

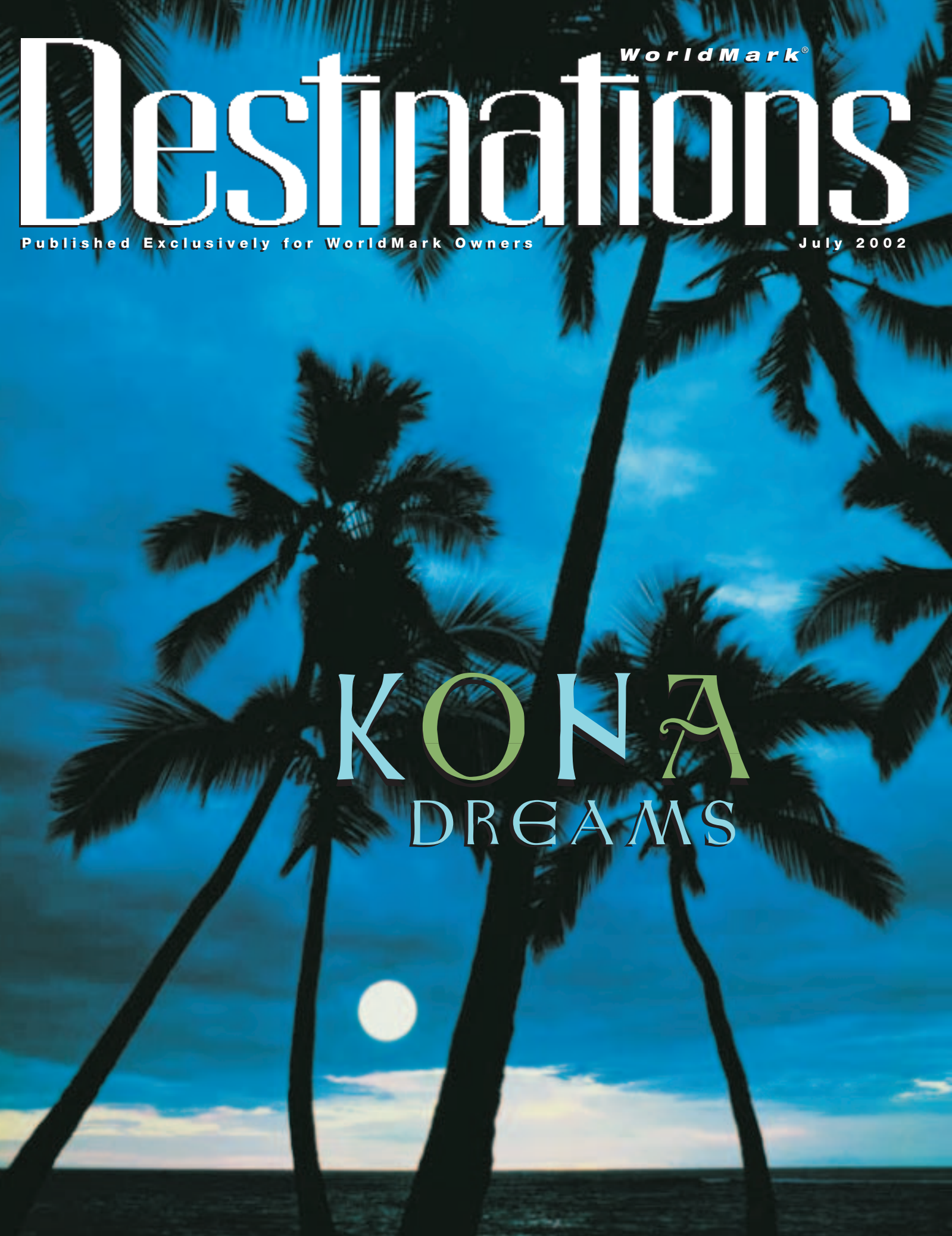
# Destinations

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## KONA DREAMS



Savor the  
Season

**L**ike the basic black dress, your WorldMark credits have many uses. In this issue of *Destinations*, there are plenty of opportunities to read about what I mean: In addition to booking stays at WorldMark resorts, you can now reserve hotel rooms in major West Coast cities. You can buy theme park tickets, including passes to Disneyland. You can go to Europe. And, for a limited time through Trendwest Travel, you can use credits to purchase all cruises and many airline tickets. This summer, why not take advantage of your credits' versatility and put them to creative use?

With children out of school, many families use the summer to pack up the car and hit the road together. So we've compiled six family getaways in WorldMark country. Turn to page 10 for places with kid—and kid-at-heart—appeal. Also, be sure to check out our Words to Travel By column, which offers tips for traveling with teens, so the journey can be just as enjoyable as the destination. No sulking allowed!

Any time of year, Kona draws families, couples and solo adventurers alike. Its mix of mythology, ancient civilization, adventure and romance adds luster to the warm seas and welcoming weather. Staff writer Doug Hampton explores the hidden valleys and remarkable diversity of this enchanted land, starting on page eight.

Barbecues, watermelon, snow cones, sunscreen, wildflowers, long days, warm nights, candlelight—these are the charms of summer. Savor them.

*Leah Clark*



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**Kona Dreams**

Volcanoes steam, streams plunge to orchid-rimmed pools, ancient temples gentle the waves—Kona is calling you.

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in WorldMark country**

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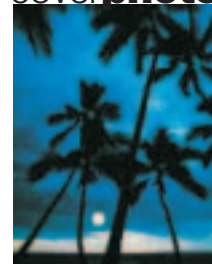
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Beauty never sleeps  
on the Kona Coast.

Do you long for a romantic night in the city followed by room service the next morning? Or a day of sophisticated shopping? Then check out our new urban hotel exchanges. Thanks to WorldMark's preferred relationship with WestCoast, you can use your credits to book one or more nights at hand-picked hotels in downtown Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco or not-so-urban Anaheim. These accommodations range from charming European-style hotels to sleek, modern buildings; rooms feature coffee makers, on-demand movies and, in most cases, mini-bars. You won't have a kitchen or washing machine but, hey, who wants to cook and clean during an escape into the city, anyway?

