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Forget about going back to your old school; *this* is the way to have a reunion: Reconnect with a high school friend on a Carnival Caribbean cruise, and set off on a voyage filled with chakra-balancing, late-night cookies with George Clooney, and swimming with animated car mats (you'll see).

20 Footloose in the Mediterranean

What do a papal viewing in Rome, hat-haggling on the French Riviera, and a rousing rendition of "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" have in common? They're all delightful additions to the itinerary when 46 WorldMark owners, two Adventure Club hosts, a Royal Caribbean cruise, and the playgrounds of the Mediterranean converge.

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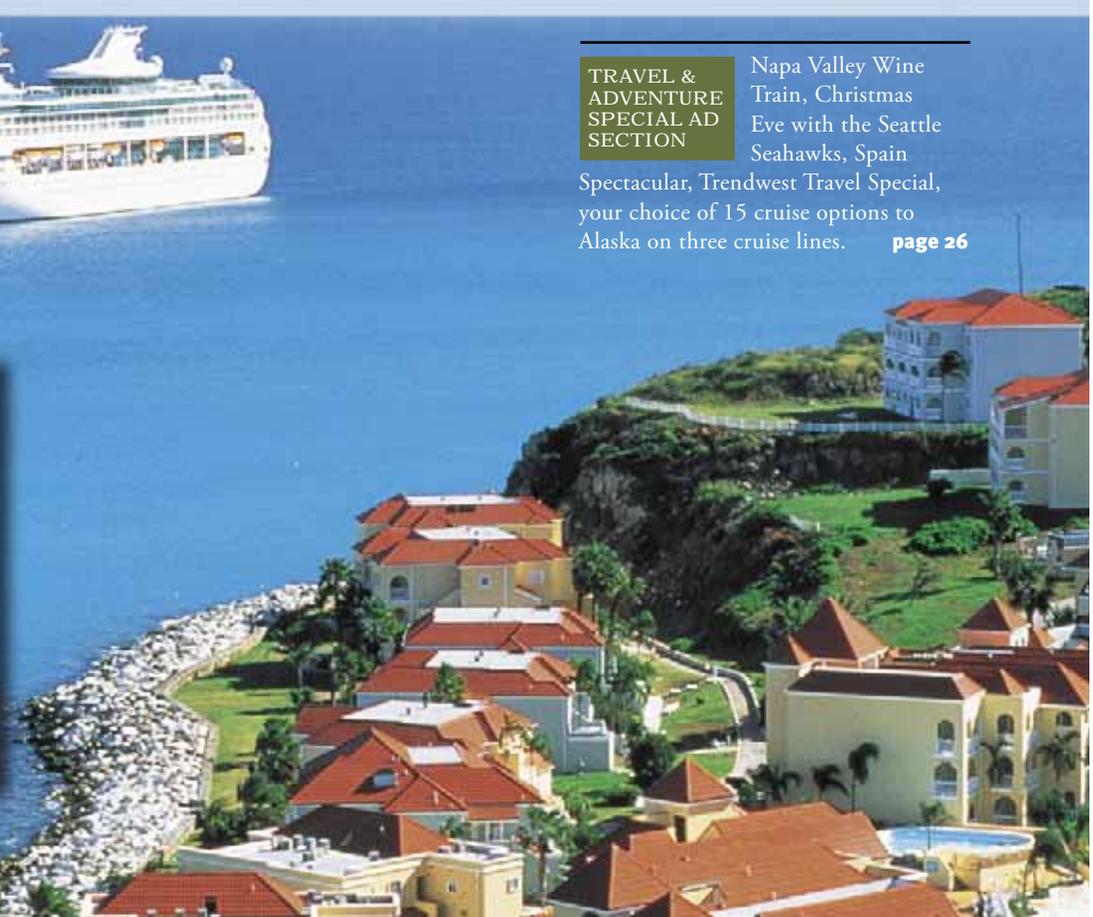
Fashion advice from one of our young cruise travelers.

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE SPECIAL AD SECTION

Napa Valley Wine Train, Christmas Eye with the Seattle Seahawks, Spain Spectacular, Trendwest Travel Special, your choice of 15 cruise options to Alaska on three cruise lines. **page 26**



ON OUR COVER: The bliss of cruising: relaxation, adventure, and only unpacking once. Photograph by Simon Dearden/CORBIS.



A Broader View

WELCOME TO OUR CRUISE ISSUE! In this month's feature section we tour the high seas, complete with exotic ports of call, unforgettable characters, delightful reunions, and unexpected adventures. Turn to page 12 and allow our editor in chief, Jan Pollard, to regale you with her account of a girlfriend getaway on the Caribbean. For the Footloose perspective start on page 20, where WorldMark event planner and tour host Emma Croston documents her escapade on the Mediterranean with 46 owners on an Adventure Club excursion.

As I was perusing our features, I asked myself: Why do we cruise? What draws us to pack ourselves onto a gargantuan tub toy with thousands of strangers and float to faraway lands? We joke about shipboard romances and nonstop eating, but that's not why we voyage. We go for the broader view: to expand our little window into the world into something grander, more informed, and maybe even inspired. Cruising gives us a buffet-style opportunity to sample other cultures. And hopefully, one exposure to a wider view of the world leaves us wanting more for the rest of our lives.

Trendwest has always tried to take on the broader view, and early next year this philosophy will be further exemplified when WorldMark by Trendwest becomes WorldMark by Wyndham. Here's what Senior Vice President of Trendwest Management and WorldMark Operations, Dave Herrick, has to say about this significant change:



"For those of us who have been associated with the Trendwest name for many years, this change feels like saying goodbye to an old friend. It tugs at the heart a bit. But our new name reinforces our identity and commitment to WorldMark. The name WorldMark by Wyndham not only embodies the best of the past, but emphasizes the opportunities that lie ahead. Under the Wyndham brand we will enjoy a new wave of fresh ideas, and endless potential.

"The new name also provides us with a great new story to tell: The renowned quality and service of WorldMark is now backed by the respected Wyndham brand. WorldMark—with more than 240,000 owners and a 95% owner satisfaction rate—means great vacation destinations, and a service model that is second to none. Wyndham Worldwide—offering upscale hotel and resort accommodations around the world—has maintained a high-quality brand that has resulted in tremendous customer loyalty. The name WorldMark by Wyndham immediately establishes credibility and name recognition for our extraordinary vacation ownership product."

New name, new prospects, new horizons. Sail on!

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Inventory Specials: Wonderful Winter Getaways

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WHETHER THE WEATHER MAKES YOU want to run to the sun or cavort in the cold, you can satisfy your longings with an Inventory Specials vacation. Instead of sitting empty, selected unreserved WorldMark units can be booked for just 4.2 cents per credit, up to 60 days in advance. Low cost, longer booking window, and wide range of destinations—it all adds up to a terrific, super-cheap chance to get away every month.

How inexpensive is it? Say you've been imagining a dream escape to Fiji. With Monday through Thursday nights in a one-bedroom unit in Red Season at 1,250 credits each, this ultimate holiday can cost as little as \$52.50 a night! (1,250 x .042 = \$52.50.)

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Denarau Island, Fiji

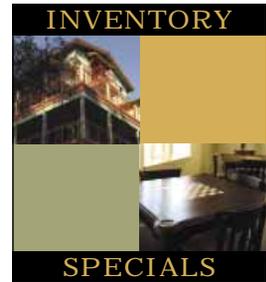
WHAT'S THE COST?

YOU CAN FIND A RESORT'S CREDIT VALUES in your *Daily Vacation Credit Values* booklet or through the Resort Gallery on the WorldMark Web site at www.worldmarktheclub.com. The resort gallery link is on the home page, left column. Simply multiply the resort's credit values by .042 to find out its midweek and weekend rates.

HOW TO BOOK

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS and for more information, call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103. Availability changes constantly! Keep abreast of the latest Inventory Specials in this monthly magazine (excluding January) or go to www.worldmarktheclub.com.

Exclusions are December 22–25, 29–31, and January 1, 12–15. These may vary at certain resorts; check with your vacation planning counselor.



HERE ARE YOUR DECEMBER AND JANUARY SPECIALS:

December—Midweek and Limited Weekends
 Angels Camp, CA
 Bison Ranch, AZ
 Branson, MO
 Clear Lake, CA
 Estes Park, CO
 Galena, IL
 Grand Lake, OK
 Lake of the Ozarks, MO
 Ocean Walk (Daytona), FL
 Pinetop, AZ
 Rancho Vistoso, AZ
 Running Y, OR

December—Midweek Only
 Reno, NV
 Surfside, WA
 Wolf Creek, UT

December—Exotic
 Denarau Island, Fiji

January 2007—Midweek and Limited Weekends
 Angels Camp, CA
 Birch Bay, WA
 Bison Ranch, AZ
 Branson, MO
 Clear Lake, CA
 Estes Park, CO
 Galena, IL
 Grand Lake, OK
 Lake of the Ozarks, MO
 Pinetop, AZ
 Running Y, OR
 Victoria, BC
 Windsor, CA

January 2007—Midweek Only
 Arrow Point, ID
 Bass Lake, CA
 Lake Chelan, WA
 Las Vegas, NV
 Las Vegas on Spencer St., NV
 Ocean Walk (Daytona) FL
 Reno, NV
 Seaside, OR
 Solvang, CA
 Surfside, WA
 Wolf Creek, UT

January 2007—Exotic
 Denarau Island, Fiji

Notes From the WorldMark Board

FROM JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER of this year, the WorldMark Board of Directors gathered twice for their regular quarterly meeting, and called a special meeting in August as well. The following were among the topics discussed:

Regular Board Meeting—June 15, 2006

• *Club guidelines*

Pending determination of programming requirements, the board approved a motion for restrictions on the number of assigned vacation credits that could be received into an owner account. Also approved were motions for additional or revised language for Group Reservations, Length of Stay, Qualification for Making a Reservation, and Housekeeping Fees for assigned vacation credits. As well, the classification of Presidential Penthouse units was streamlined to Presidential units. The board also requested management to survey the owners again on the issue of the 60-day reservation booking window for a less than seven-night stay.

