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Editor's Note



Dear RCI® Members,

Over the past few months, I have been travelling extensively, visiting many of the RCI-affiliated resorts in India and those we will be bringing to you in the future. On one such occasion, while enjoying breakfast, I couldn't help noticing the vast spread on the buffet counter. From piping hot idlis, vadas and dosas, to parathas, poha, oatmeal, pancakes and cereals and the array of fruits, the menu was endless.

It struck me quite clearly, *we, as human beings, thrive on variety being the spice of life*, an ethos that we stand by at RCI®. We have always endeavoured to provide variety to our members, in every possible way.

In this issue of Endless Vacation, we have covered destinations ranging from the quaint Puducherry town in South India (p.30) to the ethereal splendour of faraway Finland (p.46). Whether you are in search of the divine wilderness in God's Own Country (p.8), or an action-packed Kodagu holiday in Coorg (p.12), it's all in here for you. Those seeking an American holiday with a good blend of thoda sin and thoda fun—don't miss the Vegas (p.39) and Orlando (p.42) stories. And for whom our own beloved Goa works best, be sure to leaf through our Goan feature (p.18).

Variety isn't only about holiday destinations, but also about how members like you choose to make a holiday booking. More and more members are going online to www.rci.com to make their holiday choices and bookings. By now, I am sure you are all aware that you can get discounts of upto 25% when you book online. So, do go online if you haven't already done so.

On the other hand, for members who prefer the personal touch, your vacation guides are always there for you, and needless to say, it is always a pleasure to interact with you. Whatever your choice of holiday may be or the way you chose to book a holiday, at RCI®, we firmly believe in being able to provide with the choices that you want. I leave you with a small quote to get you started (just in case!)...

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

—Saint Augustine

Happy holidaying,

Pali Badwal

Pali Badwal,
Managing Director



Letters from Members

Unforgettable Thekkady



I visited Thekkady with my wife, Vasantha, and my daughter, Anusha at Club Mahindra Holidays. We have travelled to most of the tourist spots in Tamil Nadu but somehow, missed Thekkady. It is a fantastic holiday destination. Club Mahindra offers high-class facilities. The restaurant location is very nice; the breakfast buffet and dinner were both excellent. We used the spa, and it was an experience we've never had anywhere else. Overall, it was a wonderful trip, and we thank RCI and Club Mahindra for their support. Thanks!

V. Ravi,
Fort Chavara Luni

Bewitched by Yercaud



December is a great time to visit the beautiful Yercaud, with sunny days and chilly nights. At Sterling Rock Perch, we stayed in a well-maintained duplex unit with a fully-equipped kitchen, large enough to cook for a family of four. Our balcony had a fantastic view of Salem, especially at night. The resort is one of the best places for relaxing. It is situated on the slopes of Shevaroy Hills, overlooking Salem. It is in the midst of multiple view points. There is much to do in this lovely place.

B.S.S.S. Srinivas Murthy,
Clifftop Club

Timeless Puducherry



Club Mahindra, Puducherry, is one of the most ideal vacation destinations, especially if you want to get away from your busy, everyday life. We spent a full week at the resort. The personnel at the travel desk, the restaurant, and even the chauffeur, were very attentive and efficient. The staff organised some fun activities for us. Being foodies, we had to mention the food at the restaurant: it was extraordinary. Being in a French Colony, Club Mahindra Puducherry serves the tastiest cakes and pastries. Overall, it was a fantastic stay. We would love to go back again!

Nitin Kumar,
Sterling Holidays



Alluring Australia



Recently, my wife and I had a truly fantastic five-day holiday in Australia at the Port Pacific Resort. The resort is a couple of hours away from the city, but easily accessible. Staying at the resort was an experience by itself. It had a great view and the staff were really friendly. Check-in and checkout were a breeze. It was very well-maintained and had an array of activities on offer that could keep one occupied throughout their stay there. Australia is every nature-lover's dream come true, with stunning scenery and versatile terrain. We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly and look forward to our next holiday with RCI!

Sachin S. Kelkar,
Odyssey

Calling on Uncle Sam



I went on a long vacation to USA. In the past, I had booked hotels at various places, but the hotels booked through RCI were the best. I booked two resorts through RCI; one at Las Vegas, and other at Orlando. Both the resorts were outstanding. My wife and two kids will never forget the wonderful vacation in the USA. Thanks, RCI.

Anand P Shah,
Club Mahindra

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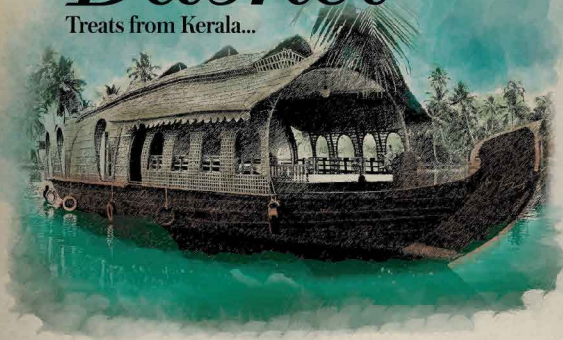


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Nature's Basket

Treats from Kerala...