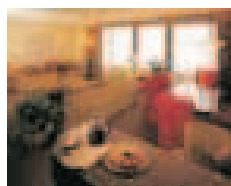
Each room sleeps up to four and rates include tax. (Rates are seasonal and subject to change.) At most of these hotels, parking is available for an additional charge. Space is limited, so call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103 today.

### Salt Lake City, UT

The **WestCoast Salt Lake** is a high-rise building featuring the SkyBar, a rooftop club where you can dance the night away. The hotel sits just a few blocks from the Convention Center in the heart of downtown, and has an outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, restaurant and complimentary parking.

**1,500 credits per night**

DOWNTOWN PORTLAND FOUNTAIN / PHOTO BY ELIZABETH ROSE MITCHELL



### Seattle, WA

The **Vance and The Roosevelt** are historic hotels with smaller, quaint rooms and funky 1920s charm. The **Fifth Avenue Grand** (pictured) has luxury touches such as robes and featherbeds, a rooftop restaurant and a full-service concierge to arrange a night on the town. The **Paramount** hotel is within two blocks of the Paramount Theater, Nordstrom and Westlake Center's monorail to the Seattle Center and Space Needle.

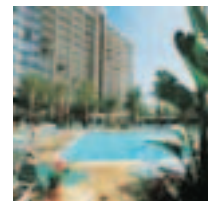
**1,800 – 2,500 credits per night**

### Anaheim, CA

#### The WestCoast

Anaheim is a newly redecorated 13-story building just one block from Disneyland and adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center. Lounge on your balcony overlooking Disneyland or the Olympic-size pool, and take a free shuttle to Disneyland the next morning. A western-themed restaurant rounds out the hotel's amenities.

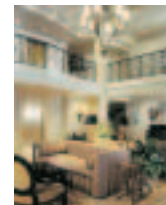
**1,350 – 1,500 credits per night**



### San Francisco, CA

The **Cathedral Hill** hotel is a recently updated 1960s high-rise perfectly situated for a venture into downtown or to the Wharf. It's just eight blocks west of Union Square and four blocks from the California Cable Car Line. Find your heart in San Francisco.

**1,600 – 1,750 credits per night**



### Portland, OR

The **Paramount** is a 15-story European-style boutique hotel built two years ago among theaters, shopping and Portland's beloved Park Blocks. Stroll two blocks to enjoy a concert at "the Schnitz" and awake to breakfast in bed. Dragonfish, an innovative Pan-Asian Café, is located off the hotel lobby.

**2,200 credits per night**



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# We Have a Winner!

## comment card drawing

Congratulations to Steve Johnson of Seattle, Washington, who won a three-night WorldMark stay when we pulled his completed comment card from the hat. You could be next!

## Running Y Greens Fee Increase

Eighteen holes now costs WorldMark owners \$60 USD. Call 1-888-850-0261 to reserve your tee time in sunny Southern Oregon.

## Pool & Spa Guidelines

Summer by the pool—could anything be better? Only if everyone follows the rules. Here are a few reminders to help ensure your comfort and safety:

- Pools and spas have minimum-age and unattended-age restrictions. For the benefit of all owners, please abide by them. There is no lifeguard on duty.
- Little children naturally love to play in the water, which is a delight to see. They also naturally do other things in the water that are less delightful. For this reason, please make sure your diaper-age children are wearing leak-proof protective pants when they visit WorldMark pools.
- Glass bottles and radios should not be brought into the pool and spa areas.
- Don't cannonball into the pools, don't jump or dive into the spas, and remember that running on pool decks can cause serious injury.

## Resort Parking

Considering taking your RV, travel trailer, boat or personal watercraft with you on your next vacation? Many WorldMark resorts have limited parking for trailers or oversized vehicles and may need to refer you to an off-site location. Please call the resort before leaving home to learn that destination's policy. Thank you!

## inventory specials

# southern savings

During the month of August, vacation midweek at the following resorts for just four cents per credit. Call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103 to make your reservations.

**Bison Ranch, AZ**

**Branson, MO**

**Lake of the Ozarks, MO**

**Rancho Vistoso, AZ ( some weekends)**

*Midweek stays must take place Sunday through Thursday. Reservations at the above resorts not subject to 14-day booking window. You may book multiple units. Holidays are excluded.*

## Las Vegas Manager Named

**Toby Allen has been named manager of the new WorldMark Las Vegas, where 210 units are scheduled to open late this summer.**

**Toby was born and educated in England, graduating from Westminster Hotel College in London. He has worked in England, Scotland, France, Monte Carlo and Hawaii, where he met his wife, Lita.**

**Toby gained experience as a resort manager in such places as the Grand Canyon, Death Valley, Kauai and Oahu. His love for the industry, friendliness and continuing pursuit of excellence set the tone for the new Las Vegas resort.**

## what's new

### Float Your Boat

**Utah's Bear Lake now offers a dinner cruise boat that gives discounts to WorldMark owners and their guests.**

**And at Lake Tahoe, the aptly named Meteor will take you across the big lake in only 40 minutes.**

**During your next visit to these locations, give these new boats a try.**



## Owners, Join the Team!

### Trendwest hydro at Seafair

This August, join the Trendwest Race Team for the General Motors Cup hydroplane races at Seafair in Seattle, Washington. WorldMark owners are being offered a chance to get close to the action by acquiring a team pass. It's just 1,350 credits per person for Friday, August 2, and 1,650 credits per person for Sunday, August 4.

Your pass entitles you to:

- Roundtrip motor-coach transportation from the Trendwest corporate headquarters to the race site. Continental breakfast served prior to departure. (Additional pick-up available at the Renton Park & Ride.)

