

WorldMark Destinations

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FEAR
FROM
HOME

DIVING INTO FIJI



Your

Dues Dollars

at Work

Resort Expenses	
Interior Cleaning and Maintenance	15.7%
Interior and Exterior Reserves	14.3%
Property Management	11.7%
Association Dues	9.5%
Utilities and Telephone	7.6%
Common Area Maintenance	7.3%
Real Estate Taxes	4.9%
Insurance	0.8%
Miscellaneous	1.1%
Subtotal	72.9%
Administrative Expenses	
Wages and Benefits	9.0%
Contracted Services	1.9%
Business Taxes and Income Taxes	1.8%
Destinations Expenses	1.5%
Telephone	1.0%
Printing and Postage	0.8%
Bank Fees	0.6%
Insurance and Rent	0.5%
Travel	0.4%
Staff Relations, Training & Recruiting	0.2%
Office Supplies	0.2%
Miscellaneous	0.5%
Subtotal	18.4%
Management Fee	8.7%
TOTAL	100.0%

Dear Owner,

One of the most common questions we hear from you is, "What do my annual dues pay for?" Your annual dues are the primary revenue source for The Club, contributing over 80% of our revenue. (Other income is generated from Club-related activities and services such as Bonus Time and housekeeping fees.)

WorldMark® expenses revolve around Club products and services for owners. Roughly 73% of total expenses are generated in delivering the WorldMark product at the resort level, and about 18% goes to support the Vacation Planning Center and Club administration. The next highest expense item is our contribution to Interior and Exterior Reserves, which has grown to over \$17 million. This fund will ensure that resorts are refurbished on a timely basis for years to come. Lastly, we pay Trendwest Resorts to manage WorldMark, The Club. While Trendwest® has the contractual ability to earn a management fee of 15%, over the last 12 years, the fee has averaged 7 to 9%. The breakdown for WorldMark expenses is shown at left.

In a recent industry analysis of West Coast, Midwest, East Coast, Mexican and Caribbean locations, we found that WorldMark annual dues compare quite favorably to those of other vacation ownership resorts. In this study, WorldMark ranked 26th (lowest overall) out of 65 locations in the one-bedroom category, and 22nd (again, lowest overall) in the two-bedroom category. In both cases, WorldMark dues were well below the average.

Over the years, your management team has worked very hard to control costs while delivering a quality vacation product for your enjoyment. Though The Club is not immune to the normal inflationary influences in expenses, there has been only one dues increase over the last eight years. We have seen sharp increases in insurance costs and labor-related expenses and, just like other utility consumers, we are experiencing significant increases in utility expenses at most of our West Coast resorts. (We have implemented energy conservation initiatives at all applicable resort locations to minimize the impact.)

In the next few months, resort managers will initiate their budget process for 2002. Rest assured we will apply the same diligence to the process that we have in years past, and will continue to do everything we can to keep the cost increases to a minimum.

Sincerely,



Dave Herrick

Vice President, Resort Operations

Destinations to Add to Your List

“Did you miss your bus?”
“Sorry?”

“I think you missed your bus. That was the last one of the day.”

It's going to be a long walk back to the resort, I thought. But even before I could consult with my husband, the good samaritan was off tracking down a ride for us. Within a minute, she had found a delivery-van driver willing to detour from his route to deposit us at our front door. Wow—it seemed too good to be true. Welcome to Fiji, where people still go out of their way to help strangers. Beyond Fiji's friendly population, there's the incredible country itself, made up of hundreds of palm-covered islands sprinkled liberally across the South Pacific Ocean. Flip to our cover story on page eight to learn more about this extraordinary destination.

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Sophisticated Vancouver, British Columbia, is the subject of our second feature. Staff writer Katrina Haynes generously shares her list of favorite Vancouver sites and activities—a list she began compiling when she first visited the city in 1986. With squirrels, gelato, Shakespeare, sushi and eucalyptus steam rooms, it's a list every bit as eclectic and unique as Vancouver.

Does exploring a land teeming with wildlife, untouched wilderness and grand vistas fit your definition of “vacation”? If so, be sure to read our article on Alaska's Princess Lodges (page 12). Through The Club's new exclusive exchange agreement, you can choose from four world-class lodges in the spectacular Last Frontier.

I hope you're having a wonderfully adventurous summer.

Christine Rosebeck



EXPO '86 DOME, VANCOUVER, B.C./PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

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PHOTO BY RICH MONSON



Fijian dancers in silhouette at Denarau Island.



WORLDMARK AT PORT STEPHENS

Australia's Newest Addition

WorldMark at Port Stephens

There's a fabulous new addition to WorldMark South Pacific: WorldMark at Port Stephens, in New South Wales, Australia.

Well-deserving of its nickname, "Blue Water Paradise," Port Stephens pleases with its abundant sporting and coastal attractions. There's superb fishing, phenomenal beaches and one of the country's top resort golf courses, not to mention inviting bays and inlets etched into paradisiacal estuaries. The sound of the Pacific Ocean will entice you to swim, play and whale-watch. On land, you can take a bush walk or tour one of Australia's best wineries, just a short drive away.

