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Thank you for all your kind comments.

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You can also download previous issues from the *AllWays* website.

Many thanks

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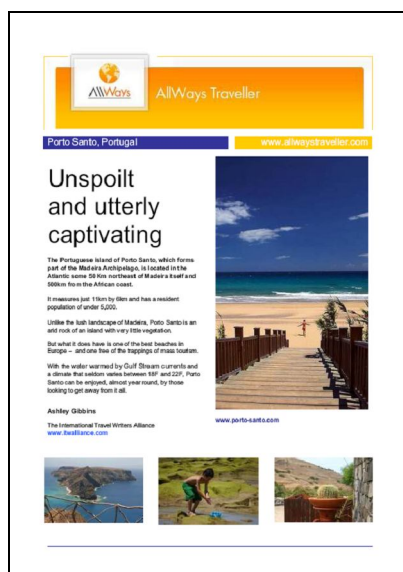
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AllWays traveller to

Porto Santo, Portugal

Unspoilt and utterly captivating



Ashley Gibbins writes :

The Portuguese island of, which forms part of the Madeira Archipelago, is located in the Atlantic some 50 Km northeast of Madeira itself and 500km from the African coast.

It measures just 11km by 6km and has a resident population of under 5,000.

Unlike the lush landscape of Madeira, Porto Santo is an arid rock of an island with very little vegetation.

But what it does have is one of the best beaches in Europe – and one free of the trappings of mass tourism.

With the water warmed by Gulf Stream currents and a climate that seldom varies between 18F and 22F, Porto Santo can be enjoyed, almost year round, by those looking to get away from it all.

www.porto-santo.com

Download : <http://www.allwaystraveller.com/newsletter/AT%20Porto%20Santo.pdf>

Read online : http://www.allwaystraveller.com/AllWaysOnline/ao_eur_Portugal_portosanto.html

AllWays online

Our correspondents are passionate about travel and not content to go with the flow. They prefer to delve a little deeper to discover what really makes the destination worth a visit.

Hers is just a small selection. Others can be found at : www.allwaystraveller.com

Two wheels to paradise : Cycling in Mallorca

Roger St. Pierre writes :

They are saying that cycling is "the new golf" - the new leisure activity of choice for fitness-seeking execs.

They've got the Tittlist clubs and the Audi but now it's that carbon-fibre Bottecchia, Specialized or Cervélo that's providing their thrills.

Given the success of British riders in the last Olympics and Brad Wiggins' landmark Tour de France victory this year, it's easy to understand the across the board explosion in UK interest in bike riding, while the exploits of Dan Martin and Nicolas Roche have captured Irish headlines.

But as well-heeled enthusiasts leave their BMWs in the garage and take to the roads aboard bicycles costing up to £9,000 apiece, this monumental explosion of not just spectator enthusiasm but active participation is a worldwide phenomena.

And Mallorca seems to be at the heart of it, thanks to a year-round exercise-favourable climate, glorious scenery and superbly engineered roads along with a native population raised on cycle racing lore.



Read more : http://www.allwaystraveller.com/AllWaysOnline/ao_eur_spain_Mallorca2.html

The girl with the bag and cashews – St Louis, Senegal

Bob Chaundy writes :

She stood at the side of the road, a girl in her late teens clad in her simple blue denim skirt and red T-shirt. Over her shoulders hung packets of cashew nuts arranged like cheap necklaces.



Her market moved slowly past her, the peckish drivers in the ubiquitous traffic jams that blight Senegal's capital city, Dakar.

This is where she and countless others like her ply their trade, where the hot engines idle and the choking exhaust fumes diffuse into a noxious atmosphere roasted by the African sun.

The firmness of her thighs hinted at the days, weeks, perhaps years of standing, tempting drivers with her wares.

Read more : http://www.allwaystraveller.com/AllWaysOnline/ao_afr_Senegal.html

A star to steer the Wind Star

Myrna Katz Frommer and Harvey Frommer write :

"When I was fifteen years old, I went to sea", says Antony Gilbert (like a character in a Charles Dickens novel). We meet the handsome third navigation officer in the bridge of the Wind Star where he is on duty this second night of a cruise from Istanbul to Athens.

"I try to explain what it's like to be on the bridge on a night like this. But I can't," he tells us. "Sometimes when there's a bright moon, there will be a rainbow in the sky. Sometimes dolphins will pass by."

He turns from the window into the darkness of the room and smiles in our direction. "You'll see things at sea you'll never ever see on land."

We, too, have been under a spell that began the previous afternoon when, after the preliminaries of signing in, being shown to our stateroom, unpacking a bit, and joining the rest for safety and lifejacket drills, we went up on deck to see the ship's great white sails unfurl while, to the stirring strains of the Vangelis score from "1492," the Wind Star set sail



Read more : http://www.allwaystraveller.com/AllWaysOnline/ao_eur_gr_WindStar.html

AllWays news

Volunteer Expeditions

Volunteer Expeditions is a non-profit travel-planning agency that organizes group volunteer vacations.