• *Wolf Creek easement*

The board unanimously approved a motion in favor of an easement across an unused portion of the WorldMark Wolf Creek resort, allowing for construction of a tunnel for pedestrian and golf cart access. The easement allows for a safer alternative.

• *WorldMark Seattle The Camlin*

The board discussed and unanimously approved several documents related to the construction of a high-rise apartment building adjacent to the club's resort in Seattle.

Special Board Meeting—August 22, 2006

• *Group reservations*

The board discussed and approved new language regarding the Group Reservation guideline. An implementation date was not set, but is pending determination of programming requirements to facilitate this change.

• *Seven-night/60-day rule*

Board president Gene Hensley stated that independent legal firm Ballard-Spahr concurred that the board had the

authority to amend Club Guideline C.8 related to the seven-night/60-day rule. It was agreed that an additional survey was not needed; management was asked to provide the board with an implementation plan by the next board meeting.

• *Unit substitution*

Senior Vice President of Trendwest Management and WorldMark Operations Dave Herrick clarified the process used to substitute a Trendwest unit for a WorldMark unit. Currently, and moving forward, the process requires Trendwest to “reserve” the equivalent amount of credits needed for the unit being substituted. These reserved credits are not sold to ensure the one-to-one relationship between owners and units is upheld.

• *Forum rules*

Trendwest management informed the board of their intent to add to the current Forum Rules. While the Forum is a Trendwest-sponsored activity and this step does not require board approval, the general consensus of the board was to support this action.

Regular Board Meeting—September 14, 2006

• *Canadian expansion*

Senior Council for Trendwest Michael Smith offered an analysis of the

implications of setting up a new “society” in Canada to facilitate WorldMark expansion there.

• *Cellular equipment in San Diego*

The board unanimously approved the placement of cellular equipment on the roof of WorldMark San Diego, in exchange for rent from Cricket Communications for at least five (and potentially 15) years. The equipment will be undetectable, and will not have any adverse affect on technology systems at the resort.

• *Service animal policy*

The board discussed and approved the service animal policy for WorldMark resorts. The policy specifies accommodation of service animals according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and sets standards that define a service animal. Action items include proper training of all resort staff on the policy, and posting of signage alerting owners that service animals may be on WorldMark property.



Closed for Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, WorldMark services will be on the following schedule:

VACATION PLANNING CENTER (RESERVATIONS)
1-800-457-0103

Thu Nov 23—Closed
Fri Nov 24—6 am–2 pm PT
Sat Nov 25—6 am–5 pm PT
Sun Nov 26—6 am–5 pm PT

OWNER SERVICES

1-888-648-7363
Thu Nov 23—Sun Nov 26
Closed

ADVENTURE CLUB

1-800-457-0103
Thu Nov 23—Sun Nov 26
Closed

TRENDWEST TRAVEL

1-800-953-5511
Thu Nov 23—Closed
Fri Nov 24—Closed
Sat Nov 25—9 am–4 pm PT
Sun Nov 26—Closed

Winner!

GILDA SHAW of **University Place, Wash.**, won a three-night WorldMark stay when we selected her completed resort comment card in our drawing for September. Fill out that card every time you vacation at a WorldMark resort—you could be our next winner.

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C. Jerry Jackson, WorldMark owner since 1999

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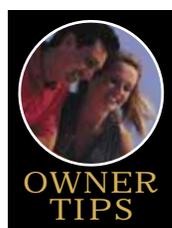
Close to many popular theme parks, WorldMark Dolphin's Cove in Anaheim is always in demand with our owners.

How to Get Into the Swim at Dolphin's Cove

By Trisha York/WorldMark Owner Services Representative

FROM THE MOMENT IT JOINED the WorldMark network in 2004, the resort at Dolphin's Cove in Anaheim, California, has enjoyed the status of being one of the most requested destinations among WorldMark owners. With

its proximity to Disneyland, Universal Studios, and other family-friendly Southern California attractions, Dolphin's Cove units are normally filled to capacity.



WorldMark owns weeks, not units, at Dolphin's Cove: approximately one-third of the total weeks, with Fairfield Resorts holding the balance. With this atypical arrangement come some unique booking guidelines. The governing documents that manage the existing homeowners' association limit vacations to a **12-month booking window**, rather than the 13-

month window WorldMark owners are accustomed to for a seven-night reservation. In addition, all vacations planned for this resort must begin **and end** within 12 months of the date they are booked.

Here are a few booking tips to keep in mind when planning a vacation at WorldMark Dolphin's Cove (or any other highly requested location):

- Book the smallest unit that will accommodate your needs. Larger units are always in higher demand since multi-generational vacations are common here.
- Avoid booking during high-travel times such as holidays and school breaks.
- Use your credits to book tickets to nearby attractions to help defray trip costs. Although Disneyland tickets are not currently offered for credits, past offers have included Sea World, California Adventure, San Diego Zoo, San Diego Wild Animal Park, and Six Flags.



Amy Godwin

Next Up in Owner Ed

By Amy Godwin/Senior Owner Education Facilitator

OWNER EDUCATION is a fun, free way to learn more about your ownership. Ask for the improved, updated version of our handbook when attending a class near you. Choose from two different classes—or take both!

► The **Basic Class** is designed to educate all owners, whether new or experienced, in the best ways to use WorldMark credits and Bonus Time for stays at WorldMark resorts. ► The **Exchange (E) Class** is designed to instruct owners on the use of

WorldMark credits as payment for exchange vacations outside the WorldMark network. This covers exchanges through RCI—our primary exchange partner—as well as other exchange companies.

Reservations

are required. For reservations and class locations, please call **1-800-457-0103**, Mon–Fri, 6 am–9 pm; Sat–Sun, 6 am–5 pm PT. Class times and locations are also listed online at www.worldmarktheclub.com/education.

OWNER EDUCATION CLASSES IN NOVEMBER

NORTHWEST

Birch Bay, WA

Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 7, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm-E
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm

Bothell, WA

Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 4 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm-E
Sat, Nov 11, noon
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm

Burnaby, BC

Mon, Nov 6, 7 pm

Coeur d'Alene, ID

Sat, Nov 11, noon
Sat, Nov 11, 2 pm-E

Depoe Bay, OR

Sat, Nov 18, noon-E
Sat, Nov 18, 2 pm

Discovery Bay, WA

Thu, Nov 9, 4 pm
Thu, Nov 9, 6 pm-E
Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm

Federal Way, WA

Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 9, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 18, noon
Sat, Nov 18, 2 pm-E
Tue, Nov 28, 6 pm

Leavenworth, WA

Tue, Nov 7, 6 pm

Seaside, OR

Fri, Nov 17, noon-E
Fri, Nov 17, 2 pm

Seattle, WA

Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm

Tri-Cities, WA

Tue, Nov 21, 4 pm-E
Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm

Vancouver, WA

Sat, Nov 4, noon
Sat, Nov 4, 2 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm-E
Thu, Nov 30, 8 pm

N. CALIFORNIA

Angels Camp, CA

Tue, Nov 28, 6 pm

Elk Grove, CA

Sat, Nov 4, 10 am
Sat, Nov 4, 2 pm
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm-E

Fresno, CA

Sat, Nov 11, 10 am
Sat, Nov 11, 2 pm

Reno, NV

Sun, Nov 12, 2 pm

Roseville, CA

Thu, Nov 9, 6 pm-E
Sat, Nov 11, 10 am
Sat, Nov 11, 2 pm
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm

San Jose, CA

Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 9, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 18, 10 am
Sat, Nov 18, 2 pm
Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm-E

Tracy, CA

Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm-E

Walnut Creek, CA

Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 18, 10 am
Sat, Nov 18, 2 pm
Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm-E

Windsor, CA

Wed, Nov 15, 5:30 pm

S. CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield, CA

Sun, Nov 12, noon
Sun, Nov 12, 3 pm-E
Mon, Nov 20, 6 pm
Mon, Nov 27, 6 pm

Big Bear, CA

Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm

Indio, CA

Sat, Nov 25, 11 am
Sun, Nov 26, noon-E

Irvine, CA

Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm

Las Vegas, NV

Thu, Nov 2, 5:30 pm

Oceanside, CA

Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm

Riverside, CA

Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm

San Diego, CA

Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 11, noon
Sat, Nov 11, 2:30 pm
Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 28, 6 pm-E

San Dimas, CA

Sat, Nov 4, 10 am
Sat, Nov 4, 12:30 pm
Thu, Nov 9, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 18, 10 am
Sat, Nov 18, 2:30 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm-E

Solvang, CA

Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm

Torrance, CA

Thu, Nov 9, 7 pm
Wed, Nov 15, 7 pm
Sun, Nov 19, 3 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 7 pm

Westlake Village, CA

Sat, Nov 11, noon
Sat, Nov 18, noon
Sat, Nov 18, 2:30 pm-E
Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm

MOUNTAIN

Boise, ID

Sat, Nov 11, 10 am
Sat, Nov 11, noon-E
Thu, Nov 16, 8 pm-E
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 30, 8 pm-E

Broomfield, CO

Sat, Nov 4, 2 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm-E
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 29, 8 pm-E

Englewood, CO

Fri, Nov 3, 4 pm-E
Sat, Nov 4, 10 am
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 28, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 28, 8 pm-E

Idaho Falls, ID

Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm
Fri, Nov 17, 6 pm-E

Rancho Vistoso, AZ

Fri, Nov 10, 6 pm-E
Sat, Nov 11, 10 am
Tue, Nov 28, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 28, 8 pm-E

Salt Lake City, UT

Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 7, 6 pm
Wed, Nov 8, 6 pm-E
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm
Tue, Nov 21, 6 pm

St. George, UT

Fri, Nov 17, 6 pm-E
Sat, Nov 18, 10 am

Wolf Creek, UT

Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 4, 10 am
Sat, Nov 4, noon-E
Wed, Nov 15, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm

MIDSOUTH

Albuquerque, NM

Wed, Nov 1, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 2, 6 pm-E

Branson, MO

Sat, Nov 11, 8:30 am

Overland Park, KS

Sat, Nov 4, noon
Tue, Nov 14, 6 pm
Thu, Nov 16, 6 pm-E

Tulsa, OK

Tue, Nov 7, 6 pm
Sat, Nov 18, noon
Thu, Nov 30, 6 pm-E

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Change in Booking Window for Fairfield Resorts

THE EXCLUSIVE RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT that WorldMark, The Club enjoys with their affiliate, Fairfield Resorts, provides WorldMark owners with additional vacation opportunities. Owners have been able to book vacations at select Fairfield properties as far as 10 months in advance.