From beautiful hill stations, tropical greenery and lush wildlife parks to stunning beaches, serene backwaters and tantalizing food, Kerala is truly a slice of paradise. Situated between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea, this mesmerising state is home to some of the best sightseeing spots and natural attractions in India. The natural beauty and the location of Kerala make the state seem like heaven on earth.



Being a preferred holiday destination for thousands each year, Kerala is well-connected to other cities. You can fly directly to Kerala; many flight carriers touchdown in the airports at Cochin, Trivandrum and Calicut. Many private and government buses (Volvo and normal buses) also ply to various cities and towns in Kerala. The Indian Railways have a number of trains headed to Kerala every day. Driving down to Kerala is also a popular option.



Kerala food is a godsend to foodies. It boasts of a range of delicious food that any visitor must try. Most of the food is coconut-based, which adds a rich flavour that can make your palettes sizzle. Make sure you try *puttu* and *kadala* curry, the *appam* and stew combination, and *idiyappam* served with egg curry. The spicy chicken fry (*nadan kozhi varuthathu*) or the *nadan* beef fry in local restaurants are guaranteed to blow your mind! Being a coastal area, Kerala also offers delectable seafood—prawn curry, the mussel stir-fry (*kallunakkaya ularthyathu*), fish *molee* (curry), *kappa* (steamed tapioca) with fish curry and much, much more.

The cultural heritage of Kerala is revealed in its varied dance forms, martial arts and cuisine. Kathakali, over 300 years old, originated in Kerala and is a delightful medley of opera, ballet, masque, and pantomime. Other noted dance and martial arts forms are Krishnanattam, Mohiniyattam, Koodiyattam, Kalaripayattu, Parisa Kali and many, many more.

Onam is the harvest festival of Kerala. Onam usually falls between the Malayalam month of Chingam (Aug-Sept) and marks the homecoming of legendary King Mahabali. Festivities last for ten days and bring out the best of Kerala culture and tradition. Intricately decorated *poohalam*, ambrosial *onasadya*, breathtaking snake boat race and exotic Kaikottikali dance are a few of the features of Onam.

While all of Kerala is worth experiencing, here are a few of our favourite destinations.



Munnar

What seems like the world's largest bonsai is really Munnar with its lush expanse of endless tea gardens, belnding into the horizon. Munnar is every honeymooners' dream with cool weather, almost all year round. Home to the famous *neelakurinji* flower (blooms every twelve years) and the Nilgiri Tahr, this dreamy town is a must-see if you are a tea-lover. Do visit the Tea Museum and the Tea Factory, where you can taste different types of teas. Other things you must not miss are the Mattupetty Dam, Top Station and the Eravikulam National Park.

Kumarakom

An absolutely enchanting backwater destination, Kumarakom is a cluster of little islands on the Vembanad Lake, the largest fresh water lake in Kerala. The fresh water of the lake runs into the mainland making a labyrinth of lagoons, brooks, canals and waterways. Kumarakom is known for delectable seafood and toddy, something one might want to try. The adventurous could indulge in water sports such as windsailing and waterskiing or even canoe out into the quiet waters and catch one's own dinner, in true Kerala-style.

Poovar

Poovar is a natural gem where the lakes, rivers and seas meet the land. Unspoiled by tourism and unexplored, it is enveloped by the most serene backwaters. Known for its pristine and unspoiled beauty, Poovar is frequented by those who love solitude.

Thekkady

The mention of Thekkady fires up the imagination with thoughts of elephants, endless hills and rubber and spice plantations. Thekkady is one of the finest wildlife reserves

in India, peppered with picturesque plantations and hill towns that holds fantastic opportunities for treks, mountain walks and jungle safaris.

Alleppey

Alleppey, also known as the Venice of the East, is a maze of canals, waterways and the backwaters. Famous for backwater houseboats and snake boat races, Alleppey has much to offer travellers. Try the fish/prawn curries with rice or steamed tapioca. Alleppey is also known for coir exports (don't miss the coir handicrafts!), fine umbrellas and exquisite churches.

Kochi

A coast lined with an array of ports, heritage structures and Chinese fishing nets, Kochi is a whirlwind of surprises with a delightful mélange of old-meets-new culture. Old Town, or Fort Kochi is accessible by road and ferry from Ernakulam and has many interesting things to see, like the Dutch palace, the Jewish Synagogue and a multitude of legacy churches. Needless to say, the cuisine is exquisite, especially the seafood. Do go bakery-hopping, if time permits, to sample the many baked goodies. ☺



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Kerala include:

Alleppey	C260	Panoramic Sea Resorts
Ashamudi	C090	Club Mahindra Backwater Retreat
Cannanore	7636	Kairali Heritage
Cherai	D352	Club Mahindra Beach Resort
Kollam	C091	Cambay Palm Lagoon
Kumarakom	D459	Club Mahindra Kumarakom
Kumarakom	C263	Leisure Vacations Gold Field Lake Resort
Kumarakom	D695	Royal Grove
Munnar	4800	Club Mahindra Lake View
Munnar	5720	Sterling Terrace Greens
Munnar	3470	The Tall Trees
Poovar	D349	Club Mahindra
Thekkady	A963	Club Mahindra Tusker Trails
Thekkady	C767	Sterling Woods N' Spice

the Scotland of India Coorg

The picturesque setting of Coorg deepens the charm of the town, a world filled with coffee estates, greenery and forest slopes. The many red-roofed homes and buildings and the bazaar amplifies the quaintness of the place where time almost seems to stand still.

