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## Beyond Halloween

October has always been one of my favorite months, albeit the reasons have changed as I've grown older. It's no longer about candy corn and face paint (though I still enjoy trekking to the farthest corner of the pumpkin patch in search of the perfect jack-o'-lantern). I now value this month for its crisp air, bright blue skies and hillsides cloaked in orange, red and gold. This is an invigorating season, one that makes me want to hit the road and drive until I run out of gas. For those who share this inclination, we're featuring two destinations: WorldMark Reno and WorldMark Arrow Point.

Reno has a rich history—literally, thanks to the gold and silver mined here in the mid-1800s. Nearby Virginia City, an amazingly well-preserved ghost town, transports visitors back to those boom days. Today's Reno-area pursuits include fishing for massive trout, exploring ancient lakes and sandboarding (you'll have to turn to page 10 for an explanation of *that one*).

Arrow Point is located outside the town of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and 25-mile-long Lake Coeur d'Alene graces the resort with its deep-blue expanse. Beyond the beauty and recreation of the lake itself, this region tempts visitors with a renowned spa, fine food, picturesque hikes, world-class golf and day trips to historic towns.

This issue will also entice you with a ladies weekend in Victoria, a Footloose tour of Rome and Venice, a Western Caribbean cruise and much, much more. So pack your bags and get out there—just remember to keep an eye on that gas gauge!

*Christina R. Koster*



WORLDMARK ARROW POINT / PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS



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Gateway to fun:  
The glittering Reno Arch.



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## Adventure Club

### Footloose in Lake Tahoe

January 10 – 11

Two nights at Embassy Suites Resort-Lake Tahoe and daily breakfast

Ski package: 4,425 credits per person  
Snowmobile package: 4,575 credits per person

### London for the New Year

December 26 – January 2

Six nights' accommodation, daily breakfast, airfare and tours  
37,000 credits for two

### Ladies-only Health Holiday

February 21 – 22 or March 21 – 22

Two nights at The Oaks at Ojai, meals, fitness classes and more

Standard double: 6,820 credits per person  
Medium double: 7,575 credits per person  
Double cottage: 8,350 credits per person

### Footloose in New Mexico

April 24 – 27

Three nights at the Radisson Santa Fe Hotel and tours  
6,670 credits per person

## Cruise for Credits

### 3-night Baja Cruise

January 17 – 20

Carnival's *Ecstasy* departs Los Angeles and stops at Ensenada and Catalina  
Inside cabin: 10,500 credits for two  
Outside cabin: 12,500 credits for two  
Outside quad cabin: 20,500 credits for four

### 4-night Baja Cruise

January 20 – 24

Carnival's *Ecstasy* departs Los Angeles and stops at Ensenada and Catalina  
Inside cabin: 10,000 credits for two  
Outside cabin: 10,500 credits for two  
Inside quad cabin: 17,000 credits for four

*All credit rates are based on double occupancy.*

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GLENEDEN BEACH, OREGON / PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

# Seaside Renewal

## Gleneden improvements

In the midst of substantial repairs to offset the Oregon coast, Gleneden Beach has been subjected to over the past six winters. The project requires the majority of the units—as well as the hotel and oceanfront spa—to close until next summer. In addition to replacing siding and making structural improvements, we will be completing seismic stabilization work.

One unit building will remain open during this time, and the hotel will be as inviting as ever for long strolls. The clubhouse will be open, and we have arranged for pool use at nearby

WorldMark Depoe Bay (where both indoor and outdoor pools are available).

Thanks for your patience. The completion of this project will make one of your favorite WorldMark resorts even better.



## Don't Forget annual owners meeting

The 2002 Annual Owners Meeting is fast approaching. We hope to see you Thursday, October 17, at the DoubleTree Hotel Bellevue (300 112th Avenue S.E., Bellevue, Washington). Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Please take a moment to send in your three-year proxy or click to [www.proxyvoting.com/worldmark](http://www.proxyvoting.com/worldmark) to vote online. (If you have not received your voting materials, contact Owner Services at 1-888-648-7363.) We must receive your vote by December 16.

If you will be attending the meeting and need hotel reservations, call DoubleTree at 1-800-222-8733 and ask for the Trendwest rate.

# We Have a Winner!

## comment card drawing

Luck has smiled on Marilyn and Richard Patterson of Ramona, California. They won a three-night WorldMark stay when we selected their completed comment card during our monthly drawing. Try *your* luck!

## WorldMark Front Desk at Marina Dunes

Marina Dunes' long list of amenities now includes a WorldMark front desk. When you next visit this popular resort—just nine miles north of Monterey, California—you will be greeted with WorldMark hospitality and service. Come relax along the lovely Monterey Peninsula.