All of this is only a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Sydney. Come visit your newest home south of the equator. Call the Vacation Planning Center for reservations.

q&a

Always an Adventure

Q: What is WorldMark's Adventure Club?

A: The Adventure Club allows you to use your vacation credits to participate in a variety of fun excursions. Recent events

have included cruises, day trips, Foot-loose Excursions (for solo travelers), international tours, discounted theme park tickets and much more. For additional information, call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103.



Resort Computers

WorldMark lobbies are the obvious place to check in, get a cup of coffee and maybe browse the video rental selection or Club gift shop. But now many resorts also feature a lobby computer for owner use—perfect for accessing the Internet or checking your home e-mail account. We do ask that you minimize your usage so that everyone can enjoy this new amenity. Also, since some Club locations do not have a lobby computer, it's a good idea to call ahead to find out if the resort you're heading to does. (Please note: Lobby computers are not connected to printers.)

We Have a Winner!

comment card drawing

Michael and Terri Morris of Portland, Oregon, won our latest drawing. They will be enjoying a three-night WorldMark stay on us.

Let's Meet!

annual owners meeting

This year's WorldMark Owners Meeting will be held October 18 at the DoubleTree Hotel Bellevue (300 112th Avenue S.E., Bellevue, Washington). Registration will start at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will get underway at 7:00.

Voting information will be mailed in September, to give you time to prepare for the meeting. Please mark your calendar to attend, and we'll see you there.

Here They Are WorldMark resort managers

Steve Seattle is the new manager at Sundance and Cascade Lodge. Steve has been a resident of Whistler since graduating from McGill University seven years ago. He spent the last five years managing a variety of rental properties and is looking forward to expanding his experience with WorldMark.

The new manager-in-training at WorldMark at Bass Lake is **Ryan Dominguez**. Ryan comes to WorldMark with a well-rounded hotel background, having managed hotels in both Oregon and Alaska.

WorldMark at Rancho Vistoso has a new manager-in-training: **Angie Penick**. Angie has a degree in hotel and restaurant management. Born in Germany and educated at Northern Arizona University, Angie returned to Europe to pursue an internship in Amsterdam. She is excited to be back in the Arizona desert.

club inventory specials

Month of Savings

From August 13 to September 13, the following resorts are available for four cents per credit. Call the Vacation Planning Center for reservations.

Midweek:

Bison Ranch, AZ

St. George, UT

Midweek and Weekends:

Branson, MO

Lake of the Ozarks, MO

Rancho Vistoso, AZ

Your stay must be at least two nights in length. Midweek stays must take place Sunday through Thursday. Reservations at the above resorts are not subject to the 14-day booking window and you may book multiple units.

Time's Ticking

Vacation Memories Photo Contest 2001

Don't let the deadline for our annual Vacation Memories Photo Contest catch you

unprepared. September 15 is just around the corner, and

we can't wait to see your best vacation moments and photographic flair.

Six winners and 10 honorable mentions will take home WorldMark stays and/or

Cameraworld.com gift

certificates. But then, given

the criteria—capturing the fun of a WorldMark vacation—even without a winning title, it seems everyone is a winner. For a complete list of prizes and contest rules, refer to page two of the July issue of *Destinations*.