Coorg offers a range of experiences to enjoy the great outdoors, be it white water rafting, trekking, kayaking, canoeing or even biking. And should one crave solitude, that isn't too hard to have in this wilderness wonderland. The sprawling estates, the lush slopes and the stillness in the air all add to the artist's inspiration. A holiday in Coorg presents ample opportunities to see and experience amazing sights.

GETTING THERE

The quaint town is easy to access—it is approximately 150-160 kilometers from Mangalore and Mysore, which have the nearest airports to the town, and is about 120-130 kilometers from the Kasargod and Kannur railway stations. Government and private buses ply on a daily basis from the major cities in Karnataka to Coorg.

TASTING THE AUTHENTICITY

Coorg boasts of a number of tasty dishes that any traveller must try. Most of the Kodava cuisine is prepared from the produce grown on the land and found in the forests. The food is usually rich in spices, coconut and curry leaves. Hosts are warm and meals are often an open-house affair. Walk into a Coorgi home, and one will chance upon the much-talked about Coorgi food, such as *koli* curry (chicken), *kadambuttu* (rice dumplings), *noolputtu* (rice noodles) and *bambale* (bamboo shoot) curry. Wine is made from a number of locally produced fruits, such as gooseberries, oranges, paddy, and orange plums. Toddy, made from pine or coconut trees, is also quite a popular drink.

STAY

 RCI affiliated resorts in Coorg include:

- 7703**
Club Mahindra Kodagu Valley
- D461**
Club Mahindra Virajpet
- C477**
Kadkani River Resorts
- 3452**
Orange County Resort

..... TRIVIA

- 01.** Bylakuppe, near Coorg, is the biggest Tibetan settlement in South India.
- 02.** Legend has it that the Kodavas are descendants of Alexander the Great!
- 03.** Hockey is a favourite with the Coorgi community. Many hockey tournaments happen here each year.

VIEWING THE BEAUTY

Abbey and Iruppu Falls are simply magnificent during the monsoon. Abbey Falls is set in the midst of coffee and spice plantations, while Iruppu Falls is surrounded by dense greenery. Mallalli Falls is another spot that is quite popular; it is one of the tallest falls in Coorg. Raja Seat is a popular picnic spot, located amidst the beauty of the town. The picnic grounds offer an excellent view of the surrounding mountains and the valley, as well. Tadiyendamol, the tallest peak, allows a spectacular view, as well as a glimpse of the Arabian Sea. Nagarahole National Park and Dubare Elephant Camp are two places to visit if you want a glimpse of majestic tigers and elephants. Talakaveri Wildlife Sanctuary is home to various animals, including snakes, tigers and leopards.



the jewel of South India: Yercaud

Cool weather and greenery all around, Yercaud is a sleepy little hill station in Tamil Nadu that is mesmerisingly beautiful. Derived from the word 'yeri kadu' (Tamil for 'lake forest'), Yercaud is situated at an altitude of almost five thousand feet. Nestled in the Shevaroy Hills (on the Eastern Ghats), the immense beauty of the town made it a highly popular vacation spot with the East India Company...



EXPERIENCING SPLENDOUR

Coorg has a number of memorable spots that every sightseer must visit at least once. These include the Madikeri Fort, Omkareshwara temple, Cauvery Nisargadhama, the Bhagamandala, the Golden temple and Naalkunaadu palace. Another unique experience one must not miss is visiting the beautiful Namdroling monastery in the Tibetan settlement, Bylakuppe. The monastery has a modest canteen that serves divine steamed dumplings.

UNWINDING COORGI-STYLE

The Valanoor Fishing Camp, located in the backwaters of the river Cauvery is also a great way to kick up your heels (October–May).

Prefer to golf the day away? Madikeri and Pollibetta have scenic nine-hole golf courses, ideal for leisure golfing.

Rejuvenate your body, mind and soul at the Swaasthya Ayurveda Retreat Village. Set amidst four acres of spice and coffee plantations, the retreat offers a refreshing, unique ayurvedic experience.

Ponnampet gives tourists the chance to microlight in gliders, allowing you to glimpse the beauty of Coorg from the skies.

VISITING COORG

The best time of the year to visit Coorg is generally between the months of November and March. While the weather is pleasant all around the year, the harvest festival, Puttari is celebrated around this time, and allows tourists the chance to experience traditional song and dance celebrations native to the town.

