | Koh Samui |
| 5962 | MTC @ Pattaya Hill | Pattaya |
| 6305 | Grand Tower Inn | Bangkok |
| 6373 | MTC Plus @ Grand Tower Inn | Bangkok |
| 6440 | Club Thara @ Thara Patong Beach Resort | Phuket |
| 6625 | GVC @ My Q Silom | Bangkok |
| 8715 | LHC Phuket Resort | Phuket |
| A519 | QVC @ My Q Silom | Bangkok |
| A520 | LHC @ Boathouse Hua Hin | Cha-Am, Phetchaburi |

VIETNAM

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| A518 | Sea Links Golf & Beach Villas | Binh Thuan Province |
| A529 | Ocean Vista | Phanthiet City |
| A542 | Ana Mandara Villas Dalat Resort & Spa | Dalat City |
| A543 | Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang - Six Senses Spa | Nha Trang Khanh Hoa |
| A544 | Ana Mandara Resort Ninh Binh | Ninh Binh |
| A545 | Ana Mandara Resort Hue | Thua Thien Hue |

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Chengdu HIVC grand opening

Grand opening

for chengdu hivc

Company introduction

About HVS

On 29 May 2010, Chengdu Huanmei Vacation Business Co., Ltd. held a grand opening ceremony in Chengdu, making it the largest Timeshare group which entered Chengdu formally. As the only company authorized by RCI in Sichuan Province, Chengdu Huanmei Vacation has professional team, best services and credible brand, which is favored by many vacation enthusiasts. Chengdu Huanmei Vacation, which has outstanding achievement, perfect management and considerate services, dedicates to open up the Chengdu market by creating the new leisure vacation mode and helping members make the dream of traveling the world come true.

Chengdu Huanmei Vacation Business Co., Ltd is the branch of Huanmei International Vacation Club. In 2009, Huanmei International Vacation Club cooperated with RCI Group. We are committed to setting up a product development, planning, customer service and marketing and management of a comprehensive industrial group. Huanmei has engaged "Timeshare" for a long time, and it has built good corporate image upon its rich experience and brand of good faith. In the industry, Huanmei developed their own ways. Till now, Huanmei has developed more than 3,000 families of members, and succeeded in making 1360 members achieve the world's exchange, and making their vacation dreams come true. As business continuously expands, HuanMei uses Lugu Lake Vacation Hotel as the platform, to cooperate with many luxurious hotels in the world for a holiday of communities, especially to provide the members of Huanmei to experience the luxurious and comfortable vacations and the professional services of the world's exchange. To let more families make their dream vacations abroad come true!



A532-02019, Ms. Duo together with 7 people in Penang



A310-01120, Ms. Zhu together with 3 people in Thailand



A532-00090, Ms. G together with 3 friends in Bali

The CS Activities In May

Siege In May, You Can Deduce The Legendary Of Your Life

On 16th of May 2010, Huanmei International Vacation Club organized the CS activities in Tie Shan Ping, Chongqing. Twenty Two members joined us in their cars. In total, there were 65 members who participated. This is innovation of "Time Share", the members together and to the successful people provides the best of friends platform: Through communication between members, our members are more confident to go abroad for their vacations and also meet other members with the same interests. This activity increased the membership of the company and also improved understanding of the company's goal.



The CS Activities In May



Parenthood Activities In June

Parenthood Activities In June

Parenthood Month of June, Huanmei Grows Up With You

On 27th of June 2010, Huanmei International Vacation Club organized an activity to strengthen the bond between parents & children. The activity was held in the area beyond the base for the phantom cake Watson. The activity's mythos is making cake by themselves. There were 18 families who joined, 62 people in total, and the members' satisfaction reached to 98%. This activity, not only opened up to the abilities of children, but also increased the feelings between parents and children, and that members can feel that Huanmei cares for them.

Self-driving Tour To LUGUHU In July

Generating The Passion In July And Freeing The Heart

People in bustling city are trying their best to live better, for themselves and for relatives.....however, they seldom pay attention to their hearts. Generating the passion in July and freeing the heart! On 29 July 2010, Huanmei International Vacation Club suggested that VIP members drove their cars to their own hotel—LUGUHU, just to search for peace of the heart and enjoying the mysterious kingdom of women.



Self-driving Tour To LUGUHU In

The Yu Quan River Rafting Activity In August

Brave Games In Ba Guo Ancient City

In hot summer day, you can enjoy the landscape with mountains and rivers. In Ba Guo ancient city, you can play the brave games. On 7 August 2010, Huanmei International Vacation Club held a fantasy rafting activity—Fuling Yu Quan River Rafting Activity. There are steepy gorges, continuous pine trees, millennial trackways and millennial cliff coffin. It seems that you were in ancient history and back to this ancient city...



The Yu Quan River Rafting Activity In August

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