spotlight

points
of
interest

across
the board

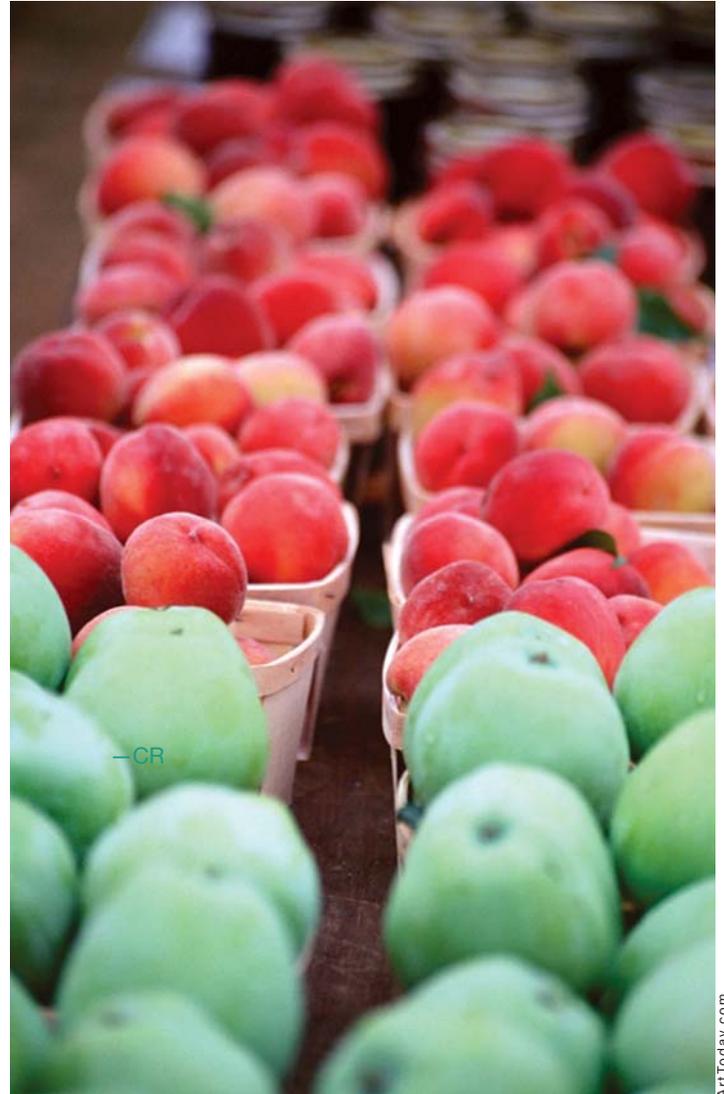
Shopping the Great Outdoors

I do my level best to avoid shopping during vacations. Wandering a crowded mall—eyeing generic Nordstrom and Gap window displays—is not what I consider prime travel experience. I want to be soaking up the sunshine, talking to locals and exploring the unique side of my destination. And that is why I make an exception for outdoor markets, which fit my idea of travel to a ‘T.’

Most vacation communities host outdoor markets (at least seasonally), giving you the opportunity to meet and chat with farmers and artisans as you stroll colorful, open-air aisles stocked with locally grown and handcrafted products. Here are just a few of the markets you will find near WorldMark resorts. Some tips: carry a backpack—to keep your hands free—and remember sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

WorldMark at Big Bear

California has more than 350 certified farmers markets, and that includes one in the city of Big Bear Lake. Open Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., April through October, the bounty of the Farmers Market at Big Bear Village includes flowers, baked goods, kettle corn, honey, fruits and vegetables, eggs, cheese and health products. After you’ve loaded up at the market, take a swing through the shops of bustling Big Bear Village.



WorldMark at La Paloma

Just 18 miles from this Mexican resort is Tijuana, a town known specifically for its outdoor shopping opportunities. Stands filled with piñatas, pottery, embroidered blouses and serapes line the border-crossing walkway and stretch toward Avenida Revolución. Rosarito Beach has its own collection of open-air craft markets, featuring the work of local artists. You’ll find them tucked along Boulevard Juárez, to the north and south of town.

WorldMark at Kapaa Shore

You’ll discover at least one outdoor market for every day of the week on the island of Kauai, and the community of Kapaa has some of the best. Wednesdays at 3:00, New Town Park hosts a farmers market, and the Roxy Square Marketplace is an open-air cultural shopping site (open daily). Products range from fresh fish to organic produce, and tropical flowers to Hawaiian crafts. Also, be on the lookout for annual craft fairs, where bargains abound.

fastfact

Comingling with Crocodiles

Saltwater crocodiles can grow up to 20 feet long, weigh as much as two thousand pounds and live to be 75 years old. Come cuddle a croc at Hartley’s Creek Crocodile Farm, midway between the Australian cities of Cairns and Port Douglas.



in the know

There's a reason your vacation planning counselors aren't referred to as reservationists. Rather than merely booking your accommodations, they specialize in vacation *planning*, and love to explore and meet your vacation needs.

Of course, their main goal is to get you on a vacation. So, if your first resort request is not available, your vacation planning counselor may inquire how flexible your travel dates are. He or she might also ask what kind of vacation experience you're looking for. For example, do you need warm, sunny weather, or are you fine with cooler temperatures? Are you looking forward to a quiet, relaxing time, or have you been dreaming of a stimulating locale with lots to do? Perhaps you're interested in a cruise, European tour, or visiting one of our direct or exclusive



Vacation Planning Counseling

BY DONNA WILSON, MANAGER OF WORLDMARK RESERVATIONS

exchange locations. As a WorldMark owner, there are so many travel opportunities available to you, and your vacation planning

counselor is committed to helping you learn about them all.

The Vacation Planning Center is dedicated to ongoing internal education, as well. The department has two full-time trainers who conduct regular employee training sessions. And, whenever possible, counselors head out to the resorts for familiarization trips. In addition, calls to the Vacation Planning Center are regularly monitored by the management staff to ensure that the information counselors provide is accurate, and that their service levels continue to be high.

The Vacation Planning Center is open seven days a week (excluding major holidays), and takes an average of 3,000 phone calls per day ... none, though, is more important than yours. Give them a call.

in your own words



Too Much Fun!