A local guide—who you can easily find in the town—can help you decide what you want to see, do, eat and experience on your holiday. ●



Quiet Excitement:

Let there be no doubt in your mind—the town of Yercaud is actually located around the lake it is named after. Yercaud Lake is a serene spot, the silence broken only by the occasional motorboat, but otherwise, undisturbed by all the activity around it. Adjoining the lake is a park with a tower that gives you a full view of the lake and its surroundings...

What's most exciting about Yercaud is its unpredictable weather. Where else can you hope to experience an early morning fog, followed by a sunny spell and then, out of the blue, a quick shower, and beaming sunshine again? It gives one the feeling of experiencing all the four seasons in a matter of hours. Truly amazing!

The monsoons transform Yercaud into a delightful garden of greenery, and this is an ideal time to visit if you are looking to get away from the chaos of the cities. If you are outdoorsy, you could brave a walk to the many of the tourist spots around town. Walks are pleasant, with no traffic to worry about and the fauna around is a real treat for the eyes. Alternatively, you can taxi around to the sights that are outside the town. Taxis and autos are easily available near the lake.

Yercaud is known for savoury preparations made of quail, which can be bought from the small food halls near the bus stand. Another must try is the tribal cuisine, found at the restaurant of Hotel Shevaroy.

Here is a seven-day itinerary to keep you going in Yercaud.



STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Yercaud include:

D031
Hotel Shevaroy

C082
Lake Forest

4881
Sterling Rock Perch

Happy Trivia

The cultivation of coffee in Yercaud was introduced by a Scottish Collector of Salem called David Cockburn. It was only after cultivation of coffee, the place started to develop as a holiday destination.

Day 01

Boating at Yercaud Lake
Anna Park + Deer Park
(The tower at the park gives you a panoramic view of the lake.)
Horse-riding + sunset at Yercaud Lake
(Tip: don't forget to carry mosquito repellent!)

Day 02

Bhavani Singh's Perfumery
(Ask for a tour of their greenhouse and their recommendations for items to purchase.)
Pakodas at Pakoda Point
Annamalayar Temple
Rose Garden

Day 03

Shevaroyan Temple
Lalitha Thirupura Temple
Sunset at Karadiyur Viewpoint
Horticultural Research Station

Day 04

Killiyur Waterfalls
(Ensure you wear comfortable walking shoes!)
Lady's Seat + Gent's Seat
(Magic Moment pics are a must-take!)
Children's Seat Viewpoint



Day 05

Manjakuttai Sunrise Viewpoint
1000 Lingams Temple
Botanical Orchidarium
Kurummampatti Zoological Park

Day 06

Hogenikkal Waterfalls
Hanumaan Temple-Namakal
Tharamangalam Temple

Day 07

Kolli Hills
Mettur Dam + Park
Pulampatti Reservoir

DID YOU KNOW?

The (roller-coaster) ride from Salem to Yercaud has 20 hairpin bends? On the way, you also see monkeys by the road. Do be careful not to be eating with the windows rolled down, else your food will be gone before you can bat an eyelid!

Itinerary suggested with input from
Mr. K.Kathiravan, GM, Hotel Shevaroy, Yercaud.



GONE!

6 reasons to head to Goa now



Goa is *the* place to visit if you are looking for a vacation where you do nothing but enjoy the sun and the beach, party and savour the most delicious seafood. Be it during the summer or the winter, Goa is one spot that guarantees true relaxation and sheer fun all round the year.

TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Despite being the smallest state in India, Goa has been an integral part of the rich Indian history. This state was one of the major Indian trade centres even back in early times. Rich Goan history can be traced back as far as the prehistoric times, but the first written reference dates back to the Sumerian period. The land was ruled by kings hailing from various dynasties between 1st century B.C. and 1500 A.D. The Muslim rulers conquered Goa in 1350 A.D., and later was conquered by the Portuguese. Even after India's independence, the land was controlled by the Portuguese until the year 1961, until Goa was accepted as a state of India in the year 1987.

#01 THE BEACHES



Every beach in Goa is beautiful and unique, especially in the southern part, which is largely frequented by residents and holidayers alike. Of course, you just can't miss the beach parties that take place at night. The picturesque setting and the amazing music make for an intoxicating experience.

Take the time to visit Arambol Beach, Mandrem Beach and Asvem Beach in North Goa—these are some of the best places where you can soak up the sun and simply relax. Some of the best spots in South Goa include Palolem, Palem, Patnem and Rajbhag beaches.



06 REASONS TO GO TO GOA

#02 THE VIEW



Goa has more than just the beaches—rent a bike to see the true magnificence of the place. You'll see coconut palms, lazy rivers (Terekhol, Zuari and Mandovi), majestic falls (Dudhsagar Falls) and the simple beauty of nature all around you. If you are a nature enthusiast, visit the Sahyadri mountain—the vast expanse of greenery is sure to awe you.

#03 THE CULTURE



The culture in Goa is an eclectic blend of its colourful past, as well as the local Indian cultures. The people of this land are believed to have music in their blood, with musical traditions passing from one generation to the next. Declared as a world cultural heritage (by UNESCO, nonetheless), the many churches and convents are a pleasure to see. The houses, villas and buildings in the place are a blend of Hindu Goan and Portuguese styles and add to the beauty of the place. You can spend an entire day at Old Goa—make a trip down to the Museum of Christian Art, the Goan version of Madam Tussauds.