## what's **new**

### **It's a WorldMark Resort!**

*WorldMark South Shore at Lake Tahoe is now welcoming owners to vacationland. Call 1-800-457-0103 to be among the first to stay at this beautiful, brand-new resort.*

## inventory specials

# Fall Out

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

### MIDWEEK AND LIMITED WEEKENDS:

Bison Ranch, AZ  
Branson, MO  
Lake of the Ozarks, MO  
McCall, ID  
Pinetop, AZ

### MIDWEEK ONLY:

Arrow Point, ID  
Bass Lake, CA  
Bear Lake, UT  
Birch Bay, WA  
Rancho Vistoso, AZ

**FIJI SPECIAL**  
DENARAU ISLAND  
Midweek and limited weekend availability through January 31!

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

## Resort Management Changes

**Phil Moulton** is happily returning to Lake Tahoe as resort manager of the new WorldMark South Shore resort. Phil knows the area, as he opened the Embassy Vacation Resort at Lake Tahoe in early 1997 and spent four-and-a-half years there as resort manager. He then worked a year in Bellevue, Washington, as director of 23 vacation timeshare resorts for Sunterra Pacific. Phil is eager to get home to South Lake Tahoe and back into on-site resort management.

**TeAh Green** is Rancho Vistoso's new assistant manager. Over two years ago, she started her WorldMark career at Bear Lake as the resort facility supervisor before being promoted to front desk supervisor. She is also a WorldMark owner. TeAh states, "I'm excited about my new position, and I like the change of atmosphere and the desert climate here at WorldMark Rancho Vistoso."

Angels Camp welcomes **Jim Frahm** to the post of resort manager. Jim served as maintenance supervisor of the Surfside Inn Association for seven years before becoming a WorldMark employee in 1997 and taking on the assignment of assistant resort manager of Angels Camp. In 1998, he "moved up the hill" to WorldMark Tahoe to become that resort's

manager, and transferred to St. George in 2000 to open The Club's new resort.

**Janeen Jennings** has worked in the vacation industry for half her life! She began her career at the Roche Harbor Resort on Washington's San Juan Island at all of 15 years of age. After receiving her ATA in business management—emphasis in hospitality and tourism—Janeen moved to the front desk of WorldMark Birch Bay. She joined The Club's Manager in Training Program and went on to work at Depoe Bay and Gleneden, and then moved to Wolf Creek to serve as assistant resort manager. From there, she was promoted to resort manager at Bison Ranch. Now Janeen has moved to northern Utah to become Bear Lake's resort manager.

After 12 years, **Ed Shannon** is back in the contiguous United States. He moved to Alaska in 1990, then made the jump to Hawaii in 1997. Ed started as a maintenance worker at WorldMark Kapaa Shore and was soon promoted to assistant resort manager. In 2000, he accepted the resort manager position at Kapaa Shore. He recently said goodbye to the islands and is now the proud resort manager of WorldMark Lake of the Ozarks.



## Las Vegas, NV

Your new WorldMark Las Vegas resort is open for business. The Mediterranean-style facility sits right on South Las Vegas Boulevard and offers regular shuttle service to the heart of the world-famous Las Vegas Strip. By the end of October, all of Phase I (six buildings and 210 units) is expected to be open for occupancy. The clubhouse, sales building, courtyard and accessory building were completed earlier. (WorldMark Las Vegas should not be confused with the existing WorldMark Las Vegas on Spencer Street.)

## Seaside, OR

Construction is finished on retail space and a 634-car parking garage for the Seaside project. On the 283-unit tower, concrete form exterior walls are complete; exterior insulation finish systems are proceeding in the courtyard; penthouse curtain walls are done; eighth-floor metal stud framing and seventh-floor mechanical, electrical and plumbing rough-in work are in progress; sheetrock is being installed on the fifth floor; living room finishes are underway on the first two floors; and the model unit and information office are complete and furnished.



## Angels Camp, CA

Construction has begun on Phase II, which will add eight buildings and 88 units to Angels Camp. Footings have been dug and formed for two buildings; foundations have been placed for another four, with rough framing underway on two of them; and permit drawings for two buildings with penthouses have been submitted to the city for a plan check. Also, construction drawings for moving the check-in area to the recreation building are complete and under final review. The entire project is scheduled to open late next summer.

## Ongoing Projects

Destination	No. Units	Estimated Completion	Status
South Shore, NV – Phase II	8	Summer 2003	Framing
Sonoma County, CA – Phase I	150	Summer 2003	Framing
Victoria, BC	92	Winter 2003	Framing
Solvang, CA	90	Spring 2004	Planning approvals

Information as of August 28, 2002.

“**He who returns  
from a journey is  
not the same as  
he who left.**”  
—Proverb

## in brief

### Virtual Visits

The WorldMark Web site received 167,636 visits in the month of July. During 107,739 of these hits, individuals signed into the “Owners Only” area. Log on to [www.worldmarktheclub.com](http://www.worldmarktheclub.com) for resort information, travel specials, WorldMark merchandise and more.