BY ROBERT RONNING, OWNER

Six friends—four of us WorldMark owners—recently returned from a week in Tucson, Arizona. The sunny weather, golf, shopping, Mariners/Diamondbacks game and topnotch accommodations at WorldMark at Rancho Vistoso were just too much fun. Who would willingly come back home to Seattle? In fact, for a few moments, Kathy, a member of our party, refused to leave. (She is pictured above at the entrance of our temporary home.) We coaxed her into departing with the promise that we'd all be back real soon.

construction zone

Las Vegas, NV

Construction is continuing here on the southern end of the Las Vegas strip. Underground utilities, water and sewage are all installed, and footings and foundations are underway. Buildings One and Six, as well as the clubhouse, already have their footings in place and the pads for the initial phase are also complete. The first two unit buildings, courtyard and clubhouse are scheduled for completion in the first part of 2002.



Oceanside, CA

It won't be long before 140 new units in Oceanside will be ready to take you in—the load for this resort is scheduled for early September. The exterior finishes are in progress and the resort is really taking shape, with the bright, festive colors of this project drawing the attention of passersby. The building is undergoing interior finishes, late units are being sheetrocked and early units are nearing completion.

Ongoing Projects

Destination	No. Units	Estimated Completion	Status
Maui—Phase I	80	Fall 2001	Early finish stages
Maui—Phase II	120	Winter 2001	Late framing stages
Victoria	92	Winter 2002	Obtaining permits
Seaside	283	Summer 2003	Predevelopment

Information as of 6/27/01.

FEAR FROM HOIVIE

DIVING INTO FIJI

BY CHRISTINE RORABECK



took a deep breath, tipped my head back, and let the cool, muddy-tasting concoction wash

down my throat. Without an audience, I'd have been more than content with a single, cautious sip. But a half-dozen pairs of local eyes were trained on my next move, and I feared I would offend my hosts if I failed to down the mixture in one drink. So, I gulped steadily until I saw the bottom of the coconut shell. Setting the cup down with triumph and relief, a bit distracted by the numbness of my lips, I nearly forgot the ceremonial three claps.

After my turn at the coconut shell, rounds of *yaqona* were liberally passed around.

And there, surrounded by Fijian jungle on the South Pacific island of Malolo, it became very clear that I was a long, long way from home.

Then and Now

The Polynesians settled Fiji around 1500 B.C., but were pushed farther to the east when the Melanesians arrived in 500 B.C. After thousands of years of isolation, British captain James Cook landed on the island of Vatoa in 1774. The most famous episode of recorded Fijian history happened soon after that with the notorious 1789 mutiny on the *Bounty*. Despite this early European "discovery," reports of cannibalism and treacherous reefs kept the islands relatively free of Old World influence

until the 1820s, when the first European town was finally established in the islands. Since that time, Fiji's history has been engulfed in political and cultural strife, as its people have coped with devious chiefs, American warships, fraudulent land deals, British colonialism, importation of indentured Indian servants and, in recent years, a string of relatively peaceful coups.

Fiji is composed of hundreds of bits of land—300 and some odd, depending upon the tides—with a total area of just over 7,000 square miles. Rimmed with white-sand beaches and enveloped by dazzling aqua seas, Fiji's islands are a match print for the image that comes to mind when one pictures the idyllic South

Pacific. And her 800,000 residents have personalities as warm as the country's tropical climate. Mingling with the kind-hearted Fijians, I found it difficult to believe that their ancestors had been fierce warriors who drove off explorers and missionaries. Today's visitors to Fiji are treated like royalty.

The Fijians I encountered were cheerful, amiable and eager to help in any way. There was the lady who tracked down transportation for my husband, Ken, and me before we even knew we had missed our ride. Men and women offered us their seats on crowded buses, insisting that we sit even after we tried to politely decline. During an orientation tour, our van stopped alongside a field

where two men were harvesting sugarcane. As I struggled to stick my camera out the window to snap a picture, the men graciously waved at the not-so-subtle tourist. Everyday on the islands, a different act of kindness illustrated the Fijians' renowned hospitality.

Denarau Island

But I'm jumping ahead. Our Fijian adventure officially began on Viti Levu, the country's largest island. From the airport, we caught a short ride to WorldMark at Denarau Island, an extension of Viti Levu connected by bridge to the big island. After a cursory inspection of our bright and airy unit—and a longing look at the bed—I decided to doctor my jet lag with a healthy dose of the sparkling pool. Actually, "pool" doesn't do this expanse of water justice. With three separate arms, a swim-up bar, spa and children's pool, the WorldMark pool is the largest in the entire South Pacific.

On Day Two, caught up on sleep, we turned our attention from the tame WorldMark waters to the sea, taking full advantage of the windsurf boards, kayaks and catamarans located on the resort's beach. The protected waters of Nadi Bay were the perfect place for a novice windsurfer like me to hone my shaky boarding skills: the gentle breeze, warm water and sandy ocean bottom took the sting out of learning the sport. I discovered I was meant to sail, for success came on the catamaran, where Ken and I amazed ourselves by guiding the vessel back to the exact point of land from which we had departed.