#04 THE FOOD



Goa gives you the chance to gorge on delicious seafood that is worth every penny you pay. Lobsters, tiger prawns, fish steaks and more, along with traditional food, like sorpotel, sol kadi, vindaloo and xakuti, are simply to die for. You can ask for recommendations and make lists of restaurants to eat at, so you get a taste of traditional Goan food. Some of the must-try restaurants include Britto's, Infanteria, Thalassa, Martins Corner and The Upper House—each restaurant offers you a variety of cuisines that will blow you away! Magic Park, in Arambol, serves delectable vegan gourmet food.

#05 THE LIBERALITY

Unlike most cities in India, Goa is incredibly liberal—even the past of the land is proof of this. The Portuguese who ruled Goa back in the day were known to be quite liberal too. Call it the influence of the past, but you can simply be yourself and enjoy your holiday. Dress as you like, do as you wish, and go where you like—true freedom.

Goa is truly a heaven for holidayers looking to let down their hair and simply be themselves. You can eat, shop, sightsee and party—these are all you need to make your vacation a whopping success.

GOAN TRIVIA

- If you are fascinated by the casino life of Vegas, Goa is truly the place for you. The state is home to some popular casinos that offer best the gaming facilities, at par with international standards.
- Las Vegas, Chances, Winners and Floating Casino Royale are popular names on the list.

#06 THE SHOPPING

If you go to Goa, you just have to shop. From junk jewellery to gothic accessories and hippie clothing,



bamboo and shell work to brassware, you can find a great variety of items on sale in the many Goan markets. Walk into the busy Mapusa Market—a very popular market among locals and visitors alike. Here, you can buy a range of things including traditional handicrafts, antiques, textiles, spices, homemade pickles and much more. The flea market in Anjuna is held weekly on Wednesdays and it offers an exquisite range of artifacts. Apart from the clothes, footwear, jewellery, it also has local handicrafts and spices. The Calangute Market on Calangute beach is a great place to buy jewellery and sarongs, as well as trinkets made of seashells, metal, clay and leather.

Mackie's Night Bazaar, at River Baga, is held between November and April and is a great place to pamper yourself, shop and gorge on delectable food. Added to this is the presence of live local bands performing an eclectic mix of music. What more can you ask for? ●

STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Goa include:

- 5890 Averina Beach
- 0554 Club Mahindra Emerald Palms
- 4883 Club Mahindra Varca Beach
- 5743 Lotus Suites Goa
- C908 Palmarinha Resort & Suites
- 5677 Phoenix Park Inn
- 5504 Royal Palms
- 3726 Royal Benaullim
- 3820 Royal Monterio
- 4129 Royal Hasthi Mahal
- D034 Sterling Club Estadia
- C766 Sterling Villaggio Inn, Goa
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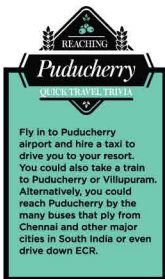
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A Perfect Creole: French Quarters



Puducherry, or Pondicherry, is a quaint place, known not just for the dynamic Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville, but also its French heritage. The combination of the French joie-de-vie and the serenity of the Ashram make Puducherry, where modern heritage coexists with spiritual culture, a perfect place to relax, far from the hustle and bustle of the metropolitan cities.

Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville, where the residents still follow the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and experience the cultural activities that are organised there. The beaches are a great place to spend your evenings. You can watch the sunset from the shores, and indulge in the beauty around you. The hundred and fifty year old lighthouse still stands in the town, and is an impressive sight to behold—even if you have seen it before. The Notre Dame de la Conception—almost three hundred years old—is just as impressive. If you like art, make sure to visit the churches—the stained glass panels in

the Sacred Heart Church, and the oil painting in Our Lady of Angels Church (gifted by Napoleon III) are added bonuses that you can peruse at leisure. The Botanical Garden has more than a thousand five hundred different species of plants flourishing in the garden and is a place every nature enthusiast must see. White Town, or the former French colony, is peppered with quaint boutiques and cafés with food that is unique to the town.

Alluring Auroville: Auroville is a great place for you to shop—your choices are unlimited, as the gift items you can buy here are simply exquisite. You can buy attractive junk jewellery, home décor items, and intricately carved handicraft items. The Puducherry beach has many small stores where you can buy gift items and curios as well. Many of the outdoor activities are centered on the many beaches. You can take a dip in the sea, take a river cruise on Chunambur River, or even take yoga classes in one of the many centers in the city.

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Delectable Delights: The influence of the French is still evident in not only the atmosphere of Puducherry, but also the cuisine enjoyed by the people. The result of the French and Indo influences has produced a unique taste that is simply delicious—an exciting blend of Indian and Continental flavors. Try the assad, coconut curry, soya dosa, and tandoori potato dishes at local restaurants. Also dishes that you must not miss sampling are the curried vegetables, Italian baked beans and the stuffed cabbage. Puducherry is also one of the fewest places in India where you can buy bona fide French food items, like brioches, baguettes and French pastries.