In order to accommodate differences in inventory systems between WorldMark and Fairfield, it has become necessary to condense this booking window. **As of January 1, 2007, the reservation window for a seven-night stay at a Fairfield Affiliate Resort will be changed from 10 months to nine months.**

All other Fairfield reservation guidelines remain unaffected.

“This is a solution that will allow us to maintain the level

of service our owners expect from us,” says Vice President of WorldMark Owner Services Peggy Fry. “The disparity in inventory systems and communication processes made the 10-month booking window extremely challenging. We were unable to coordinate and load inventory on time, creating

problems for our vacation counselors, and disappointing our owners—and that’s just not acceptable.” Fry continues: “Decreasing the window by one month will ensure the correct and timely



loading of inventory. This way we’ll meet what is always our primary goal: greater owner satisfaction.”



Last Lap: Seasonal Pool Closings

Some of your club’s outdoor pools situated in colder climates will be closed from November through March. These closures—a result of minimal use by owners during the inclement weather season—help conserve energy and reduce operating costs.

Outdoor pools will be closed for the season at Bass Lake, Bear Lake (indoor pool remains open), Big Bear, Birch Bay (indoor pool remains open), Bison Ranch, Branson, Estes Park, Grand Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, Lake Tahoe, Mariner Village, Park Village, Pinetop, Reno, South Shore, Steamboat Springs (indoor pool remains open), and Wolf Creek.

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Look for the 2007–08 edition of the Daily Vacation Credit Value Guide to be enclosed with your December 2006 issue of *Destinations*. It’s your source for quick and easy vacation planning, offering Red, White, and Blue Season ranges; brief unit and resort amenity descriptions; and, of course, daily credit values for each resort.



In tune with the city's themed development, WorldMark Midway's exteriors exhibit Swiss-style architectural details.

WorldMark Midway Opens

There's a lot to yodel about in Utah's "Little Switzerland"

ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2006, 34 beautifully appointed, two-bedroom units became available to WorldMark owners in the sleepy little Wasatch County town of Midway, Utah. The chalet-style resort buildings were carefully designed to harmoniously blend into this Swiss-themed burg, which even has an annual Swiss Days Festival.

Resort amenities at WorldMark Midway include an indoor pool and hot tub, exercise room, gift shop, and recreation room. Each unit has two full baths, a barbecue on the patio or deck, and all standard WorldMark conveniences. The interior design motif reflects the beauty of the area's natural surroundings by using earth tones throughout. The ecru, tan, and chestnut tones are inspirations from the hues of the countryside; forest greens are taken from the neighboring trees; and splashes of crimson parallel the vibrant colors of autumn.

WorldMark Midway is about a one-hour drive from Salt Lake City, and is ideally situated to provide numerous options for four-season fun.

- Skiers will rejoice in the fact that this new Utah destination is within 25 miles of four world-class ski resorts: Deer

Valley Resort (the same slopes that hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics), Park City Mountain Resort, The Canyons, and Sundance. All offer summer activities as well: mountain biking, horseback riding, and even adventure camps for kids.

- State park enthusiasts have a full menu of outdoor pursuits to enjoy at Wasatch Mountain State Park, just a half-mile from the resort. The park's year-round recreation includes golfing, horseback riding, hiking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, tubing, and a "children's-only" fishing hole.

- Golfers can almost roll out of bed and be on the greens: WorldMark Midway is located near holes 4 and 5 of the Homestead Resort Golf Course, a 7,000-yard, par-72 course that stretches through the Wasatch Mountains and Snake Creek Valley.

- Scuba divers can add the unique category of crater-diving to their dive logs. The Homestead Crater across from the resort measures 200 feet in diameter, with a 55-foot-high dome, and 65-foot-deep waters that stay at a consistent 95 degrees. Visitors can access the massive spring at ground level via a 110-foot-long tunnel; once inside, there are opportunities for leisurely soaking and swimming, as well as snorkeling and scuba diving.