BY CHRIS TOPNESS,  
PROJECT DIRECTOR,  
NORTHWEST SALES

## in the know

### Moving On Up WorldMark Upgrades

This is a very exciting time for owners, thanks to the seemingly endless vacation opportunities now available through WorldMark. Some of you have asked how it's possible that so many of your fellow owners are enjoying the wonderful outings, tours, exchanges and cruise specials. The answer is simple: These individuals are upgrading their ownerships with the purchase of additional credits to maximize the benefits and vacation opportunities offered by The Club.

WorldMark credits have become, in essence, "vacation currency." In addition to netting you stays at any of your 45 resorts, these credits can now be used to purchase everything from theme park tickets to select airfare and cruises. The Club has made it possible to book virtually all of your vacation needs with your credits.

Call your local Upgrades Department to find out how we can help you achieve your vacation dreams.

**Northwest Upgrades**  
1-800-299-9024

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1-877-873-7227

## in your own words

BY KEVIN THARP, OWNER

*"While on an exchange vacation on the island of Kauai, my wife and I took a late afternoon excursion to the Kilauea Lighthouse. I used my 35-year-old Minolta hard-body camera fitted with a polarizing lens."*



# Reno

bankers who came to control most of the Comstock Lode mines.

## The Lonely Road

Six miles south of Virginia City, you enter the breadbasket of Nevada and the road to infinity—U.S. Highway 50, dubbed the Loneliest Road in America, which follows the old Pony Express route across the vast Nevada interior. Drive it east across rivers and past small towns and irrigated fields of alfalfa. Horses and cattle graze green pastures, stilt-legged birds wade in the marshes, frogs and crickets sing as night falls—then the sudden racket of a mock dogfight between F-14 Tomcat jets tells you you're approaching



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Virginia City storefronts have changed little since their 19th-century heyday.

Fallon, home of the Navy's "Top Gun" flight combat school.

Fallon is a lively little town of 10,000, with a few casinos, a handsome neo-classical courthouse and a wide Maine Street with an 80-year-old movie theater whose flat yellow 1930s façade leads to a dark blue interior with arched entryways and ceilings. Three miles west of town, carhops serve floats in frosty mugs at Bob's Root Beer, a classic 1960s orange and white drive-in burger stand. East of town, the road runs straight and flat through the alternating scrub brush basins and isolated mountain

ranges of Nevada's high desert, meditatively empty except for scattered dusty whirlwinds and dry gullies.

Ten miles east of Fallon, in the Grimes Point Archaeological Area, an excellent National Recreation Trail cuts through one of northern Nevada's largest and most accessible ancient petroglyph sites. A mile-long, wheelchair-friendly trail passes more than 150 espresso-brown boulders chiseled

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*Pyramid Lake,  
shimmering like a  
mirage in its high  
desert basin.*



BY DOUG HAMPTON

# Rediscovering

Between mountains and desert, boom and bust, straddling a gushing river, the self-proclaimed “Biggest Little City in the World” is reinventing itself. Reno, Nevada, is renovating: beautifying downtown, expanding its casinos, adding attractions and promoting its splendors in order to do what it has done since its first settler built his log bridge and hotel 143 years ago—make visitors happy.

The frontier still lives in Reno’s wide-open spaces, unstuffy attitudes and continued devotion to the great Western sports of gambling and rodeo. You can fish and raft the Truckee River, which flows right through town, celebrate your jackpot with a gourmet casino meal, or saddle up to help drive cattle 55 miles to the rich and respected Reno Rodeo. Amusements include the National Championship Air Races, National Bowling Stadium and National Automobile Museum. But for many, the best thing about Reno is its historic and geographic position amid the region’s great natural wonders.

## Living History

This is the Wild West, and there’s no better place to experience Nevada’s boom-and-bust saga than Virginia City, once one of the richest



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**ABOVE:** The Truckee River Walk is the centerpiece of downtown Reno’s renovation.  
**BELOW:** Sand Mountain’s Pony Express station and a Fallon rodeo competitor.  
**OPPOSITE:** Pyramid Lake’s pyramid, glowing beneath dramatic clouds.

places on earth and now a well-preserved ghost town 24 miles southeast of Reno. Grubby miners became millionaires overnight here in 1859 when the hills’ annoying sticky blue mud was found to contain vast quantities of silver. By 1864, Virginia City had its own stock exchange, gas street lamps, the nation’s first miners union and a cocky newspaper reporter named Samuel Clemens, soon to be known as Mark Twain. But the mines played out after 1878, and the town quickly slid into desolation.

Now the largest historical district in America, Virginia City remains as unapologetically commercial as it was 150 years ago, when a visiting journalist noted “the inordinate passion of the inhabitants for advertising.” Saloons still line the wooden sidewalks of C Street, including the Delta, which first opened its doors in 1863, and the Ponderosa, where you can enter the mines through a back room. Opulent mansions survive with original furnishings like French lace and silver doorknobs.