Although we couldn't pull ourselves away from the water, our friends discovered the

Denarau Golf and Racquet Club course next door. Its paradise-perfect greens, marine-themed sand traps and 7,135 yards drew them in every morning of the trip.

Islands by the Group

After several very low-key days of lolling by the WorldMark pool and testing out random water toys, it was time to swing through the Mamanuca Group. These islands had tempted us off in the distance each time we strolled the resort grounds. Situated just a few miles to the northwest, they beckon to Viti Levu tourists with siren-like charm. We caught the *Tiger IV*—the thrice-daily passenger ferry that services the

But resort-perfect swimming and dining were just a small part of our time on Malolo. Between Fiji's lush islands stretch unbelievably clear and prolific seas—waters which draw divers from all parts of the globe—and the depths around Malolo are no exception. Ken and I spent almost as much of our time below the surface as we did above it, chasing close encounters with fish of seemingly every type: parrot, angel, clown, butterfly, star ... Although the snorkeling right off the resort beach bordered on spectacular, we joined a snorkeling expedition one morning so we could venture a bit farther afield. The day was



EASY SMILES AND FULL- VOICED SONGS FILLED OUR DAYS.

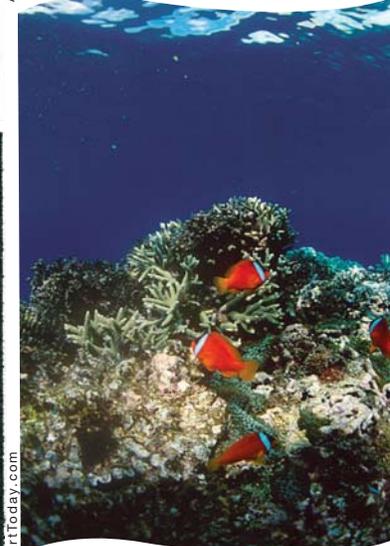
Mamanucas—for a closer look at the 13 islands that form this chain. Several of the group's smaller islands are devoted to single, intimate resorts, such as Treasure and Castaway islands. My husband and I were charmed by Malolo Island, so we settled in for three days. Brightly painted beach *bures* (bungalows) and hammocks slung between palms bordered a coarse white-sand beach. We took our meals on an open-air porch pushed back against tropical forest, overlooking the resort's two pools—one featuring a swim-up bar and, the other, a sand-lined wading area.

sunny and windless, and the reef a giant aquarium. We kicked and splashed around for nearly an hour, repeatedly grabbing each other's wrists and screeching through our snorkels as we pointed excitedly at the latest aquatic find.

Fiji vs. the World

There is certainly no lack of land-based activities at the country's many resorts—and beach volleyball tops the list. As much social event as sport, locals tend to sequester tourists to their own team and resort staff to the other for a daily "Fiji

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All I wanted to do when I was 16 was visit England.

Languishing in my own personal (20-years-too-late) Beatlemania, I was obsessed with the nation. And knowing my family would never make it across the Mississippi, let alone the Atlantic, I was ecstatic when my Uncle Bruce managed to lure Mom over the border for Expo '86. I knew little about Canada besides its presence on local freeway mileage markers and its (nearly) same-as-American coinage, but it was a foreign country with a nebulous British flair, so I was beside myself to visit.

I remember few things from that trip ... other than sniffing out anything remotely British. At the Expo site, scores of booths from around the world represented unique and spectacular nations, but nearly all my time was spent under the Union Jack. I posed in a cherry-red call-box and had to be peeled off the glass display that held John Lennon's tripped-out, psychedelic Rolls Royce. I refused lunch till I found a fish 'n' chips joint, and I have a bad memory of assuming a British accent for most of the day.

Expo '86 was for me, as well as millions of others, a preliminary brush with the place Canadians call "Lotus Land." Back in the mid-80s, Vancouver was just beginning to sashay her way into world view—fleshing out her renowned natural splendor with cosmopolitan air, expansive industry and even a budding Hollywood scene. While there's no doubting the city's profound sense of Canadian-ness, there was—and is—that unmistakable British sparkle. You can see it in their slant on English, the overarching presence of the Queen and the playful, colored banknotes. Nevertheless, the country's cultural independence and national vibrancy sharply distinguish it from becoming simply a slice of British Commonwealth or a U.S. afterthought. Vancouver, B.C., shines with colors all her own.

That tiniest teenage nibble was all it took for me—one visit and I was hooked. Get a shot of this town in your veins and you're sure to become a junkie, too. Following are my all-time favorite Vancouver places, activities and reminiscences, in no particular order. Each has helped make this city a part of my travel-loving soul.

Vancouver diaries

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
KATRINA HAYNES



Stanley Park

There are several things one can't leave town without doing, and Stanley Park tops the heap. The immensity of this place is nearly unfathomable. I went on a run once—traced the twisting seawall for miles, crossed over to Beaver Lake and wound through the foliage until I popped up in the middle of who-knows-where, so completely disoriented I had no clue where to find my car.