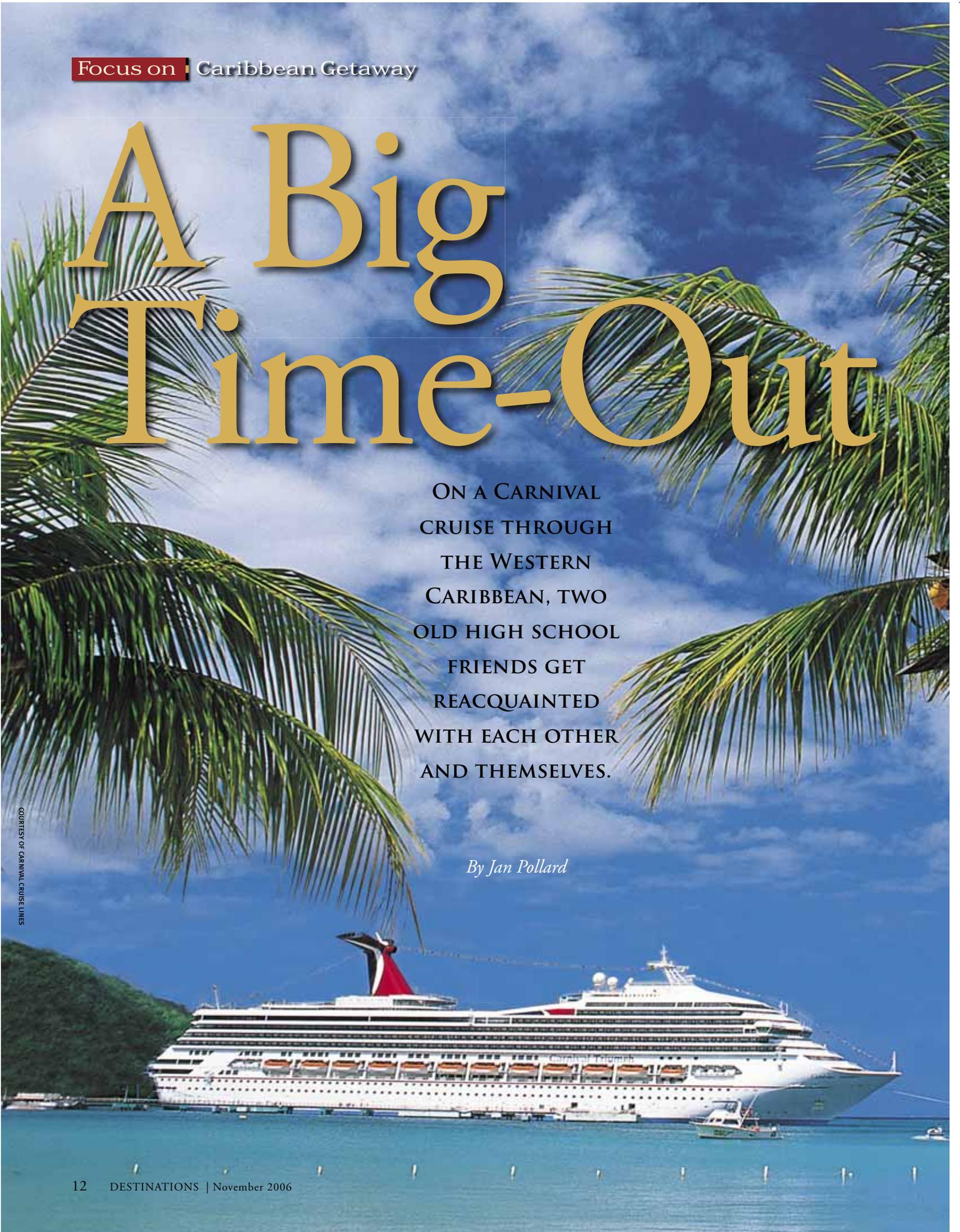


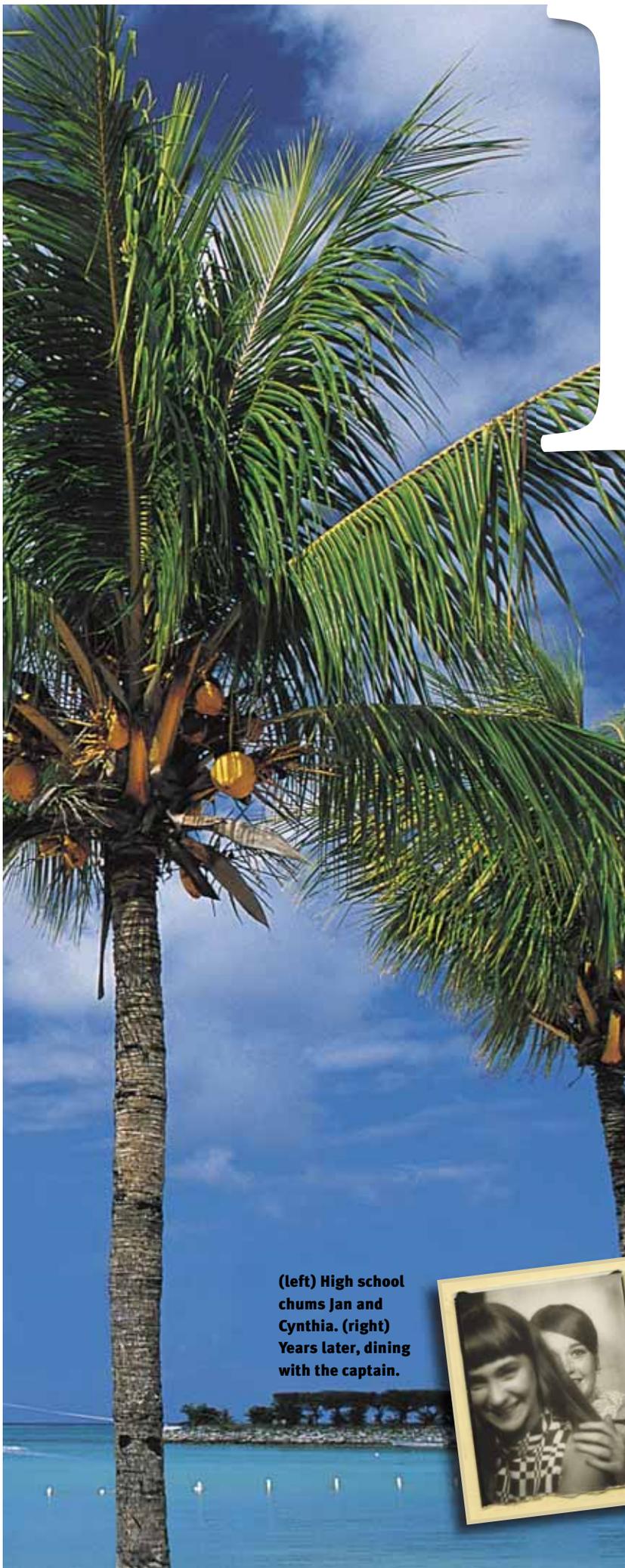
A Big Time-Out

ON A CARNIVAL CRUISE THROUGH THE WESTERN CARIBBEAN, TWO OLD HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS GET REACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER AND THEMSELVES.

By Jan Pollard

COURTESY OF CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES





(left) High school chums Jan and Cynthia. (right) Years later, dining with the captain.



FOR OUR GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY, Cynthia and I wanted both relaxation and stimulation. We wanted to flop down and talk for hours, and also do things we otherwise wouldn't, like bar-hopping or even something wildly adventurous, such as ziplining (more on this later, because we actually did it).

Girlfriend getaways are a hot travel trend. Though we love our husbands and significant others, women in droves are carving out time to vacation together. *Budget Travel* magazine even cranked out a special edition about it, covering everything from best spa values to road trips (with one enthusiastic article called "Anything Goes, as Long as We Don't End Up in Jail").

Cynthia and I decided on a cruise—a first-time lark for both of us. We are scrumpy, independent traveler-types, which was exactly the point: Being ensconced on a sumptuous ship, with everything carefully planned and handled for us, sounded exotic in itself. And almost as an added bonus, our Carnival Fun Ship would be swinging us through the sunny Western Caribbean with ports of call in Mexico, Grand Cayman, and Jamaica.

On a warm Sunday morning at the Miami Airport, our getaway/dramatic reunion began. Well into midlife, we'd reconnected on *classmates.com* but hadn't laid eyes on each other since high school. After tearfully taking each other in—thankfully we were recognizable—we shuttled in our happy state of shock to the port, where we boarded our towering, 101-ton, floating megaresort called the *Carnival Victory*.

As cruise virgins (or, as Cyn put it, "the Katie Holmes of cruisers"), we didn't know that ships had themes, and ours had one in spades: the oceans of the world. Mermaids, seahorses, and sea gods enlivened the décor throughout assorted lounges, 10 bars, and several multi-purpose fun rooms, all named after oceans, rivers, or seas.

Prowling the ship (impersonating our teenage selves), we noted the South China Sea Club casino, the Artic Club disco, and East River Deli. There was



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a Triton's Pool—complete with a 214-foot-long waterslide—plus a three-story Caribbean Lounge that alternately offered bingo, participatory game shows, and Vegas-style revues. (Married to a man who shuns the razzle-dazzle of Las Vegas, I'd already accomplished one of the goals of the getaway—some bling, yippee!)

We also thoroughly examined our *stateroom*: such a wonderful word, unique to ships and trains. Decorated in cheerful orange hues with multi-paneled mirrors, our double-occupancy space seemed designed for just that—two people thrown together for a whole week. We had two single beds with good reading lights, a small sofa, and lots of storage space, including roomy drawers, a pair of hanger-filled closets, and a smartly designed under-counter shelf in the bathroom where we could stash our toiletries.

After some quick nesting, we dug out the bottle of spar-

Formal nights are an elegant tradition; think Cary Grant in a tux, wooing a begowned Deborah Kerr.

kling wine we'd carried aboard. Passengers weren't allowed to bring their own booze—with the exception of departure-day wine or champagne. We iced and popped ours open on our balcony, jubilantly toasting and visiting for hours in delicious, salty air.

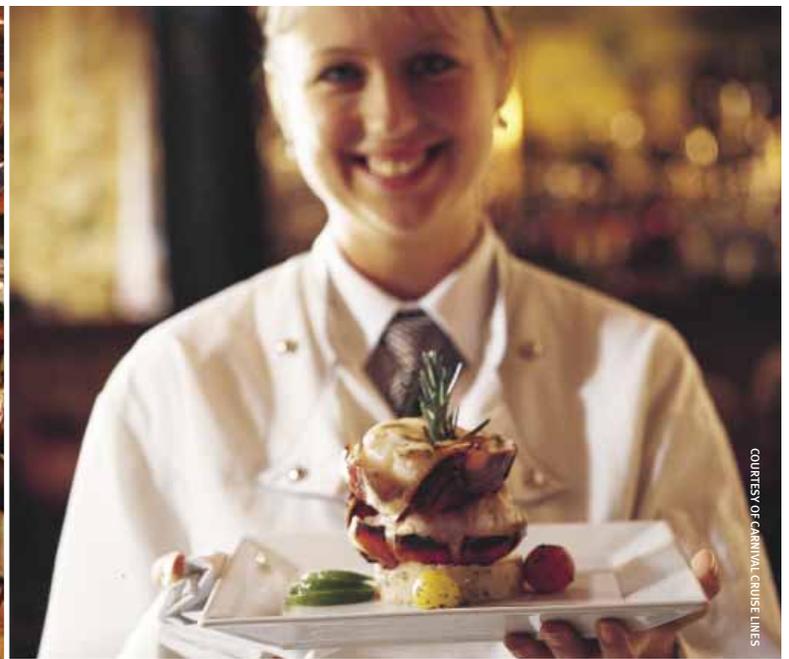
Our balcony! Remember this: If you ever go on a cruise, spring for one. Beg, borrow, and scheme. You'll feel like Jackie Onassis. Another girlfriend, a veteran of cruises, had stressed the Jackie-balcony thing, and she was absolutely right. In our dark sunglasses, as we leaned over our glass-and-wood balustrade to breathe in the vast blue sea below, it was easy to conjure Jackie aboard the *Christina*, cruising the Greek Islands.

Off to the spa

Our first full day at sea, after room-service breakfast (coffee, orange juice, bagels, lox, cream cheese, fresh fruit), we



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(Opposite page, clockwise from bottom right:) A glimpse into *Carnival Victory's* relaxing and stimulating world, from poolside chaise lounges, huge spa whirlpool, and a soothing chakra balancing capsule to a Las Vegas-style revue. (This page, clockwise from left) A lively atmosphere for fine dining, and plenty of space for kids' fun and games at Camp Carnival.

sashayed to the spa two decks up, where Cyn got a one-hour massage and I treated myself to a pedicure. Seated in an elevated chair that felt like a throne, with the scent of lavender wafting through the air, I gazed out the window at the passing ocean as the nail technician, a no-nonsense Jamaican, massaged my legs and feet. “You need to take care of your feet,” she clucked. “You can’t buy feet in a store!”

It was the most pampered I’d ever felt in my life, but I decided to cap it off with 25 minutes inside an egg-shaped contraption called a “Chakra Balancing Capsule.” At \$45, it didn’t cost as much as the spa’s other fabulous treatments (facials, body wraps, tooth whitening, you name it), and promised “the ultimate power nap” through “aromatherapy, gentle vibration, and esoteric music.” What an antidote to e-mail! Soon, with my head poking out (equipped with eye mask and ear phones), and my body enclosed, I was putt-putting along through inner space, churning my thoughts into soft butter. My transformed toes and brainwaves were

now ready for “formal night.”

Formal nights—on our week-long cruise, the second and sixth night at sea—are an elegant tradition; think Cary Grant in a tux, wooing a begowned Deborah Kerr. Well, on a Carnival Fun Ship you can play Cary and Deborah, or Fred and Ginger, or you can simply pack dark suits, blazers, and cocktail dresses. You can also rent formal attire right on-board. Or you can completely opt out: Some passengers skip the fuss and hang out by the pool.