- All-day access to the Trendwest hospitality area, with private waterfront and invitation-only bleacher seating.

- Pit access and tour.
- Race Team T-shirt and hat.
- Snacks and beverages.

Help cheer on the U-2 Trendwest hydroplane! To get your team pass, call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103. Space is limited.



FIJIAN SCHOOLCHILDREN / 2001 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY BY JIM AND SHERRY CLAGUE

## Vacation Memories Photo Contest 2002

share the joy

We've seen you checking your light meter on the balcony, sneaking the camera out while the kids play, focusing on the island dancers, shooting the magnificent sunset. Share the joy—and win a free vacation! Entries are already pouring in for the sixth annual Vacation Memories Photo Contest; the deadline for submissions is September 15, 2002.

**Mail entries to:**

*Destinations* Photo Contest  
Trendwest Resorts, Inc.  
9805 Willows Road  
Redmond, WA 98052

**Contest Rules:** All entries must have been taken on a WorldMark or exchange vacation during 2001 or 2002. Each owner account may submit up to four prints, transparencies and/or slides. (If slides, please include prints of the images, as well.) Printouts of digital images must also be accompanied by original files. Sorry, we cannot accept images electronically. Please mail your entries in one envelope and label each print, slide and transparency with your name, owner number, address and phone number. To protect your images, write on the backs with a permanent marker and safely package in cardboard. Each entry should include a description of where the photograph was taken. *Images will not be returned to you.* Only one winning entry per person, per year. By entering the contest, participants agree to free use of their photographs by WorldMark and Trendwest Resorts, including publication in future issues of *Destinations*.

## Photo Contest Prizes

**Grand Prize:**

9-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$50 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**First Prize:**

6-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$50 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**Second Prize:**

3-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$50 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**Third Prize:**

2-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$50 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**Owners Choice Award:**

2-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$25 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**Staff Star Award:**

2-night stay at the WorldMark resort of your choice, plus a \$25 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

**Honorable Mention:**

(10 winners)

\$25 USD Cameraworld.com certificate

## Making the Most of Your Time reservation reminders

Save yourself valuable time by getting organized before calling to book your vacation. So that your vacation planning counselor can better serve you, please have these items close at hand:

- Your owner number
- A calendar
- A pen and paper
- Your preferred travel plans (dates and resort)



**t h i s s u m m e r ...**

*"I will be making a trip up to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. My husband and I spent our first weekend together there, so our plan is to reignite that weekend and, if time allows, we might even get in a round or two of golf at the many great courses they have to offer."*  
—Kathy Greenberg, Louisville, CO

*"I want to take several friends to a resort to show them the wonderful benefits of being a WorldMark owner."*  
—Jeri Coats, Onaga, KS

*"We plan to take in the sights of Oceanside, California, and let our son see Mexico for the first time, then swing by beautiful Yosemite National Park, by way of Bass Lake, on the way home. This is all planned to happen in mid-August, when the sun will be its*

For an upcoming issue of *Destinations*, tell us:

**What is your favorite stop or side trip on the way to a WorldMark resort?**

We must receive your response by July 19. If we publish your answer, you'll receive a WorldMark logo item as thanks for your contribution. E-mail [leahc@trendwestresorts.com](mailto:leahc@trendwestresorts.com), or write to:

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*warmest, the beaches most inviting and the water most enjoyable . . . Since our son is at an age where he will soon be going his own way, this is probably one of the last times we will be able to fully enjoy the closeness of our little family. We are truly looking forward to this summer's adventures!"*  
—Mike, Vicki & Brian Miller, Vancouver, WA

*"I will be taking my friends from the Netherlands to the beautiful WorldMark resort in Gleden Beach on the Oregon Coast. It has been a childhood dream of theirs to come to America and they are now in their 50s. I am very excited to show them everything that the West Coast has to offer, and will be proud to stay at our WorldMark resorts along the way."*  
—Lysa McAfee, Meridian, ID

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COMPUTER RENDERING

**Solvang, CA**

Wine and Danish? Expect both when WorldMark opens a 90-unit resort in the little Danish town of Solvang deep in the heart of Southern California's scenic Santa Ynez Valley wine country. The town was founded by immigrants looking to preserve their culture, and this Danish-themed resort will fit right in. Construction drawings are being prepared, and Trendwest plans to break ground late this summer. The resort is scheduled to open Fall 2003.



**South Shore, NV**

The clubhouse, laundry, pool, spa, and 43 units of WorldMark's second Lake Tahoe location are scheduled to open late this summer, completing Phase I. All Phase I buildings are receiving their exterior paint as work continues on the interiors. Grading and site excavation for Phase II began in early May.

**Ongoing Projects**

Destination	No. Units	Estimated Completion	Status
Big Bear, CA – Phase II	50	Summer 2002	Final inspection
Las Vegas, NV – Phase I	210	Summer 2002	Finishing units
Angels Camp, CA – Phase II	88	Summer 2003	Design/permits
Seaside, OR	283	Summer 2003	Interior framing
Sonoma County, CA – Phase I	150	Summer 2003	Site mobilization
Victoria, BC	92	Summer 2003	Structural framing

Information as of May 22, 2002.

## in brief

### Lucky 13

Each unit in the WorldMark inventory can be booked up to 13 months in advance.



WORLDMARK ANGELS CAMP / PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

## in the know



# Resort Refurbishment

## keeping our resorts looking great

BY SAM BUCKINGHAM, PRODUCT ENHANCEMENT MANAGER

This year, WorldMark's Product Enhancement Department will reach out and touch over 40 resorts, spending approximately \$10 million USD on refurbishment and renovations. A majority of the work will be done at the Angels Camp, Birch Bay, Coral Baja, Lake Tahoe and Leavenworth resorts, which will receive new carpet, paint, window coverings, silk plants, art, occasional chairs and sofas—and that's just on the inside! Outside projects include electronic door locks, barbecues, exterior paint, parking lot seal coating, sport court or tennis court resurfacing, pool and spa resurfacing, outdoor furniture, new

sidewalks and some lighting upgrades. These are just a few of the changes you can look forward to enjoying on your next vacation.