Uninhibited, rambling nature is what you'd expect of a gem like this. But Stanley Park is more than just mass acreage of forestland, lakes, trails, gardens, wildlife and grassy meadows. The enormous green space also houses the Vancouver Aquarium, a children's zoo, totem poles, a teahouse, miniature railway, sports courts and more. In the summer, white-clad cricket players stand out starkly against green pitch; in autumn, leaf piles the size of small towns invite serious romping; and year-round, adorable black squirrels, so tame they seem ready to pack up and travel home with you, gingerly take hazelnuts from your hand.

This is a place worth getting lost in.

Midnight Sea Kayaking

A dyed-in-the-wool coastal girl, I'm pretty much all about discovering new forms of hydrotherapy. Most every ecotourist is familiar with Vancouver's incomparable sea kayaking just beyond town on the North Shore. Sleek one- and two-man vessels etch a perpetual path from Deep Cove to the heart of Indian Arm, a finger-shaped fjord winding northward for almost 20 miles. Flirting with the mysterious and majestic old-growth forests and lacy waterfalls is dream kayaking, to be sure, but don't underestimate the urban waters of False Creek. Trading the Coast Range for Yaletown and Granville Island isn't necessarily a bad thing—especially when you bring your own craft (or rent overnight) and push off after-hours. There's nothing quite like kayaking when the moon hangs low and it's just you and Vancouver's nocturnal set.

Robson Street

Okay, I know this is just as predictable as Stanley Park, but I would not include this shopping mecca save some extraordinarily compelling reasons. I'll limit myself to four: Lush (fresh handmade cosmetics), Virgin (music and video metropolis), Blue Ruby (jewelry crafted by independent artists) and Café Crêpe (a little folded slice of Paris). Wait. Make that five: Especially late shop hours.



Drugstores

This may not be the obvious choice for a must-visit shout-out, but I love American drugstores, so a foreign pharmacy only intensifies the happy factor. My Canadian drugstore of choice is London Drugs (found everywhere, not the least of which is on Robson), and the shopping ritual is as follows: straight to the gum aisle for three-packs of my favorite flavor of Dentyne Ice (evidently no longer sold in the U.S.), over to the candy section to load up on my preferred European candy bars (entirely unavailable back home), then to the pharmacist to replenish my medicine cabinet. At the check stand I am, without fail, mocked by friends and occasionally the clerk. But so be it. This is pure retail bliss.



Granville Island Market

So touristy, so crowded, so expected ... and so worth it. Delicate pyramids of flawless strawberries, mounds of Rainier cherries, yellow watermelon, gigantic curly green beans, fresher-than-fresh squid, snapper and salmon, kalamata olive/garlic loaves, crumbly date bars, plate-sized cookies and fruit parfaits are all just teasers. The real reason I come to the market is the pasta—as fresh as the seafood and even more colorful. Should the vast array of fettuccini and tortelloni overwhelm you, simply request a few kilos of the tiger-striped feta and black olive ravioli, tandoori chicken mezzaluna or yam gnocchi. (Ooh. Especially the yam gnocchi. Then go home, boil it and roll it around in butter and brown sugar. I drive to Canada simply for more of that.)

Vancouver is packed to the gills with sushi to die for.

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Musashi Japanese Restaurant

The flat-out sprawl of ethnic eateries is so rampant here that I hesitate to even broach the subject. Especially the subject of sushi. Vancouver is packed to the, well, gills, with sashimi and sushi to die for. Now, I am a veritable sushi snob, but I cannot leave Vancouver without visiting what my friends and I refer to as That Sushi Place. Its real name is Musashi, and, truth be



told, it's a pretty generic little fish house. Their food stands up well enough, but more than that, the place swims with personality. The squat sandwich sign spells out its 3D welcome in crumpled aluminum foil letters, and I always leave bartering for one of the staff's smiley-logoed T-shirts. (For the best in ramen, immediately next door to Musashi is Kintaro's, with noodles worthy of the Japanese classic *Tampopo* itself.)



“**Traveling in the company of those we love is home in motion.**”
 —Leigh Hunt

exclusive exchanges

WorldMark is pleased to announce an exclusive exchange agreement with Princess Lodges in Alaska. Now you can use your WorldMark credits to stay in these spectacular accommodations:

Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge

Just one mile from Denali National Park (the six-million-acre home of Mt. McKinley), you'll find the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. Overlooking the Nenana River, the lodge provides splendid views of the area's natural beauty—especially from your outdoor hot tub.

Now - Sept. 4, 2001
2,350 credits per night

Sept. 5 - 17, 2001
1,250 credits per night

Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge

For a close-up look at Mt. McKinley and the Alaska Range, search no further. Princess's newest lodge is a wonderful wilderness retreat, bordering the south side of Denali National Park on the banks of the Chulitna River. Highlights include a host of nearby recreational activities and breathtaking views of "The Great One."