In our blissful, limp-noodle state, we sort of enjoyed the marathon-like challenge of dressing up, complete with makeup, jewelry, heels, and wraps, but we savored the people-watching even more. Cruises have to be the best places for this outside of Manhattan.

People-watching pinnacle

From a sofa along the promenade leading to the Pacific Dining Room, we studied all ages, relationships, and ethnic

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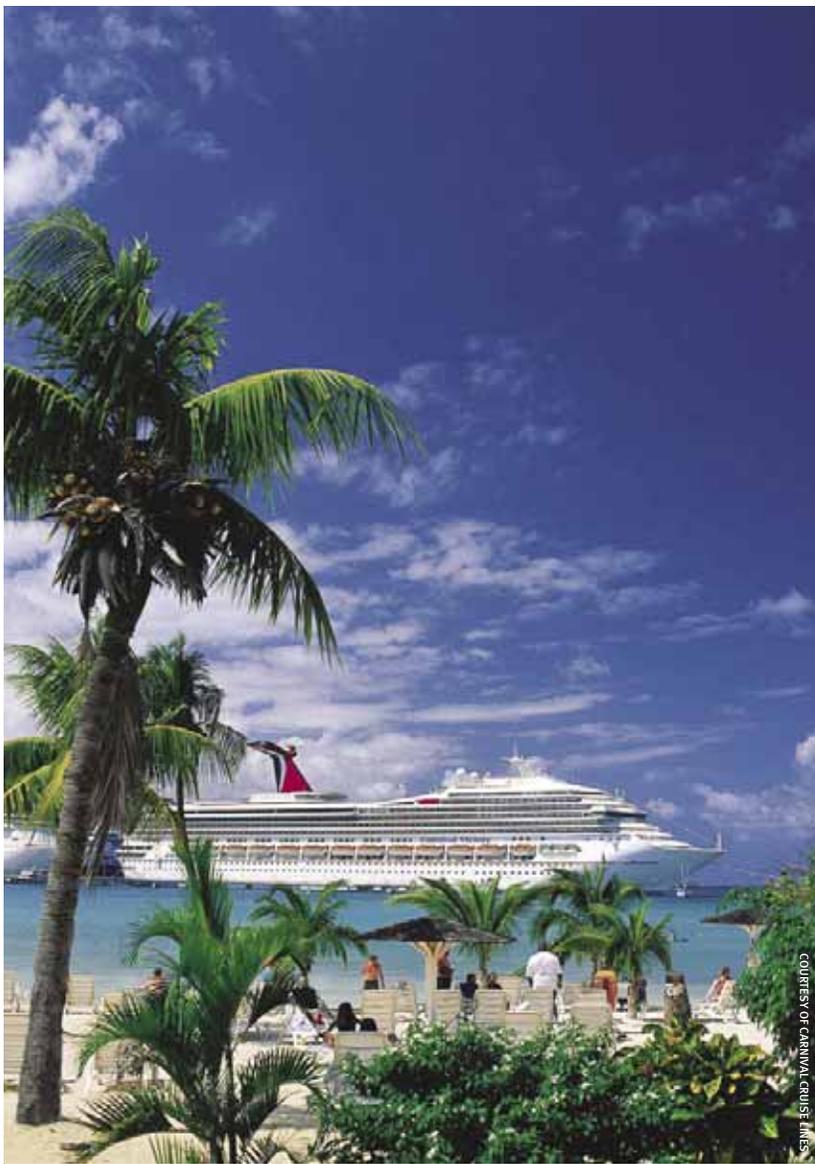
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groups—and people seemed happy to be strutting their stuff. Nobody looked dragged along, not even the lumbering teen wearing sneakers with his tux. One woman—possibly in her 90s—sporting large dangly earrings as she rolled past in her wheelchair. Streams of desperate housewives slinked by in shiny gowns. Tots skipped along in ring-bearer and flower-girl attire; a tiny baby in pink wore her mother's long strand of pearls. Like celebs on Oscar night, couples and multigenerational families paused for the ship's many (we counted eight) photographers, joking and smiling before artificial backdrops of the ocean, the beach, a city skyline. (These seasoned photographers and dolled-up subjects produce the best family portraits ever; reams of photos were

We nostalgically played Parcheesi along with other time-travelers hotly competing at Chinese checkers and Battleship.

displayed and sold daily.)

The food that night, as on all nights, was superb; recently the French master chef Georges Blanc teamed with Carnival, providing his recipes and guidance. It showed; as foodies on a relatively inexpensive cruise, we'd expected banquet-type meals, but this was fine dining from starters to desserts. Over the week, we grew royally accustomed to broiled lobster tail, sweet and sour duck breast, free-range chicken in creamy foie gras sauce—served by the same dotting waiters. We looked forward to the next night's delicious cold soups, new wine suggestions, and extravagant treats like Cherries Jubilee, brandy blazing. What's more—and every cruiser, childlike, will delightedly



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(Opposite page, clockwise from bottom right:) Presentation is just a plus in the Mediterranean Restaurant’s casual and well-liked buffet. A Mexico shore excursion: snorkeling in the clear waters off Costa Maya. Teatime in the Ionian Lounge. (This page, clockwise from left:) The *Carnival Victory* in port at Costa Maya. Jan (left) meeting a stingray in Grand Cayman. Exploring Mayan ruins: another excursion from Costa Maya.



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tell you this—you can take just one bite and then, hmmm, order something else, or two of everything: Modern cruising’s the closest most of us will ever come to an ancient Roman banquet.

A confession: Despite our post-dessert lattes, we’d usually saunter “home” to our beloved stateroom after dinner, to kick back and watch yet another nearly first-run movie. On a couple of late nights we did enjoy bar-crawling, karaoke (just observing, with no pressure to buy drinks), and a hilarious, adults-only comedian in the Caribbean Lounge, but we preferred lazing around, especially with Steve Martin, George Clooney, and late-night, room-service deliveries (cookies and brownies).

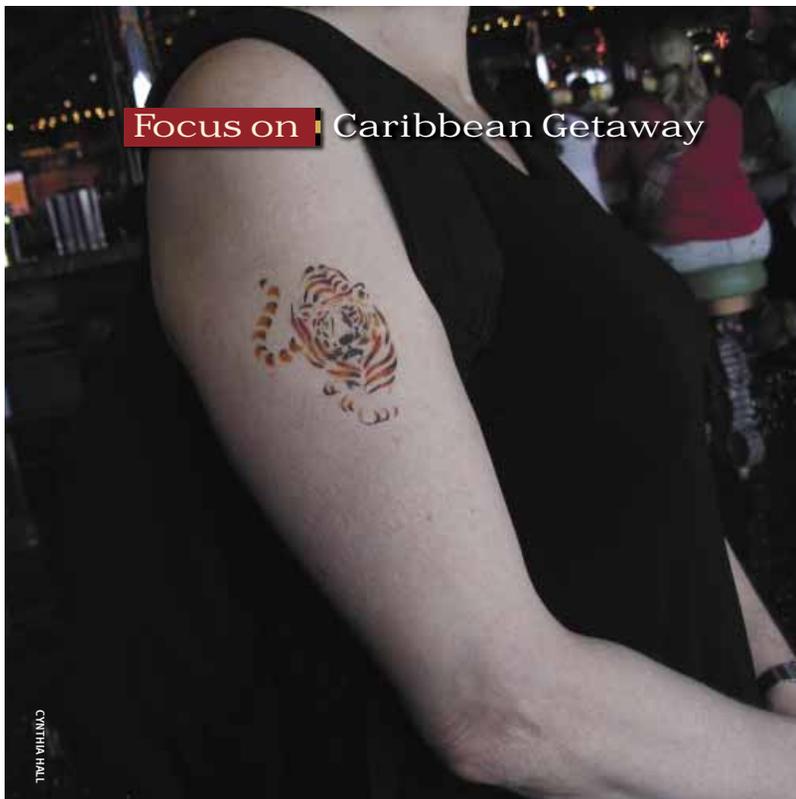
At first we felt like party poopers—this was, after all, a Fun Ship, loaded with merrymakers, but we decided that

personal choice is what cruising—and especially girlfriend getaways—are all about.

By day we were a little more active, searching out interesting spots where we could continue talking and people-watching, such as the small library where we nostalgically played Parcheesi along with other time-travelers hotly competing at Chinese checkers and Battleship. For lunch we always opted for the Mediterranean Restaurant’s stupendous, popular buffet, perhaps followed by separate activities—Cyn to a spa whirlpool, me to a slot machine or two, I think my very first. (I lost \$25, but stood next to a woman who claimed to have just won \$420 on one pull, and was cruising with her sister who’d scored \$2,000.)

Our favorite place: the brown leather armchairs in the serene Ionian Lounge, where we sipped and nibbled complimentary

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CHURKA CARIBBEAN ADVENTURES

Not a major life change, but still: Jan sporting a tiger tattoo, Cynthia delighting in ziplining by the middle of the experience, and Canadian Tracy, determinedly eyeing the next traverse through the jungle canopy. To absolutely conquer her fear of heights, Tracy followed up ziplining with a second Jamaican adventure—parasailing.

tea and salmon appetizers during the late afternoon, as a trio from Slovakia—two men and a woman on flute, piano, and violin—performed the music of Johann Strauss.