A vacation in Puducherry is guaranteed to leave you feeling blissful, especially if you plan your trip between the months of October and February. You are sure to leave a piece of your heart in the exquisite place. Au revoir, city life! ●

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Australia has quite a varied culture and heritage because it is not only multicultural, but also cosmopolitan, which affects the very experience of being in Australia, and not just its culture, food, and lifestyle. Apart from the rich cultural environment, the continent boasts of several famous sights and world heritage properties—these monuments of beauty are definitely worth seeing up close and personal. If you like to rough it on holidays, or are adventurous, you will enjoy every minute you spend on the Australian lands. After all, Australia is known for its open spaces and natural beauty.

GETTING AROUND:

Since the continent is sparsely populated, getting around from city to city is easier if you rent a car. Domestic flights are plenty, since it is faster and more convenient to travel from city to city. The major cities have public transport that you can use to get around the city with ease.

REACHING AUSTRALIA:

Considering that Australia is a continent that is away from most places, the ideal way to travel to Oz is by flight to either Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne or Perth. Domestic flights from these places could take you to your final destination. If you are travelling between November and February, during the cruising season, you can even choose to sail your way into your vacation!

SIGHTS:

The Great Barrier Reef, the largest coral reef in the world, is simply breathtaking, with abundant marine life and individual coral cays and reef systems. You can scuba dive, snorkel, take an aircraft tour, go on a cruise or even self-sail at the reefs to catch a closer glimpse of this magnificent attraction.

Cable Beach is the perfect beach with sparkling water and white-as-light sand and one of Western Australia's main attractions. The southern part of the beach has paths that wind through Minyirr Park's red dunes, a place that has spiritual significance to the people of Yawuru. You can spend your entire day exploring the north and south areas of Cable Beach. In the evening, take a camel ride down the beach in the evening to end the day on a pleasant note.





FLORA & FAUNA:
The wildlife in Australia is quite diverse. If you are a nature enthusiast, Oz is the ideal place for you to visit. Apart from animals in the wild, you can also visit plenty of wildlife parks and zoos to capture glimpses of other kinds of flora and fauna.

beautiful.
Go surfing, scuba diving, and kayaking here. Indulge your taste buds with the fine dining and wine from restaurants along the way as well.

The Warrawong Fauna Sanctuary is a great place to visit in South Australia. Monarto Zoo, also located in South Australia, is a zoological park that has animals from around the globe. The park is home to some rare animals, including bilbies and mallee-fowls. The Territory Wildlife Park is less than 50 kms from Darwin, this wildlife park is a great place for you to see

The scenery at Margaret River is to die for. The waves are ideal for surfing—one of the best spots to surf in Australia.

Drive along the Great Ocean Road and you get to see many sights—the 12 apostles, waterfalls, surf breaks—that are truly

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia was known as Terra Australis Incognita (meaning 'the unknown southern land') before it was discovered by European explorers! It was named "Australia", and is casually referred to as the "Land Down Under" because of its position in the southern hemisphere. It is also informally referred to as Oz, short for Aus or Aussie.

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the Wetlands, Monsoon Vine Forest and Woodland. Ballarat Wildlife Park, near Melbourne, is home to many animals such as echidnas, quokkas, koalas, and quolls.

Caversham Wildlife Park, in West Australia, has a walk-through area, allowing you glimpses of kangaroos, koalas, dingos and wombats.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

To top off all the nature-watching and the flora and fauna, there are

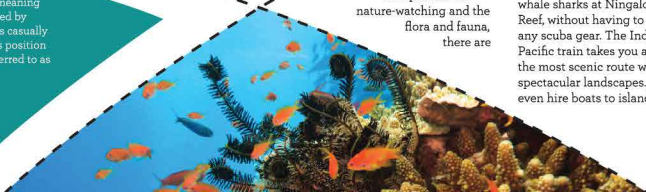
The Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is an ideal place to visit for bird and reptile enthusiasts. There is an aviary as well as a reptile facility that will knock your socks off!



several activities that are fun and worth the effort. Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge (i.e. Coathanger Bridge climb) to capture an amazing view of the city below. Or see the whale sharks at Ningaloo Reef, without having to wear any scuba gear. The Indian Pacific train takes you along the most scenic route with spectacular landscapes. Or even hire boats to islands,

and drop anchor near local resorts and treat yourself with tasty food and wine. If you love art, you must visit the Burrup Peninsula, where you can look at ancient aboriginal art in the country.

Australia is definitely *the* holiday destination, if you are looking for a holiday that will take you closer to nature and the wild. ●





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THE BECKONING OF *Sin City*

If you've got vacation time approaching around the corner, and you've saved enough to splurge and pamper yourself, Las Vegas is definitely the place to head to. The biggest attraction of vacationing in Las Vegas is the fact that gambling is legally allowed in the city. This alone is enough to draw in almost forty million visitors every year. Downtown Vegas is the original Vegas—the area that was first developed. The famous Vegas strip that people visit is technically not a part of Vegas city, but is under Clark County jurisdiction.