All of us in Product Enhancement take the condition of our properties very seriously. We are always searching for better products and repair methods. Getting the job done right the first time and on time is our primary goal. We also have been fortunate to have a great group of contractors helping us along the way.

I want to thank everyone who has sent me an e-mail or letter. I appreciate the positive feedback, as well as your suggestions for

what you would like to see changed. I would also like to thank you for your patience if the resort you were visiting was undergoing renovation. We try to be next to invisible while completing our work, but, with the larger jobs, it can be very difficult to hide several construction workers and all of their equipment, not to mention an occasional semi-truck delivering new products! As you well know, the payoff is immeasurable—your WorldMark resorts will always be in top shape.

# A

sacred home of ancient chiefs where wild horses now graze. Walk into the valley for about five minutes to glimpse Hiilawe Falls, which drops 1,200 feet—the highest free-fall waterfall in Hawaii and one of the highest in the world. This is where the rain god Lono found the beautiful maiden Kaikilani, cast a rainbow to her heart and traveled down to carry her away as his bride.

For a spectacle that's easier to view, head southeast down Highway 19 through the sleepy villages of Papaaloa and Ninole to the quaint old plantation town of Honomu, and drive four miles inland to Akaka Falls State Park. Take 20 minutes to walk an easy half-mile rain forest loop past massive philodendron vines, bamboo groves, bubbling streams and hillsides of bright impatiens to see Akaka Falls plunging 422 feet into a pool surrounded by orchids, lush ferns and hanging heliconia. A little farther on, secluded cliffs thick with orchids reveal 400-foot Kahuna Falls.

## A Taste of Old Hawaii

The island's human history is as wild and varied as its landscape, and there's no easier place to experience it than right outside the resort in Kailua-Kona itself.

Jutting out from Kamakahonu Beach into the north end of Kailua Bay and breaking the waves for swimmers is Ahuena Heiau, an old temple used for human sacrifice under the islands' ancient and rigid taboo-based religion. Ahuena Heiau's compound—now restored with thatched structures and grimacing wooden images—is where King Kamehameha died in 1819 after uniting the Hawaiian Islands under his rule, and where months later his son and successor destroyed the old religion by publicly eating at the women's table, breaking one of the strictest taboos.

The next year, Christian missionaries—unaware that Hawaii's religion had just been abolished—landed nearby at what is now Kailua Pier and filled the spiritual vacuum. Their first permanent house of worship, the white-steepled Mokuaikaua Church,

still stands several hundred yards away. Inside the 1837 lava stone and coral walls, you can peruse pages from the diary of missionary Lucy Thurston.

## Upland Arts and Culture

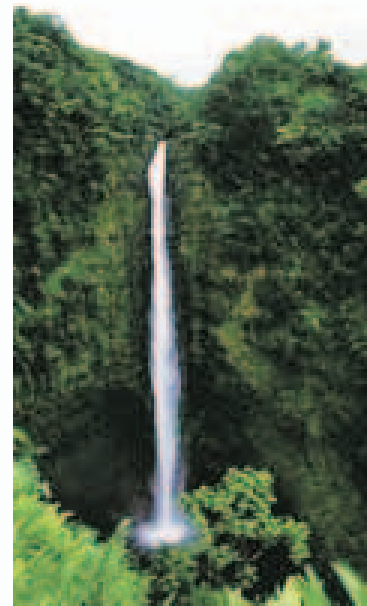
Local arts and crafts are plentiful in these parts. In the upland village of Holualoa, just inland from the resort, you can visit art galleries, buy baskets and hats woven from hala leaves by the families of local coffee farmers, and attend workshops on batik and basketry at the Kona Arts Center in a ramshackle former coffee mill.

Kona is famous for its aromatic coffee, first brought to the island as an ornamental plant in the 1820s. Many farms now grow, mill, roast and sell their own beans and offer free samples and tours. Drive Route 11 through the small agricultural towns of Honalo, Kainaliu, Kealahou and Captain Cook to see coffee, fruit and macadamia nut farms and get a taste of Old Hawaii. Keep a lookout for old drying shacks with movable rain roofs invented by Japanese laborers who took over the coffee farms after fleeing the sugar plantations in the late 1800s.

## Beach, Beach, Beach

And then, of course, there's the beach. Beaches are not just sand here. They're recreation centers,

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Akaka Falls plunges into a rain forest pool on the lush east side of the Big Island.

MAP BY CHRIS CLARK







# KONA DREAMS

One of my earliest memories is floating in the ocean off HAWAII,

being lifted and rolled by the warm swells, opening my eyes for an instant to see ripples of sunlight dancing on the sandy sea floor through clear, undulating water. I was three years old, and the memory has a slow, dreamlike quality.

The Hawaiian Islands are a dreamy place, and the Big Island may be the dreamiest of all, with living volcanoes and steaming primeval landscapes, ancient temples and traditional arts, wildflower hillsides, stupendous ocean sunsets and bays full of brilliant fish—all easily accessible from your air-conditioned WorldMark Kona resort, complete with spa, outdoor pools and central sunbathing and barbecue areas on the dry western side of the island.

#### Go With the Flow

You can't escape the lava on the Big Island. Jets land at the Kona airport atop black basalt that flowed when Mount Hualalai last erupted in 1801. The drive south to the resort passes intertwined black and brown fingers of hardened molten rock. In the southeast, Kilauea—one of the five big volcanoes that built the island—has been continuously erupting since 1983, spilling hot magma over the land and into the sea. Five years ago, a new volcano erupted under the sea 20 miles off Hawaii's southeast coast.