Meanwhile, 3,018 other passengers were coming and going from their own chosen activities (out of dozens) such as Detox for Weight Loss, roulette, art auctions, the Hairy Chest Contest, and step aerobics. Children came and went from their options at Camp Carnival, like ice cream sundae making and sand art. We chatted with people celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and 30 years of sobriety. There were honeymooners and groups of truck drivers, line dancers (who practiced every night), and girlfriends. I watched one 50-ish man, smiling and alone, repeatedly swoosh down the giant waterslide, perhaps clearing the cobwebs out of his life.

Land ahoy!

Every time Cyn and I had had enough of our couch-potato cruising style, a port of call would pop up—demonstrating the brilliance of this mode of travel. Even we were raring to go, toting hats, camera, and sunscreen. In Costa Maya, Mexico, we kept our juices going just souvenir shopping, while others took excursions to kayak, fly-fish, tramp around Mayan ruins, and more.

Passengers could arrange land adventures more economically on their own, but most (including us) preferred having everything arranged through the ship's shore excursion desk. "Everything" included the rather riveting fact that the *Victory* wouldn't depart until every shore excursion

returned! So there would be no worries—which was especially nice for our water adventure destination in Grand Cayman called Stingray Sandbar, near the Stingray City dive site. At Sandbar, stingrays swim up to people to be fed. I had no idea what they looked like and mainly knew that they were cheaper to commune with than dolphins (about \$50 versus \$159).

After traveling by van—and a boat named *Stingrayz*, reverberating with a lively Calypso CD—about 40 of us strapped on life vests and descended a ladder into warm, waist-high, sparkly aquamarine water. A few women squealed—it was hard not thinking of "Jaws"—and then everybody settled down, sort of, as we figured it all out: There were these creatures swimming around shaped like big car mats, colored gray. If you stood still, a gray mat might glide near you and wouldn't hurt you (unless you pulled its whiplike tail). Soon our eyes adjusted and we spied smaller ones that looked like swirling placemats—the youngsters.

Cyn and I gravitated over to Matty, a crew member whose outstretched arms were a docking station for his good stingray friend named Bubbles. He explained that her mouth was underneath her, and urged us to proffer some of the provided chopped squid. As soon as we warily obliged, she



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sucked up our gifts like a strong vacuum cleaner. We loved Bubbles! I felt guilty for thinking of stingrays as a poor man's dolphin. As Matty told us that stingrays can live 65 years, we gently petted her soft, slick gray skin.

Back on land, we wiled away the afternoon on Seven Mile Beach, a spectacular and well-known stretch of sand. Wading into the clear, calm ocean, we alternately paddled around and just stood transfixed in the shallow water, inhaling the lovely scene of fellow bathers, wide umbrellas, toddlers with shovels, and father-son snorkelers.

Jamaican good times

Our next port was Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Winston, our kind, theatrical van driver—a dead ringer for Harry Belafonte—pointed out sugar fields, belted a bawdy song, bragged about the local coffee, and taught the couple-dozen of us to say “yes mon,” “no mon,” and “erie mon,” which means “I’m having a good time.” We were, even when Winston dropped us off to don hard hats, leather gloves, and safety harnesses.

While other cruise passengers were off on outings such as river tubing, horse-back riding, or bumping along on the Bob Marley Bus Adventure, our group readied to zipline through a jungle canopy, complete with a river below. Thankfully our Jamaican guides made a big to-do about their training, and sturdy gear, and obeying their commands, so I really didn't think that I was going to die or get hurt, despite the fraying rope in my mind. Having ziplined once before, Cyn prepared me to be frightened the whole time before finally enjoying it at the end, when it was too late. This time she was determined to enjoy the experience before it was over, hopefully by the middle.

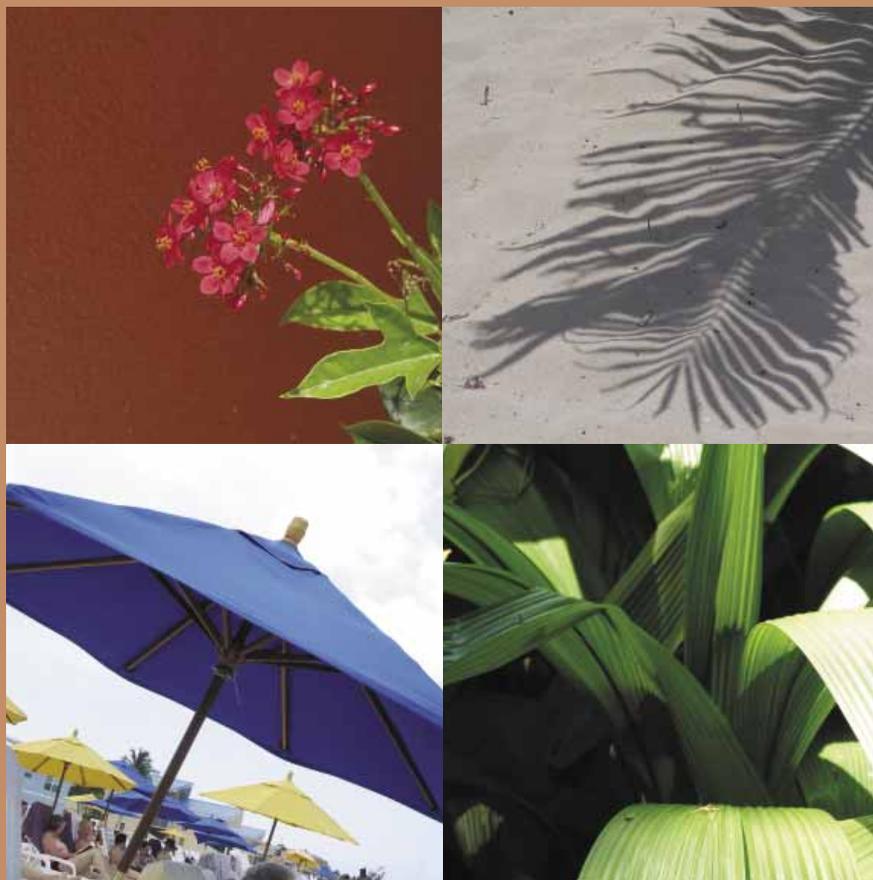
Ready, set, zipline

Ziplining involves gripping a freely moving pulley suspended on a cable or a rope. Wearing a safety harness, you traverse from the top to the bottom of the inclined cable or rope—and back up again, varying your speed with your body position (tight ball for fast, splayed-out legs for slow). Our somewhat horizontal lines were suspended high up in trees between platforms, where our guides helped us land and shove off again, their deft hands swiftly unhooking and re-hooking us to pulleys (the gear was a blur as I focused on

their casual, supreme self-confidence.)

Fortunately Cyn and I were in front of a young woman (part of a four-girl getaway from New Brunswick, Canada) who'd signed up to conquer her fear of heights. Especially on bridges, Tracy related, she'd have to drop to her knees and crawl. So each time our turns came, we were forced to be role models and bravely smiled. There were about a dozen crossings in all, and during the ninth I started to breathe more regularly and even glimpsed the blue Caribbean miles away. By our last and longest traverse—600 feet long—I was exalting in the pure joy of flying, pretending to be Cathy Rigby in “Peter Pan.”

Cyn and I were now zipliners who loved stingrays. Back on the *Carnival Victory*—as it sailed back to Miami on our last day—I decided to get a poolside tattoo. Sure, the crouching, orange-and-black tiger that I chose was temporary, painted on, but any kind of tattoo on my arm was out of my regular box, which was a nice place to be. The tiger didn't fade for a whole week, when Cyn and I were back at work in our far-apart cities. 



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The Colors of Caribbean Beauty

Everywhere in the Caribbean there are hues and details that catch the eye. Coral flowers blooming against a rust-colored wall. The shadow of a palm frond on fine, bisque-beige sand. Sunlight shining through emerald tropical leaves. Bright blue umbrellas on the beach. Cynthia, snapping her nifty new digital camera, chronicled the visual feast of the cruise.

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Footloose in the Mediterranean

ON A ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE, WORLDMARK OWNERS CAN BOND, SIGHTSEE, PARTY, AND RISE TO STARDOM.