Getting to Las Vegas:

Being a popular holiday destination, Vegas is well-connected to other cities not just by road, but also by air. While driving down is an option if you have ample vacation time, and you enjoy driving, you can also get reasonable flight tickets to the city. Buses and shuttles ply to Vegas on a frequent basis from most (if not all) the major cities.

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience:

There are at least 150 casinos in the Las Vegas valley region, the oldest being Golden Gate, which was opened in the year 1906 (then called Hotel Nevada.) The legalization of gambling has ensured that casinos have become extremely popular tourist spots. The casinos provides a rich variety of gaming options, including a sports and race book system.

Enjoying Your Night:

There is no dearth of bars, clubs and lounges in the city where you can entertain yourself during the afterhours. With a little research, you can easily find a diverse range of bars, clubs and lounges that can ensure different (not to mention memorable) kinds of experiences.

Indulging Your Palate:

Las Vegas is indeed a true foodie haven. You get a great variety of different cuisines from across the globe. Many restaurants have all-you-can-eat buffets that are totally worth your money. The next time you are in Vegas, make sure that you sample food from the famed Vegas restaurants.

Getting the Whole Experience:

Going on a tour of the city is a great way to ensure that you get to visit all the tourist attractions in Vegas. Sightseeing tours on wheels (i.e. buses) can be a fun way to familiarize yourself with many popular locations in the city. These tours are conducted on double-decker buses with open tops. There are some night-time tours that you can opt for, that takes you to places that are lively in the evening, like Fremont Street. If you want to learn the history of downtown Vegas, a walking tour is just the thing for you. You can purchase

a self-guided tour book (which offers you coupons for entertainment, dining and gaming) or choose to hire a guide.

You can choose to visit the places that were integral in the evolution of the Vegas pop culture. For a reasonable price, you can hire a guide to escort you through the outdoor museum, showing you famous signs, classic hotels, historical architecture and newer cultural hubs in downtown Vegas.

Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas (as the boards read). Welcome to your unforgettable Vegas vacation. ●



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A large roller coaster with red tracks and blue supports is the central focus of the image. The tracks loop and twist against a sky filled with soft, golden clouds from a setting or rising sun. The overall mood is adventurous and magical.

enchanted ORLANDO

When days become routine and you are stressed, you need to take a break from everyday life to get charged up. Why not plan your dream vacation to a place of your liking?

America is a great country where you can explore amazing landscapes, forests, volcanoes, farmlands, deserts, mountains, canyons, prairies, shorelines, scintillating cities, apart from a plethora of cultural/ethnic festivals, carnivals, museums, sports, etc.

If Florida is the world's holiday capital, then Orlando, with its amazing sights, is its epicenter. It has a dazzling array of attractions for all ages—theme parks, water parks, amusement parks, carnivals, fine restaurants, golf courses, malls and an ever-active night life.

RCI recommended Kissimmee, instead of Orlando. They selected the best suite in 'Vacation Village at Parkway' on Arabian Nights Boulevard for a week's stay in June. We realized the importance of this, when we found that VVP was quite conveniently located from there. They allotted us a rather luxurious suite, with a fully-equipped pantry, well-furnished rooms, TVs, internet access and a swimming pool. Since we were vegetarians, we took with us an ample supply of ready-to-eat food packs, thus, the pantry came in handy in this home-away-from-home. Reception and hospitality at the resort was top notch. Kissimmee felt like going from thrills to tranquility, making us feel at home. Legendary recreation parks and other tourist spots like the Walt Disney World resorts, Hollywood Studios and Kennedy Space Center, Sea World were all closeby.

Our resort arranged shuttle services to a central place where we could catch the bus services arranged by the Disney authorities to their main attraction Epcot.



"LIKE OUR VACATION AT LAS VEGAS, THIS HOLIDAY WAS ALSO FANTASTIC; THANKS, RCI!"

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We used similar facilities to visit 'Sea World'. We journeyed to KSC on a luxury bus.

It is advisable to spend a day at each park, in order to cover all the main attractions. Our sincere thanks to RCI, for sending us on this lovely vacation. It was, indeed, a dream come true!

Our 5-month stay in the United States gave us the opportunity to plan and visit everything that was what we wanted to see around Orlando. A few of the theme parks made quite an impression on us, like Animal Kingdom, where your imagination runs wild and time flies when you meet real, imaginary and extinct animals. We were absolutely amazed by Epcot, Disney's tribute to science and technology. Don't miss "World Showcase", "Innoventions" and "IllumiNations" here. The Magic Kingdom transports you to the magical worlds of all the Disney characters we grew up with. This particular park is a favourite with children.

We ended our visit with these 'all-in-one' lifetime experiences of entertainment, fun, excitement, adventure and education. We had such a lovely time and would like to visit Orlando again! ●

Story submitted by **Seetharam S.R., Club Mahindra.**

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the land of the midnight sun



“For the summer holidays, we decided to tour the Baltic States. We were absolutely elated when RCI confirmed a beautiful resort in the city of Tampere in Finland.”