Now - Sept. 4, 2001
2,175 credits per night

Sept. 5 - 17, 2001
1,200 credits per night



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Announcing Alaska's Princess Lodges

Fairbanks Princess Hotel

With beautifully landscaped grounds and a terraced deck extending to the water's edge, the Fairbanks Princess Hotel takes every advantage of its Chena River setting. Rooms are elegantly appointed and inviting.

Sept. 18 - Dec. 31, 2001
925 credits per night

Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge

A leisurely, two-hour drive south from Anchorage along the Turnagain Arm takes you to a place of exquisite scenery: the Kenai Peninsula. Here, nestled within the Chugach National Forest and along the stunning Kenai River, is the Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge—a true Alaskan getaway.

Now - Sept. 4, 2001
2,800 credits per night

Sept. 5 - May 15, 2002

Sunday through Thursday
950 credits per night

Friday or Saturday
1,250 credits per night

Space is limited, so call the Vacation Planning Center to book your Last Frontier adventure today.

Bonus Time cannot be used with this promotion. Cash 'n' Credits options are available. These are hotel accommodations—not condominiums—that sleep up to four adults. Charges are per room and include taxes.



KENAI PRINCESS WILDERNESS LODGE



FAIRBANKS PRINCESS HOTEL



DENALI PRINCESS WILDERNESS LODGE



MT. MCKINLEY PRINCESS WILDERNESS LODGE

Leave the Continent Behind

2002 Hawaiian airmiles

Sure, it's all well and good here in the contiguous United States, but it's even better out on the fringe—particularly the blissful, palm-etched, tropical Hawaiian fringe. And again, Trendwest Travel is doing all it can to get you there. Below is a sampling of the latest contracted rates they've arranged with Hawaiian Airlines for your relaxing pleasure. (Airmiles include a drink or complimentary headset use—your choice.)

Round-trip Fares

Valid January 8 – March 14, 2002

Seattle to Honolulu, midweek:	\$451 USD
Seattle to outer island, weekend:	\$606 USD
Portland to Honolulu, weekend:	\$508 USD
Portland to outer island, midweek:	\$571 USD
San Francisco to Honolulu, midweek:	\$412 USD
San Francisco to outer island, weekend:	\$567 USD
Los Angeles to Honolulu, weekend:	\$438 USD
Los Angeles to outer island, midweek:	\$501 USD
San Diego to Honolulu, midweek:	\$427 USD
San Diego to outer island, weekend:	\$582 USD

These fares include taxes and are subject to change and availability. Outer islands include Maui, Kauai, Molokai and the Big Island.

For additional airmiles and information, please call Trendwest Travel at 1-800-953-5511.



Your Travel Partner

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Trendwest Travel, WorldMark's in-house travel agency, has a team of experienced travel professionals dedicated to doing everything possible to make your dream vacation a reality. Whether venturing to your favorite WorldMark resort, considering a Caribbean or Alaskan cruise, taking the kids to Disneyland or planning a European vacation, the staff will customize your vacation to meet your individual needs.

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Winter Elation

Mexican Riviera cruises

It's hard to imagine now, but winter doldrums are right around the corner. Come December, you'll hardly remember the sun's warm caress on your shoulders. With a little planning, though, a well-timed cruise to the Mexican Riviera will ease you through the short-day, frost-tinted seasonal blues. Consider one of these cruises to warm your winter spirits—from the outside in.

Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas

December 16 – 23, departing from San Diego, California
 Itinerary includes Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta
 Inside cabins start at 21,600 credits for two
 Outside cabins start at 24,500 credits for two

Carnival's Elation

February 17 – 24, departing from Los Angeles, California
 Itinerary includes Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta
 Inside cabins start at 21,000 credits for two
 Outside cabins start at 26,500 credits for two
 Inside quad cabins start at 35,500 credits for four

All cruises subject to change and availability. Credit rates are per cabin, based on double occupancy. Exchange fee of \$129 USD not included. Cash 'n' Credits options available. Call the Vacation Planning Center for reservations and more information.



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Packages include: Six nights' accommodation, round-trip airfare from Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles, hotel transfers and tax, daily continental breakfast and two sightseeing tours.

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Summer's Last Hurrah

Trendwest Travel and the Vacation Planning Center will be closed September 1 through 3 so our employees can enjoy the holiday weekend. We hope you will do the same.

words to travel by

Customs Confusion

Diamonds and pearls are duty-free when brought into the U.S.—as long as they're loose. Cameras are duty-free—as long as they come from India, not Japan. These are just two examples of what makes the Customs experience so darn “custom”—and confusing. But while the rules do change (and often), there are two things you can consistently count on doing when traveling abroad: Keep all your sales receipts, and be prepared to show officials what you've bought upon reentering the country. Other than that, it's helpful to know the following:

U.S. Residents

- You may bring in \$400 USD worth of goods duty-free (if you have been out of the country for at least 48 hours and haven't already used your \$400 allowance—or any part of it—in the past 30 days). If you're returning from the Caribbean, it's \$600 USD worth of goods; the U.S. Virgin Islands, \$1,200 USD.