*By Emma Croston
Event Planner/Tour Host*



**Royal Caribbean's
Splendour of the Seas,
home base for our
Footloose group, cruising
the Mediterranean coast.**



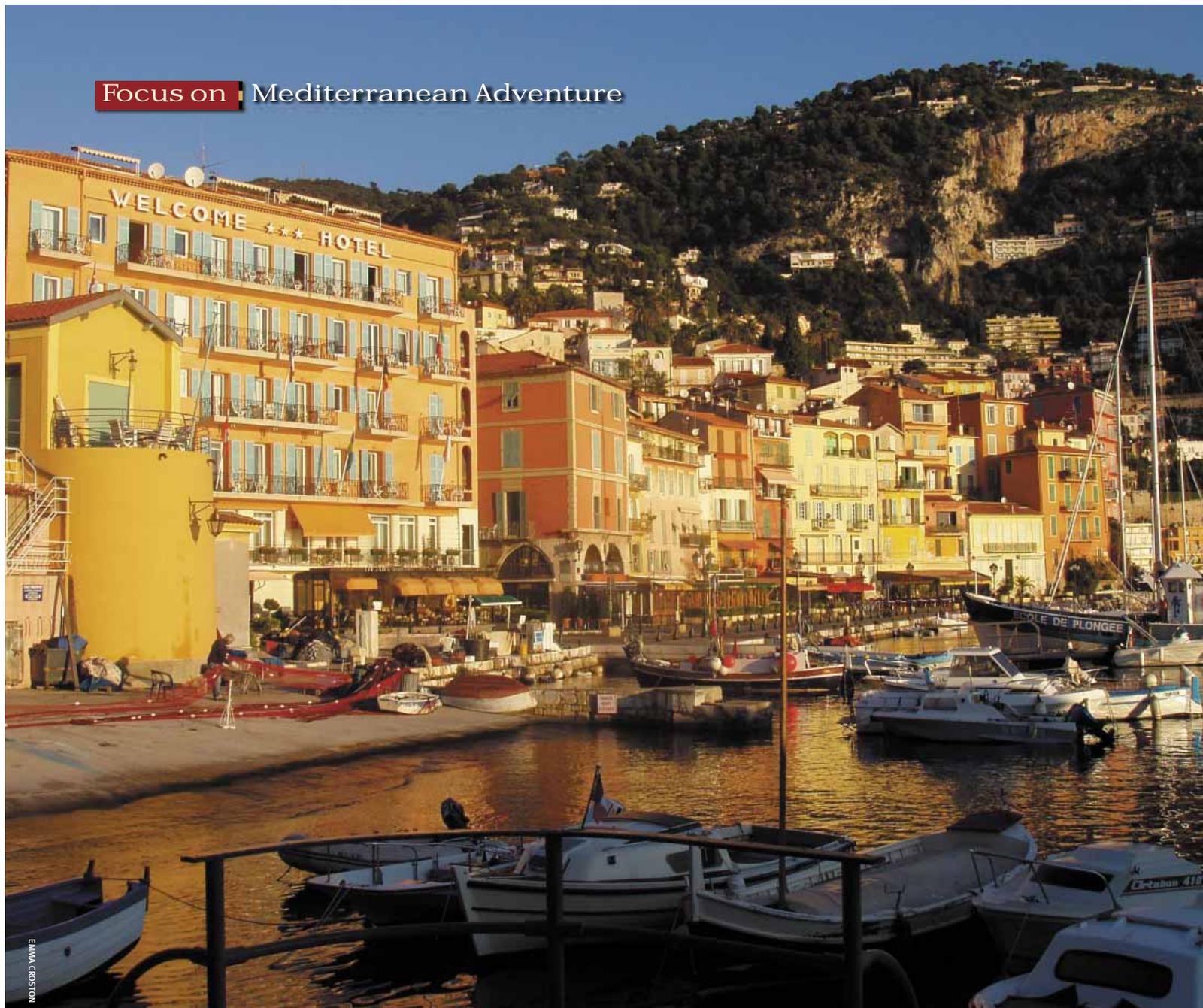
Emma Croston (left) and Debby Franke hosted 46 owners on this Footloose Mediterranean cruise, designed to provide our solo traveling owners the opportunity to voyage with the company, and security, of a group. They greeted owners with a welcome cocktail reception and were onboard to field their questions and concerns, arrange daily gatherings, and instigate special evening escapades.

Emma has been an event planner for Trendwest for four years, personally hosting 34 trips to date. Debby is the manager of Exchange Services, and periodically attends tours as well. They share a great joy in being able to offer owners a variety of fun options for using WorldMark credits. Their favorite memories from this trip were the evening gatherings, when they listened to owners recount their experiences of each day's amazing excursions. They also fondly remember Ernestine Cohn's celebrity status from the onboard TV channel (featuring her dances with Rico, the cruise director), and Bonnie Stirler's karaoke debut. >>



A visit to Florence isn't complete without a sweeping view of the Arno River and its bridges.

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EMMA CROSTON



EMMA CROSTON

Writer and tour host Emma snapped Villefranche (both photos), the port of call for her Footloose group's adventures on the French Riviera, which she captured in all its luminous shades of gold, rust, rose, and blue. Next don't-miss: The Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU BRING together an owner off an oil rig in Russia, a few nurses, real estate and insurance agents, a hurricane Katrina survivor, an owner back from a tour of duty in Iraq, and a couple of WorldMark tour hosts? A remarkable group of people ready to set sail on a seven-night Mediterranean cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Splendour of the Seas*. Departing Barcelona, Spain, this Footloose group embarked on a journey of new friendships and spectacular sights in a land of winding cobblestone paths, sun-drenched gardens, and brightly painted villas.

Our first stop was the bustling port town of Marseille, the oldest and second largest city in France, for a taste of history and architecture. Here, Notre-Dame de la Garde Cathedral sits atop a hill guarding over the heart of the city and Vieux Port (Old Port), where tourists stroll its stone paths. Next



EMMA GOSTON

we tendered in Villefranche, gateway to the French Riviera, home to Nice, Cannes, and Monaco. With a Ferrari on every corner and yachts to make our cruise ship envious, there's no question this is where the rich and famous come to play.

At the famous Place du Casino in Monte Carlo, we stepped into the glamorous, exclusive world of international gambling. Not a typical glitzy, American-style casino, but a refined, quiet atmosphere in lavishly decorated halls. I was beaming proud at winning 5 Euro at the roulette table, when I ran into Jack Gordy, an owner who won 600 Euro! He later went on to win more on the ship and continued a

lucky streak throughout the trip.

The best Monaco story, however, was about one of our shipmates who purchased a souvenir hat. Being the sly barterer that he was (which, by the way, is not customary in the French Riviera), he read the hat's price at 50 Euro, offered 40, and was pleased when the storekeeper accepted his offer. It turned out that hat had actually been priced at 5 Euro, which he'd mistaken for 50. So it didn't turn out to be such a great deal, but it made for a good laugh at the dinner table!

The next two ports of call were gateways to Italy's ancient beauty and romance that have inspired artists for centuries. An excursion to Pisa featured the Campanile (or Leaning Tower), which seems to defy gravity as it leans 16 feet from the vertical! To a trained eye, there are even more treasures to be found in Pisa—especially for Laura Buckingham, an owner who has a love of decorative doors. When Debby and I found out Laura's camera had been lost, her photographic quest for doors became ours as we captured images of intricate entrances throughout Italy.

Finding famous doors

Some of the most spectacular doors to be found were in Florence's Cathedral Square, when we viewed the Duomo, the Baptistery, and Giotto's Bell Tower, dating back to the 14th century. Of particular interest were the Baptistery's doors made with bronze panels created by Lorenzo Ghiberti. He spent 21 years crafting the North Doors (1403-24), and most of the rest of his life (1425-52) on his masterpiece East Doors, which depict scenes from the Old Testament. Dubbed "The Gates of Paradise" by Michelangelo, Ghiberti's original panels are now on display in the nearby Cathedral Museum.

At Florence's Accademia Museum, we experienced a true vision of grandeur as we gazed at one of Michelangelo's most treasured creations, the statue "David." (As some say the best

OWNER PROFILE

Name: Ernestine Cohn

Owner since: 1996

Occupation: Insurance agent/business owner

Home: San Leandro, CA

Adventure Club trips: Footloose in Italy, New Orleans, Mediterranean Cruise, and Greece



EMMA GOSTON

"I love Footloose tours because of the people I meet. For example, Bonnie Stirlor and I became friends and travel partners in 2003 on a Footloose Italy trip. I also appreciate the freedom to do my own thing and still be in a group. This last cruise was a blast. Everyone was so friendly and we had so much fun before dinner. Of course, I especially liked the ship's disco, having been chosen to participate in the dance activities by the ship's entertainment director so many times. I asked him why he had chosen me and he said I reminded him of his mother—which I thought was so sweet. If only I could have stayed away from the cruise's art auctions!"

OWNER PROFILE

Name: Bonnie Stirlor

Owner since: 1990

Occupation: Tax assessor

Home: Traverse City, MI

Adventure Club trips: Italy, New Orleans, France (twice), Mediterranean cruise, and Bavaria and Vienna
Resorts visited: Eagle Crest OR; Whistler, BC; Lake Tahoe, CA; Oregon Coast; Discovery Bay, WA; Lake Chelan, WA; Victoria, BC; Seaside, OR; Long Beach Peninsula, WA

Where next?: I'd love to visit England and Ireland, just a taste of London but otherwise the countryside.



EMMA GOSTON

"I keep buying credits so I can do Adventure Club trips and still have room left over for my daughter and her family in the Seattle area to get in their Washington and Oregon Coast trips. (They also LOVE the new Victoria accommodations.) On Footloose tours, people are very willing to chat and mingle rather than doing the 'couples thing.' You can join a group that likes to go to casinos, or go off with another group joining in karaoke. I think our group leaders, Emma and Debby, had much to do with how well our group functioned. They put a lot of work into organizing and coordination. What fun we had singing 'Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend!'"

perspective is from behind, we walked around the entire statue.) Then lunch was enjoyed with views of the Ponte Vecchio, meaning "old bridge." The landmark dates back to 1345, and houses many fine gold and jewelry vendors.

Other Florence stops included the Uffizi Gallery, with works by many of the masters, and the Church of Santa

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EMMA CROSTON



ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL



EMMA CROSTON



(Clockwise from bottom:) The group's memories of Italy include a bountiful fruit stand in a pickup truck, Rome's romantic Trevi Fountain, the scenic island of Capri, and a lunch in Naples enhanced by a serenading, instrumental trio.

Owners had several options for touring Rome, with some groups arriving at the Vatican just in time to witness the Pope address a crowded St. Peter's Square, as he does every Wednesday. On a particularly busy day here, it was a pleasant surprise to find ourselves walking right past the long lines of tourists waiting to enter the museums and attractions, while our RCCL shore excursion group had special arrangements for immediate entry.

Owners also visited the Pantheon, originally built as a Roman temple and later consecrated as a Catholic Church; the picturesque Spanish Steps, where the most beautiful Italian women and men of the 18th century gathered, waiting to be chosen as an artist's model; and the Trevi Fountain, where visitors "toss a coin in the fountain" to ensure their return to Rome.