Welcome to the home of Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire.

To meet her, take a two-and-a-half-hour drive around the southwestern tip of the island to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, where you have the chance to see one of the world's most active volcanoes in red-hot action. Trails lead across steaming crater floors and through lush native forests. For a dramatic demonstration of nature's power, stop by the Kilauea Visitor Center at the

park's entrance to learn about current lava conditions, then drive to the end of the Chain of Craters Road and walk a rugged mile over hardened lava to see 2,000-degree molten rock pouring into the ocean—a superb place for a picnic. For a more family-style hike, you can walk a mile through ferns and native forest along the Kilauea Caldera and Halemaumau Crater.

Kilauea's 19-year-long eruption has added over 500 acres to the southern shore, at the same time swallowing more than 180 houses and a 700-year-old temple.

#### Waterfalls and Cliffs

The grandeur is gentler on the northeast side of the island, where you'll find stupendous waterfalls and luxuriant forests. If you feel like working up a sweat, take Route 240 west to the Waipio Valley lookout, admire the rugged coastal cliffs, and tread a steep mile down switchbacks to the large black-sand beach. Behind you is the six-mile-deep Waipio Valley, once the

BY  
DOUG HAMPTON



## Live the Wild West in *Bison Ranch*

If there's a place to energize road-weary kids, it's Bison Ranch, 130 miles northeast of Phoenix, Arizona. Resembling an 1880s Western frontier town, with false-front buildings, plank sidewalks and wild bison grazing nearby (including two calves born in the spring), it's designed to make both young and old imaginations come alive.

Spend all day Friday or Saturday sampling the Old West life, starting and ending right at the resort. After a skillet breakfast at your unit, saddle up for an hour-long guided horseback ride into the high country to breathe the mountain air and scout for elk, eagles and antelope. Back at the ranch, refresh yourself at one of the two all-ages saloons, tend the draft and miniature horses at the barn, and—if you're there on the right day—watch a live rodeo. For lunch and dinner, chow down at an outdoor cowboy cookout. Then bundle everyone up for an evening hay wagon ride around the property, or sit near the campfire listening to a cowboy poet, storyteller or Western band as darkness falls.

*Another idea:* Call the Rock Art Ranch (928-288-3260) between Holbrook and Winslow to arrange a walking tour through a canyon with a concentration of ancient Native American drawings on cliff walls and boulders. Families can also arrange to ride horses, learn how to rope, watch a cattle roundup and visit this ranch's collection of Anasazi, pioneer and cowboy artifacts.



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## Rock On in *Clear Lake*

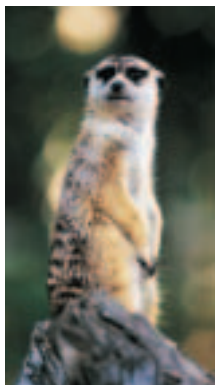
Who doesn't have childhood memories of lazy summer days spent on a lake? WorldMark Clear Lake, about 100 miles northwest of Sacramento, is where such memories are made.

Clear Lake comes alive in summer, with fishing tournaments, outdoor concerts (many of them free), car racing at the Lakeport Speedway, guided nature walks, winery events and, of course, lake recreation—boating, water skiing and swimming. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, you can even rent watercraft at the resort, which makes taking advantage of over 100 miles of shoreline even easier. A different way for families to beat the heat: Outrageous Waters in the city of Clearlake. This water park and fun center has water slides, Grand Prix race cars, batting cages, a video arcade and a restaurant.

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## Sea and City Fun in *Oceanside*

With six miles of beachfront and almost perennial Southern California sun, Oceanside isn't short on appeal. But its proximity to San Diego (35 miles to the south) certainly adds to its allure ... especially for children. In fact, San Diego has been named "the most family-friendly city in the Southwest U.S." by *Family Fun Magazine*, and if you've yet to visit this locale, you'd better do so—before your kids grow up!



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a free tram to shuttle you around). Fifteen museums enlighten and entertain, featuring everything from sports to the history of man. (Families receive free admission to various museums on Tuesdays.) Eight magnificent gardens are a horticulturist's dream-cape, with the magical butterfly garden a particular favorite of kids. And the old-fashioned carousel with hand-carved animals makes for a memorable ride for all ages.

San Diego's Balboa Park is no mere park. Its highlight is the 100-acre San Diego Zoo, whose 4,000 residents include rare Komodo Dragons and giant pandas on loan from China. Toddlers will enjoy the Children's Zoo, where they can pet animals and see fellow little ones at the animal nursery. But after checking out the zoo, there's still 1,100 acres of the park left to explore (and

*Another idea:* Motor 43 miles south to WorldMark La Paloma and take in the sounds, tastes, smells and sights of Baja California. This relaxing destination has held on to facets of old Mexico, making it the ideal place for your family to immerse itself in another culture without having to fly overseas. It'll also give your teenager a chance to practice his Spanish!

## We're Going to DISNEYLAND!

What child doesn't dream of going to Disneyland? Well, WorldMark can now take you there. Through our new Urban Exchange Program, you can book a room at the WestCoast Anaheim hotel and arrange for park tickets through the Vacation Planning Center. Disney Park Hopper tickets (for admittance to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure theme park) are valid for 13 days after first use, with all tickets expiring on September 3.