- Separate guidelines and restrictions apply to alcohol and tobacco products.
- You may send packages worth up to \$200 USD home duty-free (but no alcohol/tobacco products or perfume valued at more than \$5 USD), with a limit of one parcel per addressee per day. Label the package “personal use,” and attach a list of its contents and retail value. Do not label the package “unsolicited gift,” as your duty-free exemption will drop to \$100 USD. Mailed items do not affect your duty-free allowance on your return.

- Antiques (objects more than 100 years old) enter duty-free, as do original works of art done entirely by hand, such as paintings, drawings and sculptures.

- For the latest or additional information, click on www.customs.treas.gov.

Canadian Residents

- If you have been out of Canada for at least seven days, you may bring in \$750 CAD worth of goods duty-free; less than seven days but more than 48 hours, \$200 CAD; for a trip of 24 to 48 hours, \$50 CAD.

- Separate guidelines and restrictions apply to alcohol and tobacco products.
- You may send an unlimited number of gifts worth up to \$60 CAD each duty-free to Canada. Label the package “unsolicited gift—value under \$60.” Alcohol and tobacco are excluded.

- Goods claimed under the \$750 CAD exemption can follow you by mail, but those claimed under the lesser exemptions must accompany you.

- Visit www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca.

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Fiji

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vs. the World” showdown. Throughout my stay, I vied for the world title alongside Australians, New Zealanders, Germans, Canadians and fellow Americans. The spirited matches seesawed back and forth, and were often won by just a few points.

With mountainous interiors and postcard-perfect vistas, Fiji’s islands offer some downright amazing hiking. Ken and I took a steep trail up from the Malolo Resort, then carefully worked our way back down the other side to a deserted beach. We strolled the crescent-shaped bay, picking up shells, then splashed through the clear shallows as the sun grew higher and warmer. Rounding the outcropping at the bay’s far end, we came upon another desolate beach, completely free of footprints and laying in quiet repose, waiting to be explored.

Closer to Home

By the end of our vacation, Fiji seemed much closer to home than it had during the *yaqona* ceremony. The nature lover in me was drawn to the still-pristine islands and seas, but it was the people who made the greatest impression. Their easy smiles and full-voiced songs filled our days, perfectly complementing their homeland’s balmy climate and reef-protected waters. We weren’t tourists in Fiji, we were honored guests, and the limitless hospitality of her people had us talking about our next trip to the islands long before we packed our bags to return to the States. ❖



WorldMark at Denarau Island, the spectacular pool sitting front and center.

Vancouver

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Bard on the Beach

My introduction to the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival was a brilliant performance of *All’s Well That Ends Well*. Just off the water in Vanier Park, the magical, timeless, nautically themed set came complete with an opulent sunset dripping into English Bay—visible throughout the play by means of an open-walled backdrop. The company’s exceptional productions consistently receive both critical and audience acclaim, and with good reason. Check it out for yourself. The season runs from June until September, and this year’s lineup includes *Antony and Cleopatra*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.



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Thrifting

Salvation Army, 2714 West Broadway. Enough said.

La Casa Gelato

One hundred and eighty-eight rotating flavors of creamy goodness. Creations in Grand Marnier, mango, pistachio, coconut, wasabi, gorgonzola, Mexican chocolate, pear, tiramisu, jack fruit, durian, mocha, Baci, hazelnut, cinnamon coffee and more—all commingling in provocative combinations too incredible to even fantasize about.

Absolute Spa of the Century

Absolute indulgence, at a reasonable price. This posh European-style pampering pit is located in an unlikely, somewhat ragged part of town, but, once through its glass entry, it’s all luxury. Celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow, Ethan Hawke and Gillian Anderson have sampled the seemingly endless remedies and packages here. The treatment names are in themselves so decadent it takes me days to decide which to get ... the Javanese Lulur Royal Ritual, Water Garden of Health, Rose Petal Plunge, Chocolate Delight, Passion Fruit and Papaya Polish or Twice the Massage (tag-team therapists working side-by-side to tease out unruly knots). Each visit includes complimentary spa cuisine and use of the ozonated swimming pool and eucalyptus steam rooms.

WorldMark at The Canadian

It’s a pretty weighty challenge to scale this multi-faced city down to one pithy list. The above entries make up the backbone of my recurring pilgrimage to Vancouver, but there’s one thing missing from my inventory of preferred sites: WorldMark at the Canadian, my hands-down favorite WorldMark resort. A visit here ensconces you in comfort, offering high-rise urban views, marble-accented interiors and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows. And, truly, there’s nothing better after a day of fast-and-furious Canadian play than kicking back by the fire, eating fresh pasta and watching the lights of the ever-bustling city twinkle 20 floors below you. 🍁

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