Flirt with a gladiator

And what trip to the Eternal City would be complete without a visit to the Colosseum, one of the world's most famous historical monuments? A step inside this immense stadium, where ancient Roman citizens came to watch gladiatorial contests and other spectacles, inspires a mix of emotions. The weathered white concrete and travertine blocks, sadly

Croce. From atop the Piazzale Michelangelo, owners savored a final panoramic view of the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River, just as the sun set softly over the city.

Next came incomparable Rome, home to Vatican City with the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum, and the Sistine Chapel, where we beheld Michelangelo's impressive Renaissance frescoes, including the "Last Judgment."



Bonnie Stirler's karaoke debut with backup singers Cylinthia Cook, Emma Croston, and Ernestine Cohn.

stripped of their many precious materials for use in later buildings, still emanate the arena's beauty, power, and awe. Outside its walls, playful "gladiators" pose for tourist photos and reportedly swept some owners off their feet.

The last Italian port of call was Naples, where jagged dolomite cliffs tower straight up out of the azure Mediterranean. Owners ventured off in many directions—to the island of Capri, with its luxuriant gardens and elegant boutiques; the city of Sorrento, where legendary "sirens" attempted to lure Ulysses onto the rocks; the ancient Roman town of Pompeii, frozen in time by the eruption of nearby Vesuvius in 79 AD; and the Amalfi coastline, dotted with quaint seaside villages.

Simple, sensual delights

Everywhere, it seemed, narrow streets wound past charming villas surrounded by vibrant blooms. We especially enjoyed simple sights, such as a bountiful roadside fruit stand fashioned out of the back of an old pickup truck, where we admired the locally famous lemons. Later that warm, sunny day, frozen lemonade drinks were a refreshing treat, as was the "lemonchella," a lemon-flavored liquor, served after lunch, accompanied by lively accordion music. Our time in this lovely sun-soaked region was a true delight to all our senses.

While the Mediterranean proved to be as dreamy as the paintings it's inspired, shipboard activities boasted a bit of adventure with nightly group gatherings, daily activities, elaborate buffets, formal dinners, and themed parties with fantastic performances by the very talented crew. A highlight was the '70s night, where many danced and applauded the playful antics of the cruise staff, complete with their takeoff of the Village People leading "YMCA," and dance lessons of "The Hustle."

One darling owner, Ernestine Cohn, was particularly popular with the performers, and at one point was the center of attention for all five Village People as they danced with and around her. The scene was caught by the ship's video team who played a continuous loop of our escapades on the onboard TV channel for days. Ernestine became a superstar, with our shipmates commenting on how much they enjoyed watching her dance the night away with the crew.

Our mood became very festive the night before our last day at sea. With the group all dolled up in formal attire, we attended the karaoke show and supported owner Bonnie Stirler's singing debut (in front of quite a large audience)

OWNER PROFILE

Name: Jeannette Brickley

Owner since: 1999

Occupation: Construction supply sales

Home: Castro Valley, CA

Adventure Club trips: Greece, Paris, New York, Italy (twice), Mediterranean cruise

Resorts visited: Kihei (Maui), HI

Where next?: Disneyland in November, 2006; and Costa Rica in 2007.



EMMA CROSTON

"The thing I love most about traveling on the Footloose trips is the people. It seems I always find someone heading in the same direction I'm going. And usually it's a different person each day, so I get to meet and hang out with so many different people. I've enjoyed every trip and all the new friends I've made. I've just increased my credits to 50,000, so I'll be looking for someplace new and exciting to travel to next year."

OWNER PROFILE

Name: James and Stella Marie Renfrew

Owner since: 2004

Occupation: Engineering geologist; flight attendant

Home: Irvine, CA

Adventure Club trips: Mediterranean cruise



EMMA CROSTON

"We enjoyed meeting other couples, such as Rosie and Vic Gonzalez, with whom we shared much of the tour in Capri, Italy. Meeting such kind-hearted and good people is very rare nowadays. Our favorite memory from the cruise was going to Monaco on our own. It was amazing how they were able to build mansions overlooking the French Riviera. It just made us feel we were royals for a day! Our tour leaders were amazing, organizing and gathering everyone for activities on the ship. Hopefully we'll be able to do another cruise in a year!"

with the song "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." This was followed by a "Ladies Night" party, a big hit since Footloose groups tend to be predominantly women. Three lucky ladies were invited to sit center stage for a playful little strip tease by the cruise director, Rico, and his gorgeous staff; two women were our very own Leslie Haynes and Audrey Kuni-eda, who graciously accepted with feigned innocence and a genuine blush or two.

As our journey came to an end, contact information was exchanged, and life-long friendships were established. As we went our separate ways, our diverse group of owners would be forever united by our many happy memories of being swept away at sea, visiting the gems of Europe. 



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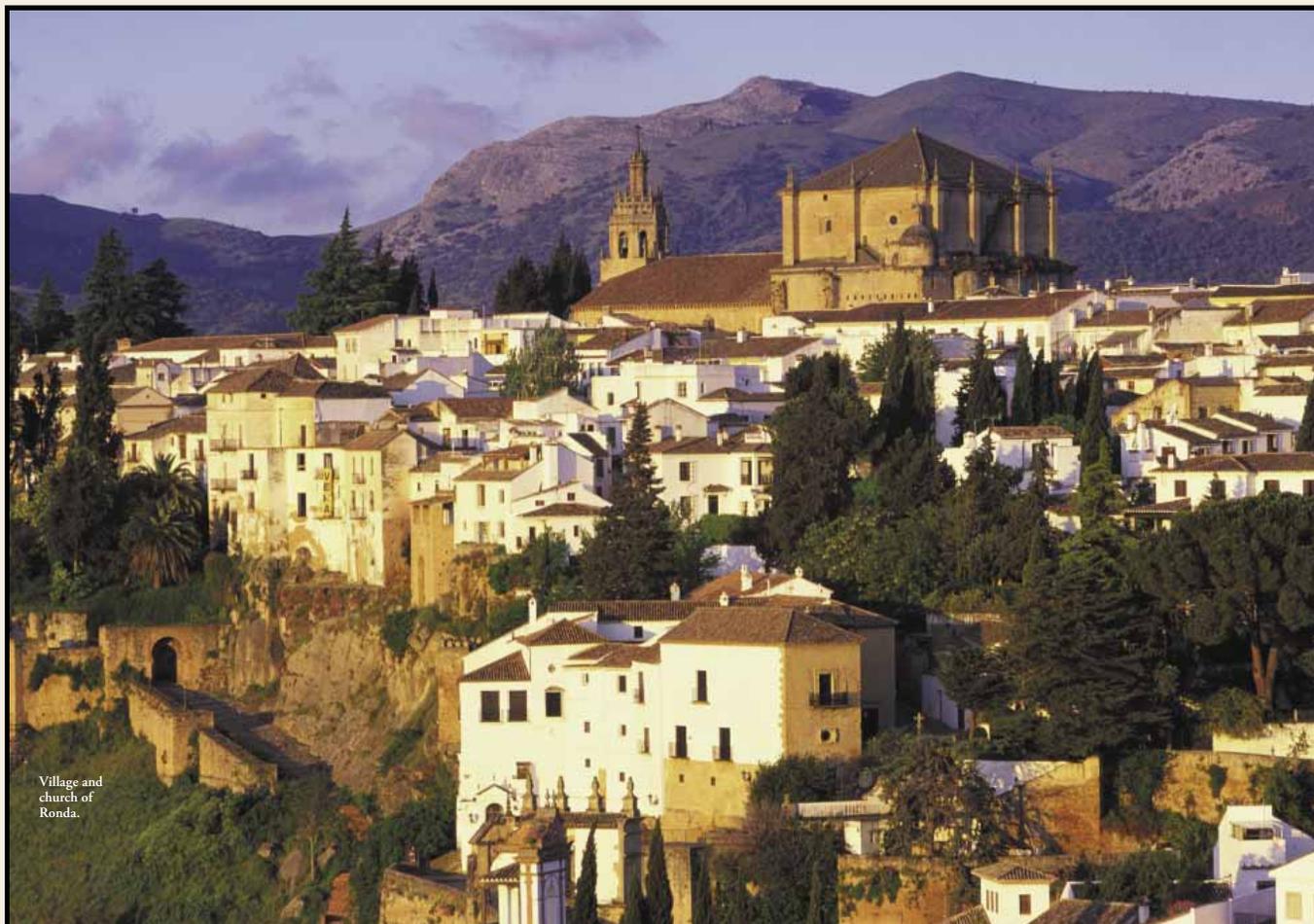
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Arches of the Mosque at Cordoba.

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58,000 credits per cabin*
- Balcony cabin: 38,750 credits per person;
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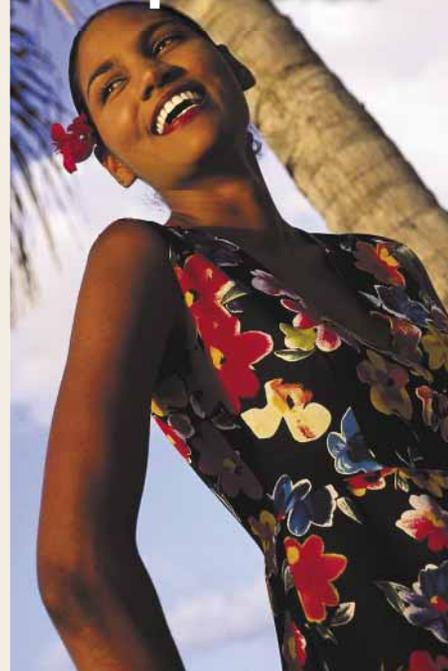
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- Balcony cabin: 31,500 credits per person;
63,000 credits per cabin*

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