### THREE-DAY PASS

Adult:

1,500 credits

Child (ages 3 - 9):

1,350 credits

### FOUR-DAY PASS

Adult:

1,850 credits

Child (ages 3 - 9):

1,750 credits

*Through Urban Exchange, you can also explore San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Salt Lake City with your family and friends. See page two for more information.*

# Fabulous family getaways

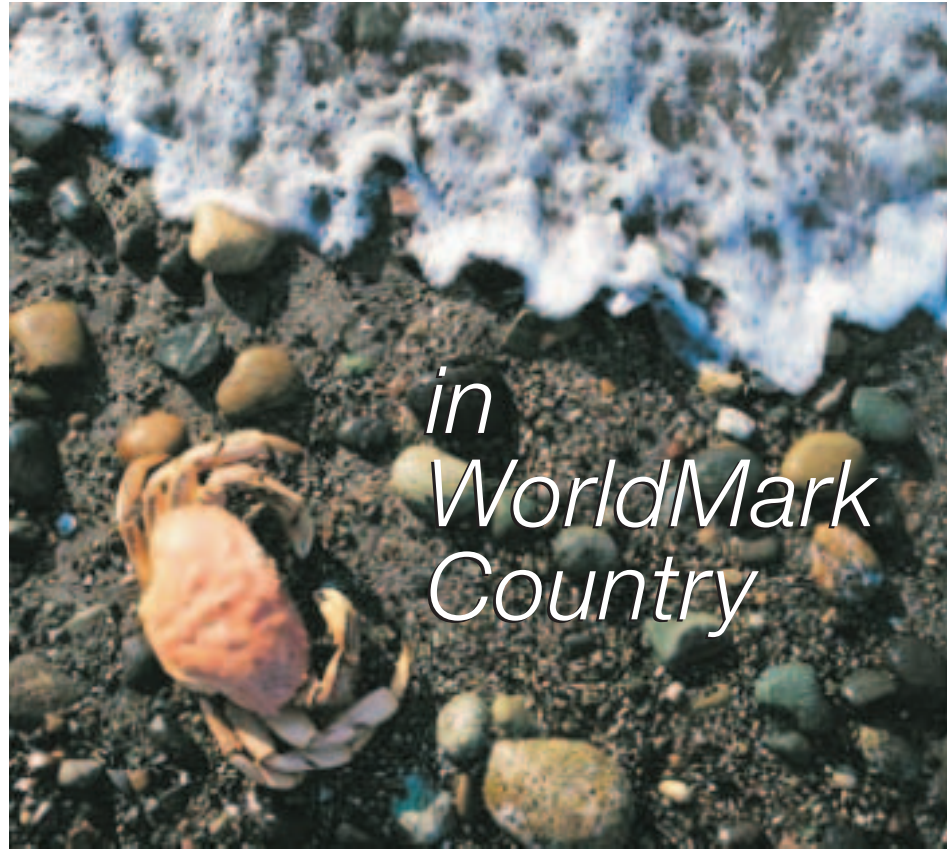
PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

The American humorist Robert Benchley once noted, “There are two kinds of travel—first class and with children.” Now that I have my own child, I know what Benchley means. Even getting to the grocery store can pose a challenge, so vacations are definitely not as straightforward as they used to be. Yet WorldMark resorts—with their spacious accommodations, laundry facilities and well-equipped kitchens—certainly make it easier to travel with a toddler in tow.

And my husband and I have noticed something else, as well:

Through our daughter, we’ve been able to view the world anew. In fact, all travelers are in a sense children—seeing the sights with fresh eyes; open to discovery, wonder and fascination.

Following are some family-friendly ideas (in no way comprehensive) for travel within WorldMark territory. I hope at least one of them inspires you to get away ... together.



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## Beach Out in Birch Bay

Bring your buckets, shovels and bathing suits to Birch Bay. Located on the Strait of Georgia 110 miles north of Seattle, just south of the U.S.-Canada border, Birch Bay is your chance to recreate the classic family beach vacation of another era.

Birch Bay State Park has more than two miles of beach, perfect for the gentle pursuits of crabbing and clamming, as well as building sculptures in the sand. The water is famously warm—making the shallow bay superb for swimming and water play—and low tides reveal many crawly creatures for inspection.

*Northwest Family Magazine* has deemed Birch Bay the best place to fly a kite in the state, and several local merchants sell all kinds of kites for your wind-blown pleasure. The fabulous 14-acre-plus Birch Bay Water Slides and World Family Fun Center (with go-carts, an 18-hole miniature golf course, game arcades and train) offer breezy adventure of a different sort.

*Another idea:* For a taste of civilization without urban overload, head to Bellingham, just 15 miles south of Birch Bay. In this charming city, you can fly a kite at Squalicum Harbor, help your daughter catch her first fish in Whatcom Falls Park’s juvenile pond, take a one-hour train ride through the woods at Lake Whatcom Railway, visit the free Marine Life Center with touch tank and several aquariums, then top it all off with a cone from Bay City Ice Cream Company. Yum!

# Charmed in San Diego

**November 1 and 2**  
**5,575 credits for two**



Romantic seclusion, handcrafted elegance, top-notch family activities and access to 70 miles of gorgeous beaches—have it all in beautiful Old Town San Diego.

Stay two nights at the Best Western Hacienda Suites-Old Town, tucked away on a hillside in the center of this historic neighborhood with 40 restau-

rants and 250 shops to serve you. Each suite is appointed with handmade Santa Fe furnishings inspired by the simplicity of the old Spanish missions. You'll be just 10 minutes from beaches, the world-famous San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld, downtown and the airport.

There's so much to see and do right outside your door. Start at the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, which recreates 19th-century life with five original adobes, a historic school-



house, a blacksmith shop, San Diego's first newspaper office and a stable with a carriage collection. Or stroll the charming neighborhoods of Old Town, Gaslamp Quarter, Little Italy, Coronado and La Jolla.

*Rate is for standard hotel room, double occupancy, and includes dinner Friday night. Airfare not included. To make flight arrangements, contact Trendwest Travel at 1-800-953-5511.*

## Western Caribbean Choice two ships, two trips, too much fun

This December, you've got a choice of two seven-night cruises in the western Caribbean, starting and ending in New Orleans—city of Dixieland Jazz, Creole cuisine and colorful street life.