The spacious Victorian elegance of the Storey County Court House continues to enclose government offices, and the statue of Justice above the main entrance stares intently ahead, free of the traditional blindfold. You might bear that in mind as you take a 35-minute ride through the old mining areas on the steam-powered Virginia and Truckee Railroad, once known as the “crookedest railroad in the world,” and not just for its winding route: The line was built by nimble



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After strategizing with Andrew, I head 48 miles east to Wallace. The 116-year-old town is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and its picturesque streets were the setting for the film “Dante’s Peak.” As I walk the charming avenues, I spot The Oasis Bordello Museum. Once a brothel, with “guests” recorded in the registry as late as 1988, the structure is lent a touch of class by Robert Thomas’ vibrant landscape murals. I also see the Sixth Street Melodrama, where vintage “mellerdrammers” and variety shows delight patrons in the oldest remaining wood-frame building in town. The District Mining Museum provides a perfect counterpart to the Sierra Silver Mine Tour, an exploration of the richest silver mining region in the world.

For my own mine experience, I drive 12 miles west to Kellogg and the Crystal Gold Mine. Hacked out in 1879 by prospector Tom Irwin, gold was mined here for only three years before Tom hurriedly skipped town, leaving his tools behind and blasting down the hillside to hide his treasure. He never returned, and the mine stayed hidden until 1991; in 1996, current owner Bill Lane, a retired miner, restored the site for tourism. Bill himself takes me on a private excursion, and I’m led deep into the earth to the realm of quartz veins, wire silver, true and fool’s gold, and striking smithsonite crystals oozing out of the rock walls in vivid colors like melted crayons.

Kellogg is also home to the Silver Mountain Ski & Summer Resort. In ski season, it offers



**OPPOSITE:** Table with a view at WorldMark Arrow Point, beautiful Coeur d’Alene Golf Course, traveling in style via mahogany water taxi, Mission of the Sacred Heart and the deep blue of Lake Coeur d’Alene. **ABOVE:** Cruising past Arrow Point and a historic Coeur d’Alene estate. (Photos by Dan Stearns and Beáta Jachulski Baker)



two mountains, 53 trails, 2,200 vertical feet and 300 inches of prime powder; year round, the resort’s gondola—the world’s longest single-stage gondola ski lift—rises up 3.1 miles in 19 minutes for the ride of a lifetime.

The fresh mountain air has nudged my appetite, and I decide on a late lunch in Coeur d’Alene to get my first real look at the city. Per Andrew’s recommendation, I seek out Moon Time, where I order a char-grilled, caramelized-onion-topped wonder of a burger that hurls me deep into what my husband calls a “meat coma.” To revive, I walk 16 blocks down Sherman Avenue to the center of town.

Established in 1878 with the building of Fort Sherman, Coeur d’Alene—literally, “heart of the awl”—received its name from French traders who found the local Schee Chu’umsh tribe to be savvy dealers, and therefore “sharp-hearted.” Downtown is anchored by the Coeur d’Alene Resort, an elegant operation that boasts a marina, the world’s longest floating boardwalk (at 3,300 feet), four restaurants, a spa and an outstanding golf course, designed by Scott Miller, with the world’s only floating green. From the boardwalk, the sky and water are a riot of boats, rainbow parasailing chutes, jet skis, hydroplanes and gigantic inner tubes, and every inch of the atmosphere feels alive.

Inspired, I return to Lil and drive to Mineral Ridge Trail, a 3.3-mile loop overlooking Beauty and Wolf Lodge bays. The trail is not for the faint-hearted or small children: The inclines are steep and

the drop-offs are sheer, with no guardrails for protection. At the summit’s Caribou Cabin, I snap a photo just as my digital camera battery runs out—perfect timing, I think. Working my way down the trail, I hit a patch of loose rock and make a move that neither God nor Fred Astaire ever intended. I get up off the ground, look around and am knocked down again by the spectacular vista. I’m at Silver Tip Viewpoint, the most photographed view of Lake Coeur d’Alene, with a useless camera. Irony is *not* dead.

*the garden of urban delights*

After my day of nature excursions, I’m ready to be a Cosmo Girl. I start with the indulgence of a hot-stone massage at The Spa at Coeur d’Alene. Massage goddess Kerri Koerner rubs in aromatic oils and explains how the treatment merges Swedish techniques with smooth stones of heated basalt and chilled marble. The combination of heat, cold and pressure allows the muscles to relax and release tension, and the effect is amazing. By the time the hour-long massage is over, I feel like the world’s most well-loved loaf of bread. Kerri leads me to the Meditation Room, which has a panoramic view of the water, cushioned lounge chairs and a selection of teas, fresh fruit and mineral water. I seriously consider staying in my chaise for the rest of my life, but a bathrobe is not my best look, so I move on.

Adjacent to the downtown area is Tubbs Hill, a 122-acre park bordered by

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# Straight to the Heart

*arrow point and coeur d'alene*

I'll be honest. When asked to go to Coeur d'Alene to report on WorldMark Arrow Point, I think, "Hmm ... Idaho. Potatoes." Oh, and I know there is a big pretty lake there. However pathetic, my limited awareness of the state has an upside: I'm a clean slate, Idaho. Write all over me.