In view of my parents being in their 70's, we planned the trip in the second fortnight of May so that summer would just be setting in and the temperatures thus more comfortable to handle. Our itinerary was thus automatically finalised with a seven day stay in Finland, followed by a further seven days in other Baltic states.

The icing on the cake was provided when we learnt that the cruise ship, Princess Maria, sails on a 1 day/2 nights cruise to St. Petersburg, Russia, and if we book and travel on the cruise we are exempt from having to obtain Russian visas viz. We landed into Helsinki and took a taxi directly to the jetty to board Princess Maria. The cruise liner was a beauty, with seven decks and all kinds of facilities on board.

The view of Helsinki, port and city, were fabulous! St. Petersburg is a fantastic city and we spent a wonderful day there exploring the various canals of river water (St. Petersburg is called the Venice of the North!) and the bustling city with its beautiful buildings.

On returning back to Helsinki, we spent the day exploring the city. This included a hop-on-hop-off bus tour as well as several walking tours (self guided). The city itself was small but dainty and rather quiet, as if the locals were just waking up from the hibernation of the long winter. One of the best parts of Helsinki was the railway station; the building itself as well as the facilities and the bustle of people moving in and out. We boarded the train to Tampere and reached our resort around 10 pm; and it was bright and sunny at the time! *The land of the midnight sun!*

Tampere turned out to be a small, but fantastic town and we had an absolutely wonderful time during the six days we stayed there. The resort itself was extremely good, and it was right by the lakeside, just 2.5 kms from the railway station and town centre which were easily accessible by public buses. The open-air snack bar on the lake side was real nostalgia! The best part of all this was that sunrise would be around 3 am and it would get dark only around midnight, so we got about 18 hours each day to enjoy our stay in Finland!

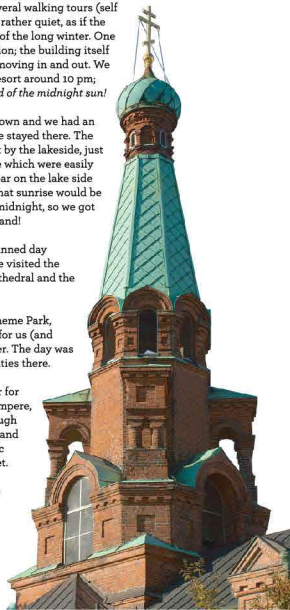
We explored the resort with its facilities; and planned day excursions to the towns of Turku and Tallinn. We visited the town centre and saw local attractions like the cathedral and the Finlayson Factory.

Tampere has the Sarkanniemi Adventure and Theme Park, famously called 'The Angry Birds Park'. Luckily for us (and our daughter!), the park was open for the summer. The day was spent enjoying the various rides and other activities there.

On day six of our stay in Tampere, we hired a car for the day and drove towards the North West of Tampere, which, we had been told, was a scenic drive through the Finnish countryside with the beautiful lakes and forests. Being vegetarian, we had packed a picnic lunch which we had at a beautiful lake side chalet.

It was finally time to bid goodbye to Tampere, as we boarded our flight, we were sure our sweet memories of Tampere (and Finland as a whole) would remain with us for the rest of our lives! ●

Story submitted by Hiren T. Goradia, Sterling Holidays.



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Standard Exchange In case you cancel at least 30 days before your check-in date*, your Exchange Fee will be refunded after deducting a Cancellation Fee of ₹3,500. There will be no refund if you make the cancellation less than 30 days before the check-in date* | However, if you cancel at least two working days before the check-in date*, your deposit week utilised can be used for future vacation confirmations, as long as it is within the validity period, and your RCI membership has not expired | The Trading Power of your deposit will be recalculated from the date of cancellation, unless you have availed Trading Power Protection.

All fees/offers/benefits/promotions mentioned in this issue of Endless Vacation are subject to change without prior notice. Fees mentioned are inclusive of taxes, applicable as per government regulations. Call RCI member helpline for details and check for latest updates at the time of availing any service.

*Check-in date: as mentioned in your RCI Confirmation Voucher.

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Murphy's Law: Fun facts of life to add some colour to your day!



Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.



Law of Random Numbers: If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Doctors' Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, and by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.



Variation Law: If you change queues, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.



Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.



The Coffee Law: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Seating Law: People with seats furthest from the aisle arrive last.



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Tip: As a RCI member, you can enjoy guaranteed savings of up to 15% when you renew your membership in advance.

As someone who is already inclined toward taking yearly holidays, it is beneficial to utilise the full potential of your RCI membership by renewing it right away.



Around the world: Access to holidays in nearly 4,500 RCI affiliated resorts in over 100 countries.



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Gift your vacation: You can gift vacations to your family and friends by obtaining a "Guest Certificate".



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12 months before expiry	15%
6 to 12 months before expiry	10%
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Wouldn't it be great to make new memories of the monsoons that you could look back to? It could be any place, from the magnificence of tropical Coorg or the royal beauty of Jaipur to the all-time favourite Goa.

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