Royal Caribbean's *Grandeur of the Seas* departs for the Mayan ruins of Progresso on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, the clear waters of Cozumel and splendidly Victorian Key West. Carnival's newest ship, *Conquest*, leaves for the Jamaican gem of Ochos Rios, then

takes you to the powdery sands and coral reefs of Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach and the unspoiled, tropical coast of Cozumel.

Pristine beaches, local crafts, rich history and the endless sea— isn't it time you got on board?

### **GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS** **December 7 - 14**

**Inside cabins:**  
**23,000 credits for two**

**Outside cabins:**  
**25,250 credits for two**

**Balcony cabins:**  
**34,500 credits for two**

**Outside quad cabins:**  
**32,000 credits for four**

### **CONQUEST** **December 15 - 22**

**Inside cabins:**  
**24,500 credits for two**

**Outside cabins:**  
**29,000 credits for two**

**Balcony cabins:**  
**33,500 credits for two**

**Outside quad cabins:**  
**46,500 credits for four**

*Subject to change and availability. Tax and port fees included. Air and \$129 USD exchange fee not included. Call Trendwest Travel at 1-800-953-5511 for airfare to New Orleans. For your cruise reservations, call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103.*

## The Good Life in Indian Wells

At the foot of the majestic Santa Rosa Mountains in Southern California lies a desert jewel—Miramonte Resort. Inspired by a Tuscan village, the Miramonte offers sumptuous accommodations amid hand-laid stonework, wrought-iron accents, exotic trees, flowers and fountains. All guest rooms have private terraces and marble-appointed baths.

On your two-night Golden Escapes getaway for owners at least 55 years young, you can sign up for massages, facials and body wraps at the resort's European Spa. Let Miramonte's golf concierge arrange the perfect outing tailored to your skills. Cross the street for a tennis match on one of a dozen Grand Champions courts frequented by the likes of Andre Agassi.

While in town, take advantage of senior discounts offered at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway for a spectac-

ular ride from the desert floor to the Mount San Jacinto State Park station at 8,516 feet. Stroll the 1,200-acre Living Desert zoo and botanical gardens to see hundreds of desert animals from around the world. Examine one of the world's largest collections of flying World War II airplanes at the Palm Springs Air Museum.

### **GOLDEN ESCAPES GETAWAY** **December 6 and 7** **7,600 credits for two**

Your package includes a three-course dinner Friday night with fellow WorldMark owners. Miramonte is in Indian Wells, just a two-hour drive from Los Angeles or San Diego, and 20 minutes from Palm Springs Regional Airport. Call 1-800-457-0103 to secure your reservation.

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Germany's time-honored Christmas markets are a great way to get in the holiday spirit.

Join us this December for six nights in Munich, with day trips to the lovely cities of Nuremberg and Rothenberg to experience centuries-old holiday shopping traditions.

Search for that perfect one-of-a-kind gift in the many market stalls full of Old World arts and crafts. Let your cares dissolve in the sweet sounds of choir and folk music and the tempting aromas of cookies, gingerbread and burnt-sugar almonds. Warm yourself with a hot, spiced glass of *Glühwein*—"glow wine"—while you contemplate the scene. And return home with rare gifts, decorations, stories and memories that will make this holiday season the most special yet.



## holiday shopping in Germany

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### GERMANY

**December 1 - 8**  
**43,000 credits for two**

Call 1-800-457-0103 to join in the fun.

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## Ring in the New Year With Big Ben

### LONDON

**December 26 - January 2**  
**37,000 credits for two**

Every year, London hosts one of the biggest street parades in all of Europe to welcome the New Year. Be there when it happens! More than a million people will fill the streets for this giant free party. Watch the festivities start as Big Ben strikes noon, then move past some of England's greatest historical sights: Parliament Square, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the original Scotland Yard at Derby Gate and St. James's Park, said to be one of the Queen's favorite public parks. And you won't want to miss the resplendent Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square.

This package includes roundtrip airfare from Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles (other city supplements available upon request), six nights' hotel accommodation with daily continental breakfast, half-day sightseeing tour of London (includes entrance to Westminster Abbey) and half-day tour of Windsor Castle.

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*Another idea:* If you have a budding chef on your hands, he or she will find the one-hour drive to the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone (in St. Helena) well worth it. Here you can observe a cooking demonstration in the new DeBaun Theater, with its TV-chef-style kitchen. The \$10 USD ticket price includes a video presentation, recipe and tasting of the dish. Dishes reflect the seasonal flavors of the wine country and change every few days. (June recipes included black pepper ice cream with seasonal berries.) Class times vary. You can make reservations in advance by calling 707-967-2320.

And, while visiting the gorgeous CIA campus, consider eating at the on-site Wine Spectator Greystone Restaurant, where every handcrafted table offers views of the chefs at work. Or, at the very least, stop by the Bakery Café and pick up a delectable treat or two before hitting the road again.

### *Explore the Past at Pinetop*

An old pioneer settlement 190 miles north of Tucson, Pinetop-Lakeside is perfectly situated to bring out the kid in all of us. The ponderosa pine forest here is full of family-welcoming trails, lakes and streams. There are gentle trail loops and even paved, wheelchair-accessible paths, as well as hundreds of miles of streams and lakes to dip a fishing pole into.

Your children (and you) can literally glimpse the past at the Petrified Forest National Park, where trees have turned to stone and lay where they fell 200 million years ago. The 27-mile scenic drive through the park shows off the Painted Desert's sculpted, multi-hued badlands, and has numerous pullouts at points of interest and picnic grounds at both ends. There are lots of opportunities to stretch your legs, too. A half-mile paved loop leads to the Puerco Indian Ruins, a partially excavated and restored 76-room pueblo and kiva built by the Anasazi.

The White Mountain Apache Reservation, just south of the resort, has numerous attractions. You can explore the historic Fort Apache complex, which includes a recreated Apache village, rock etchings and an old military cemetery. Tours with an Apache tribal guide are available. Nearby are the dramatically beautiful (and easy-to-reach) Kinishba Ruins, a partially restored Anasazi stone village abandoned by its 1,500 inhabitants before Columbus discovered America.