## *now that's a lake*

My husband, Steven, is deep into his biggest project of the year, so it's just me and Lil, my 14-year-old red Chevy pickup truck: two redheads on the loose on the open road. For the first time in ages, I'm not starting a trip by catching a flight, and I'm a little giddy knowing that my time

is totally my own on this jaunt.

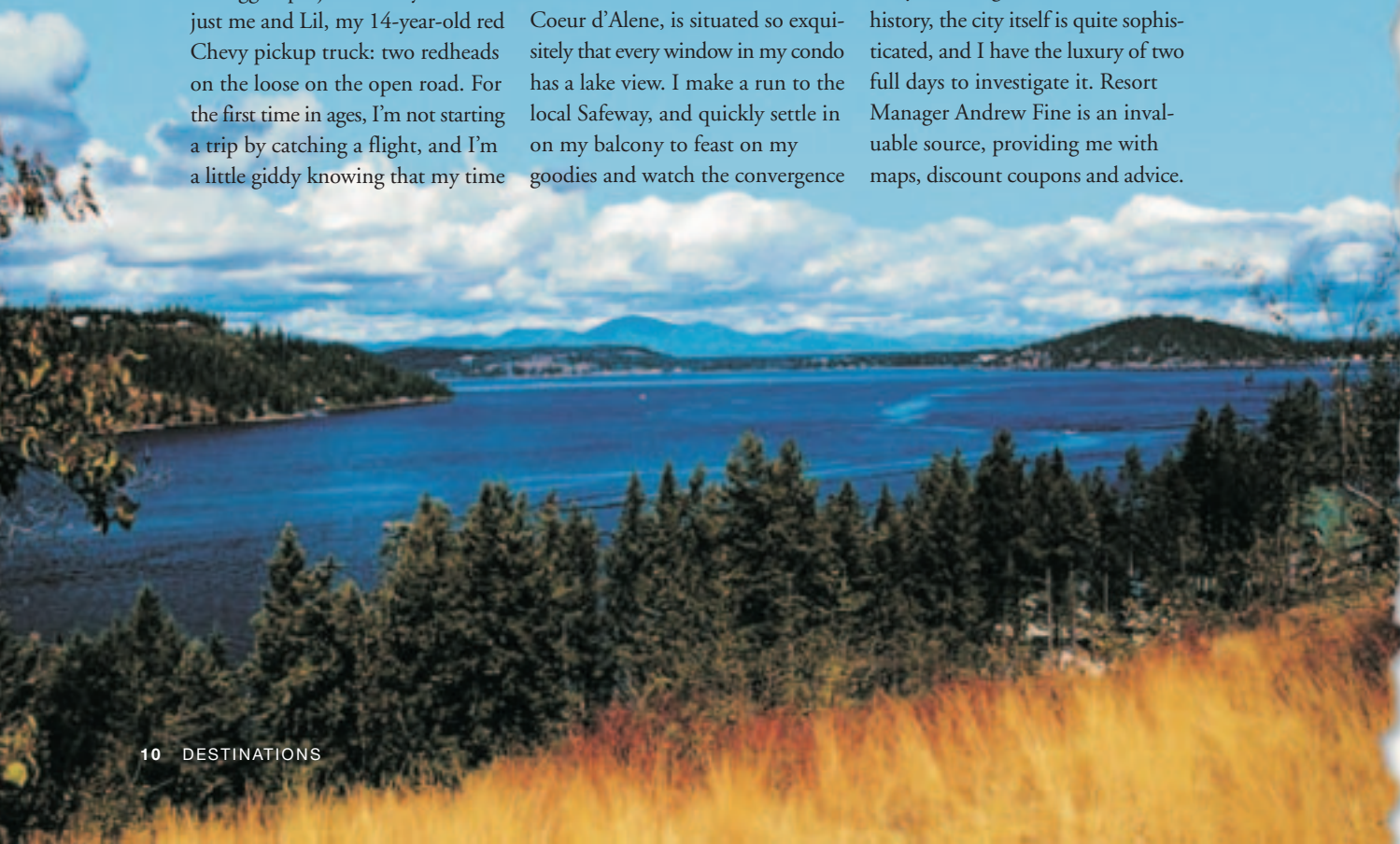
With Coeur d'Alene a scant 32 miles from Spokane, I start looking for the famous lake as soon as I hit Idaho. *Where is it?* I wonder. *It's supposed to be such a big deal, where the heck ...* **WHOA!** Suddenly the lake is not just here, it's everywhere: A sprawling, glorious expanse of sapphire that keeps me company virtually all the way to the resort.

WorldMark Arrow Point, which is about 20 minutes from downtown Coeur d'Alene, is situated so exquisitely that every window in my condo has a lake view. I make a run to the local Safeway, and quickly settle in on my balcony to feast on my goodies and watch the convergence

of vast water and infinite sky shift from azure to smoke to ink.