*Another idea:* Get an intimate look at Apache family and tribal life by attending a Sunrise Dance, an elaborate coming-of-age ceremony that marks the passage of young women into adulthood. The rite involves prayers, songs, and painting the girl's skin with a sacred mixture of pollen and clay. It usually takes place outdoors on weekends from May to October and is open to the public. (Non-tribal members should get permission from the sponsoring family and medicine man before taking pictures. Check with tribal offices in Whiteriver for schedules and etiquette.) 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

historical sites and cultural meeting places. The sand itself is not just sand. It can be white, black, gold—even green, in remote volcanic regions. From your resort in Kailua-Kona, turn south on Alii Drive to catch a sunset at White Sands Beach Park, where the surf can remove the sand literally overnight and return it just as magically. A little farther down the coast is Kahaluu



STEAM RISES FROM KILAUEA CRATER.

Beach, where the shallow waters teem with coral and colorful fish so tame they'll eat out of your hand—a great place to first get your snorkel wet. Snorkeling cruises and glass-bottom boats leave Keauhou Bay for the black sands of Napoopoo Beach and the 30-foot depths and massive cliffs of Kealakekua Bay. Farther south, at the Honaunau snorkeling beach, locals play music most Saturday evenings, and you can take a Hawaiian sailing-canoe trip and watch traditional outrigger racing.

Or head north past lava flows and coconut palms to the beautiful beaches of the dry Kohala Coast on the northwest side of the island. At Hapuna Beach, where the island of Maui can be seen 35 miles away, a half-mile stretch of cream-colored sand slopes to clear seas that beckon swimmers and snorkelers in summer and surfers in winter, when the waves swell to thunderous size. Kaunaoa Beach is a near-perfect crescent of white sand that is prized for crystalline, calm water. Spencer Beach, where you can see the island's four largest volcanoes at the same time, offers gentle swells and a park containing Hawaii's most famous and largest temple—Puukohola Heiau, where King Kamehameha sacrificed the last rival chief on the island to a war god in 1791 before setting out to conquer the entire Hawaiian chain.

### **Sportsman's Delight**

Kailua-Kona is also one of the world's best places for catching yellowfin tuna, spearfish and the sword-billed Pacific blue marlin, an awesome fighting fish that can weigh 1,000 pounds. If you're conservation-minded, charter boat captains will gladly tag and release your game fish to keep the population vibrant.

The island is known for beautiful golf courses with ocean and mountain settings and lava roughs. The challenging Makalei Hawaii Country Club is in the hills right above Kailua-Kona, where the views are spectacular. Or drive north up the Kona Coast 30-odd miles to play the dramatic Mauna Kea Beach Golf Course and the Mauna Lani Resort courses—previous home of the Senior Skins game.

The Big Island is the most diverse in the Hawaiian chain, with steamy volcanoes, Eden-like valleys and limpid bays full of exotic life, where ancient myths and history live on in enchanting places you can still see and touch. Whether you're a nature lover, cultural explorer, sportsman or beach potato, you can live your dreams in Kona. 🌊

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## Reminder

Reservations will be working with a smaller crew from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 4, while Trendwest Travel and Owner Services will be closed to celebrate Independence Day.



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## Smells Like Teen Spirit

Teenager + car trip. Is there a more terrifying equation? Every age has its challenges, but for many parents, few phases are more daunting than the span between 13 and 18, when attitude, ennui and hormones are all

raging within what was once a darling baby boy or girl. It's tempting to allow your child to retreat into the virtual teenage playpen of Gameboys or CD player headsets, but that's not what a family holiday is about. Vacation is a time to reconnect. Here are some suggestions to get your teen involved, and maybe even inspired!

### Baby, You Can Drive My Car

Driving is the Holy Grail to any adolescent, and a long car trip is the perfect opportunity for teens to hone their skills in a supervised environment. Plan your route together: Establish the increments in which you plan to break up the drive and which sections you feel your teen can handle. Make it clear that a parent will be riding shotgun at all times, ready to take over if it becomes necessary.

### Where Do We Go From Here?

Many children are more adept at finding information on the Internet than their parents are. Give your teens the job of Vacation Coordinator. Ask them to research your

destination and produce a daily schedule with appropriate activities for all family members—according to age, inclinations and personalities—with the understanding that everyone will participate in each activity. Who knows? The zoo trip for the benefit of your six-year-old might hold surprising riches for your teen. An adolescent-led visit to a major video arcade might reveal that you have extraordinary hand-eye coordination. The whole idea is to walk around in each other's worlds with an open mind, and to do it together.

An open mind should also apply to restaurant choices. Give your teen the task of finding a non-chain restaurant for each night. You'll discover great mom-and-pop operations and expand the family's culinary horizons with ethnic restaurants and regional delicacies.

### Music Hath Charms to Soothe the Savage Breast

The car stereo is often a bone of contention within families. Let each person take a turn at being Program Director: Everyone gets to play their musical preference, provide some background on their artist of choice, and explain the reason behind their selection. Assign your teen the role of official DJ to coordinate the playing of the tapes or CDs, allowing one hour for each person's choices. Music provides a great conduit for understanding, and finding out exactly why your young adult is enamored of Moby or Linkin Park can be enlightening. This works both ways: Most children cannot fathom their parents as teenagers, so playing them your favorite song from when you were their age gives them a valuable glimpse into your own humanity.

Planning, participation and a healthy dose of empowerment can make all the difference between having a terminally mopey teen on your hands or an interested explorer invested in having fun and a bit of adventure. Establish a "No Groaning, No Whining" rule ahead of time and keep your schedule a little loose to accommodate the sweet surprises travel throws your way. You all might get an education that cannot be found in any institution.

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