## *outdoor drama*

In the morning, the temptation to stay put is strong—the marina at Arrow Point offers boat, jet ski, pontoon and paddleboat rentals during the summer; the resort's volleyball court and indoor pool beckon all year long. But Lil and I are here to explore. This geographically stunning area is loaded with history, the city itself is quite sophisticated, and I have the luxury of two full days to investigate it. Resort Manager Andrew Fine is an invaluable source, providing me with maps, discount coupons and advice.



# Voyager of the Seas

## your ticket to luxury

When you step aboard Royal Caribbean's *Voyager of the Seas*, you're in for much more than just a cruise. This amazing vessel includes an ice skating rink, a rock-climbing wall, the Royal Promenade (four stories of shops and lounges), a miniature golf course, a fitness center and spa, an outdoor sport court and an entertainment theater staging contemporary musical productions. In addition, Club Ocean keeps youngsters happy with a full schedule of supervised activities. Throw in a seven-night itinerary of the Caribbean's most popular destinations, and you've got yourself a true vacation in paradise.

### Western Caribbean Cruise

April 20 – 27

Inside cabin: 31,500 credits for two

Cabin with veranda: 43,000 credits for two

After departing Miami, the *Voyager* will visit Royal Caribbean's private island for a day of water sports, swimming and relaxing on the beach. Next stop—Ocho Rios, Jamaica, with duty-free shopping and optional shore excursions, including Dunn's River Falls. On Grand Cayman, hand-feed stingrays as you snorkel clear tropical waters or explore the legendary Cayman Wall aboard the *Atlantis* submarine. From Cozumel, the *Voyager's* last port of call, you can board the *Fiesta* for a ride to Playa del Sol, one of the island's most beautiful beaches.

Call the Vacation Planning Center for reservations.

*Subject to change and availability. Tax and port fees included. Air and \$129 USD exchange fee not included. Call Trendwest Travel for airfare to Miami.*

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## Lavish Spa Retreat for Couples Luxor Las Vegas

Spend two nights at the Luxor Las Vegas with someone you love, luxuriating in your stylish guestroom, enjoying gourmet meals and relaxing in ornate pools, invigorating jacuzzis and the Oasis Spa.

Inspired by Nefertiti, Queen of Egypt, the Oasis Spa is the crown jewel of the Luxor. Within its doors, you'll fall under the spell of healing hands during an aromatherapy massage. Lose yourself in showers scented with the essence of ylang-ylang, orange, lavender, peppermint and vanilla. Try out the spa's whirlpools, steam bath, dry sauna and fitness center. Evening brings a wide range of extraordinary entertainment for you to enjoy together, like the outrageous "Blue Man Group" and the extravagant dance club, RA.

February 7 – 8

8,825 credits per couple

This package includes two nights' accommodation at Luxor Las Vegas, two spa passes and one 50-minute aromatherapy massage per person. Call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103.

*Subject to change and availability. Must be 18 years of age or older. Cash 'n' Credits options available. Call Trendwest Travel at 1-800-953-5511 for airfare to Las Vegas.*

## A Most Civilized Weekend

Ladies High Tea in Victoria

April 12 – 13

3,820 credits per person, double occupancy



FAIRMONT EMPRESS HOTEL  
PHOTO COURTESY TOURISM VICTORIA

Ladies, join the Adventure Club for a weekend getaway to quaint Victoria, B.C. We will cruise from Seattle to the City of Gardens aboard the *Victoria Clipper*. The three-hour hydrofoil ride will feature a continental breakfast and Northwest scenery.

Spend Saturday shopping, visiting the Fairmont Empress Hotel, the Royal British Columbia Museum,

Chinatown and Butchart Gardens. Overnight accommodation will be at the Hotel Grand Pacific, just one block from the city's scenic waterfront.

Sunday's itinerary includes an afternoon high tea at the Empress, a charming affair in a posh atmosphere. The airy tearoom treats diners to piano music and views of the harbor through tall windows. A freshly made pot of Empress-blend tea will be followed by delicacies such as traditional crustless sandwiches of deviled egg and smoked salmon, shortbread, and warm scones with jam and Devon cream. That evening, we'll reboard the *Clipper* for our return to Seattle.

This package includes round-trip cruise (with meals served en route), one night's accommodation and high tea. Dial 1-800-457-0103 to reserve your place setting for tea Victoria style.

*Subject to change and availability. Airfare not included. Cash 'n' Credits options available.*

## It's a Fiesta!

### Baja Mexico cruise

Book a cabin on Carnival's *Ecstasy* to join the party. With onboard Vegas-style shows, a casino, a full spa and a day in Ensenada, this three-night voyage is sure to be a festive time.

Inside cabin: 12,000 credits for two

Outside cabin: 14,000 credits for two

Outside quad cabin: 24,500 credits for four

The *Ecstasy* departs Los Angeles on March 14. Call 1-800-457-0103 for reservations.

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VENICE, ITALY

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**Footloose in Rome and Venice**  
**25,500 credits per person,**  
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Next spring, WorldMark solos will take to the streets of Venice and Rome. Make your reservations now so you can be a part of this exciting adventure.

On March 24, we'll arrive in Venice and embark on a guided, half-day boat tour to colorful Burano, charmingly antiquated Torcello and historic Murano, whose glassworks made Venetian crystal famous in the 15th

century. The rest of your time will be spent however you wish—relishing the ubiquitous art and Italian cuisine, searching for treasures in shops along narrow cobblestone streets, people-watching in the Piazza San Marco or taking one of the famed gondola rides down the Canal Grande.

Then it's off to Rome, where the mix of ancient and modern, divine and profane create a city unlike any other. During a half-day guided tour via motor coach, you'll walk through the exquisite basilicas of St. Peter in Chains and St. Paul Outside the Walls, and savor a panorama that includes the

## Anaheim Urban Exchange

### hot time in the city

WorldMark's new Urban Exchange Program is a hit, according to a survey of owners who visited the WestCoast Anaheim hotel this past summer.

All Anaheim exchange visitors who responded to a mail-in poll said the hotel met their expectations and they would stay there again. Everyone said they'd be inclined to book into other hotels through the exchange program, too.

Urban Exchange, which began in June, lets WorldMark owners use their credits for stays in selected city hotels. The first round of destinations includes hotels in downtown Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, as well as a convenient family location in Anaheim.

Many of the owners surveyed listed Disneyland as the reason they booked into the 13-story WestCoast Anaheim instead of staying at a WorldMark resort. The hotel is literally across the street from Disneyland, and each room has a private balcony overlooking the famous theme park or the hotel's Olympic-size pool. Urban Exchange participants appreciated being able to use their vacation credits to see the Magic Kingdom. As one happy owner put it, "I was recently laid off, and it really helped us to afford the vacation our kids wanted to have." To make visiting this attraction even easier, Disneyland passes are available for purchase through your vacation counselor.

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inimitable Colosseum and Roman Forum. Tour participants will want to stop by Trevi Fountain before departing for home. Legend has it that by tossing a coin in the fountain, you'll ensure your return trip to Rome.

This package includes round-trip air from Seattle, San Francisco or Los Angeles, airport transfers, three nights' accommodation in Venice, three nights' accommodation in Rome, daily continental breakfasts and two tours. Space is limited, so call 1-800-457-0103 to reserve your place in the fun.

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## Reno *continued from page 9*

in a variety of styles, ranging from simple holes pecked out 6,000 years ago to more-recent depictions of eagles, snakes and abstract shapes. Up the hill, there is evidence of a drift fence that would have been used to drive deer or antelope toward hunters. You might see antelope today if you take the three-quarter-mile trail to the overlook.

Another 15 miles east into the white alkali flat of the Great Basin, the bleached mass of Sand Mountain looms 600 feet high in front of the low brown and sage-green Sierra foothills. This mile-wide, two-mile-long dune is a happy bastion of off-highway vehicle culture. But look between the whining sand buggies and 4x4s and you might spot a rare but burgeoning species of outdoor enthusiast—the sandboarder, close cousin of the common snowboarder. The mountain is becoming one of the top sandboarding destinations in the country, and enthusiasts can be seen riding beat-up snowboards or even dilapidated skis sprayed with floor wax to improve the glide.

At the base of the mountain is a 40-acre desert study area containing the remains of a roofless, five-room 1860 Pony Express station, built of black volcanic rocks, that was discovered and dug out of the sand in the 1970s.

## Ancient Lakes

On each side of Reno, joined by the Truckee, lie two pristine lakes of comparable vastness and beauty but entirely different character—lovely, alpine Lake Tahoe 38 miles southwest and arid, unearthly Pyramid Lake 34 miles northeast. Tahoe is famous, popular, scented by stately pines and rich forest duff. Pyramid is treeless, undiscovered, shimmering in turquoise and emerald hues like a mirage in its high desert basin, ringed by chalky pink and grey mountains and bizarre white tufa formations with names like The Needles, Stone Mother and the 400-foot-tall Pyramid itself.

Twenty-seven miles long, nine miles wide and up to 300 feet deep, Pyramid is the largest remnant of an inland sea that covered most of northwest Nevada 20,000 years ago. With no outlet to the ocean, its waters have grown increasingly alkaline, and are now one-sixth as salty as the ocean. Here you can rent jet skis, watch pelicans and walk many miles of beach. But the real draw at Pyramid is the magnificent Lahontan cutthroat trout, which often weighs 12 pounds or more. (Anglers aren't allowed to keep any under 16 inches.) John C. Frémont, who mapped and named Pyramid 158 years ago, found friendly Paiute Indians subsisting on two- to four-foot-long Lahontan trout of superb flavor—"Superior, in fact, to any fish I have ever known," he wrote. Today, just below the hatchery at Sutcliffe, it's not unusual to see dozens of people fishing the shallows, perched on five-foot aluminum ladders to get a better view of the approaching fish.

## Easy Living

At WorldMark Reno, you're right in the middle of the action. The resort tower, on the western edge of downtown, is just three blocks from the lovely new Truckee River Walk and an easy third of a mile from such fabled gambling dens as historic Harrah's behind Reno's famous neon arch, the glitzy new Silver Legacy with its coin-minting contraption 120 feet above the gambling floor, and the classic Club Cal-Neva, where you can still get breakfast for 99 cents. Beautiful lakes, fascinating desert, great skiing and superb entertainment are a short hop away. Your air-conditioned resort showcases an outdoor spa, pools and all the usual WorldMark amenities. You don't need a gambler's luck to live royally flush here: With WorldMark, you've already struck it rich! 🎰

## Coeur d'Alene *continued from page 11*

Lake Coeur d'Alene on three sides. A 2.2-mile interpretive path follows its perimeter, and after yesterday's hike, this trail is literally a walk in the park, with gentle slopes and the surprise of a very springy suspension bridge straight out of an Indiana Jones adventure. I'm positively dewy after the trek; luckily, a tour boat is ready to leave from Independence Point for a 90-minute scenic cruise, so I hop aboard and cool off in the gentle breeze as we explore the northern bays.

Lake Coeur d'Alene has one of the largest populations of osprey in the Western U.S., and we catch sight of many of these flying fishermen and their nests, built on the tops of pilings. We motor over an underwater museum of sunken sternwheelers and steamers, where guided tours take divers down to investigate the various wrecks. But the highlight of the cruise is the Coeur d'Alene Golf Course, where we glide past the driving range with duffers whacking special unsinkable balls into the water, gorgeous mahogany water taxis shuttling players to and from the resort, and the famous floating hole with its own *Putter* transport boat.

I end my urban adventure with a little bit of culture. Just west of Fort Sherman Park, North Idaho College's Schuler Auditorium is home to the Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre, and "West Side Story" is on for tonight. Strolling the neighborhood for a pre-show bite to eat, the hot dog stand next to Memorial Field seems just right. I order a standard with mustard and onions and dine at a picnic table, listening to the sounds of a perfect summer evening: A softball game at the field, Oingo Boingo's ecstatically bizarre "Dead Man's Party" coming from the burger joint down the street, and the shrieks and giggles of children in the park's playground, eking joy out of the last vestiges of daylight. The energetic performance of the Sondheim/Bernstein classic adds another layer of aural delight, and back at the condo that night I fall asleep with the lullaby of life in my ears.

## three wishes

On departure day, I say goodbye to the wonderful Arrow Point staff and make one last side trip. Twenty-four miles east of Coeur d'Alene, near Cataldo, sits the Mission of the Sacred Heart, completed in 1853 by Jesuit missionaries and over 300 Coeur d'Alene tribe members using only local materials and not a single nail. It is a custom in Polish Catholicism to make three wishes when you're in a church for the first time. As I kneel in the cool quiet of Idaho's oldest standing building, I'm buoyed with the sweetness of this ritual. I ask for three simple things—world peace, a safe journey home, and the opportunity to return. ♥

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## Help for Jittery Flyers

In post-9/11 America, 25 million people are afraid to fly (or aviophobic). That's a whopping one in 10 Americans who are afraid to travel via commercial airliner! If you belong to "Nervous Flyers Are Us," the following facts and tips might help you cope.

### The Numbers Have It

Despite the events of September 11, commercial flying remains far and away the safest mode of transportation. For instance, based on passenger miles traveled, driving is as much as 37 times more hazardous to your health than flying. Thanks to the rarity of jetliner accidents, you are actually safer flying than going about your daily routine. The adage "You have nothing to fear but fear itself" still holds true when it comes to flying the friendly skies.

### Knowledge is Power

Knowledge is one of the best ways to fight your fear. The next time you fly, remind yourself that industry employees and aircraft are carefully inspected, monitored and tested under the watchful eye of the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA also requires jets to be built with large safety margins, which results in craft capable of withstanding much more stress than typically encountered during flight. Comforting information for the next time your plane experiences turbulence or lightning, both very common events.

### Treat Yourself Right

To help reduce stress, watch what you eat before—and during—your flight. Avoid sugar, refined carbohydrates, caffeine and alcohol, as these affect your blood sugar and adren-

aline levels. And give yourself plenty of time to catch your flight, so you aren't feeling harried and anxious before your plane even leaves the gate.

### Busy Body

Distract yourself during the journey: View the in-flight movie, bury your nose in a good book, trade life stories with your seatmate or tackle the airline magazine crossword puzzle. You can also try daydreaming. Take a mental vacation to a white-sand beach or powdery ski slope.

### Count to 10

If you find yourself getting nervous during the flight, try breathing exercises. Inhale deeply through your nose, completely filling your lungs. After pausing, exhale slowly. Repeat until your heart rate has returned to normal. Another trick: Grab your armrest, squeeze for a count of 10, then relax your grip for 30 seconds. Repeat.

### Still Jittery?


If these measures don't help, you may have a serious case of aviophobia. Rather than avoiding flying altogether—extremely impractical in this day and age—consider books, videotapes and clinics, all of which can be found in ample numbers via the Internet.

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