Current trips include rebuilding New Orleans, tutoring children in Jamaica, and helping the homeless in Chicago and Washington DC. Each trip is customized to the time frame, budget, and interests of the travelling group.

Volunteer opportunities can include building homes, serving meals in soup kitchens, sorting and distributing supplies for food banks, restoring the ecosystem, and much more.

All meals, tours and stops at local attractions are also included to ensure a meaningful, fun, and well-rounded experience for everyone.

www.volunteerexpeditions.org

Discover New England app

The Discover New England Travel Guide is now available for the iPad and iPhone via a new, free Essentially America App. The Discover New England Travel Guide offers useful tips for those visiting the New England States.

www.discovernewengland.co.uk

Adventure Travel Trade Association

The Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), is a global membership organization and thriving community of more than 700 responsible businesses that are advocates for sustainability.

Its members include tour operators, destination marketing organizations, tourism boards, specialty travel agents, guides, accommodations, media and service providers.

www.adventuretravel.biz

TrueGreece.org

True Greece is an initiative by the Greek National Tourism Organisation to highlight Greece as a travel destination by providing a web-based platform of official and reliable information.

The website provides interviews with opinion leaders in the travel industry; tourists' testimonials, videos, photos; as well as tips and informative articles on what's happening in Greece, from a real perspective.

www.visitgreece.org

Botanical tour to Jordan

Cox & Kings is offering a one-off escorted botanical tour to Jordan from 18 to 27 April 2013.

Led by English garden and landscape designer Paul Hervey-Brookes, the 10-night tour will experience the rich flora of the region when the desert is in bloom.

Jordan has over 2,500 plant species, of which 100 are endemic, and the tour includes visits to Dihbeen Forest, Dana Biosphere Reserve, Wadi Rum desert and the Royal Botanic Gardens, where it is possible to see some of these.

Today, Cox & Kings organises escorted small-group tours and private tailor-made travel in the Indian Subcontinent, Latin America, the Middle East, the Far East, Africa, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, and the Caribbean.

It has operations in London, the US, Japan, Australia and throughout India.

www.coxandkings.co.uk

MediSherpa, Singapore

MediSherpa helps medical tourists find, plan and discuss medical travel, and health care options, with a community of like-minded individuals.

www.medisherpa.com

Maiden-voyage

maiden-voyage.com, the business travel network for professional women has signed a partnership deal with award winning international car parking company Q-Park.

maiden-voyage.com members will enjoy a 15% discount on all pre-booked parking at participating car-parks.

www.maiden-voyage.org

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (VSOE) will embark on a series of scheduled rail voyages taking it up to Scandinavia in 2013 and visiting Stockholm for the first time.

The two-night rail voyage will run from Venice to Stockholm, via an overnight stop in Copenhagen.

www.vsoe.com

Barbados

The Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison, Barbados, has been included as a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site.

Bridgetown and its Garrison are considered 'an outstanding example of British colonial architecture.

www.unesco.org and www.visitbarbados.org

The Orange County Regional History Center, Orlando

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a restored historic five-story 1927 county courthouse in downtown Orlando.

It showcases the collection of the Historical Society of Central Florida.

The museum, a Smithsonian Institution affiliate and accredited by the American Association of Museums, features three floors of permanent exhibitions and also presents nationally important limited-run exhibitions.

www.thehistorycenter.org

Arts Holland

In 2013, Arts Holland let's visitors experience the quality, density and richness of Dutch arts, heritage, museums, design, fashion, theatre and more across four major cities- Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht.

www.artsholland.com and www.holland.com

Barrier-free Frankfurt, Germany

The Frankfurt Tourist+Congress Board has published a new brochure for disabled travellers.

The brochure promotes Frankfurt's many tourist attractions, focusing in particular on their ease of accessibility and various other disability-friendly aspects.

www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Red Mangrove Galapagos and Ecuador Lodges

Red Mangrove Galapagos and Ecuador Lodges have been awarded the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Five-Star Dive Resort designation, just the second one of its kind in the Galapagos Islands.

The rating is the highest rating standard within PADI and to achieve it a dive resort must have attained and maintain exceptional standards in the dive industry.

www.redmangrove.com

Hedonistic Hiking (Australia)

Hedonistic Hiking offers guided gourmet Walking Holidays in Italy and Australia.

The tours are fully escorted with the hotels on each hike are chosen for their authentic character and comfort, and fine dining experiences with top quality local wines means enjoying the very best produce the regions have to offer.

www.hedonistichiking.com

A place to stay

Tongabezi Lodge and Sindabezi Island, Livingstone (Victoria Falls), Zambia



Tongabezi Lodge is a perfect destination for honeymoons, weddings and special celebrations. Personal valets and attention to detail complete an African idyll.

Sindabezi Island is an exclusive camp on a private isle on the Zambezi River.

It is the only luxury bush camp from where Victoria Falls can comfortably be explored.

Ideal for a family safari, Tangala House is a luxurious family home on the banks of the Zambezi, 15km upstream of the Victoria Falls.

www.tongabezi.com

HouseTrip



HouseTrip is one of the world's largest holiday apartment websites, offering holidaymakers and holiday apartment and homeowners a safe and easy-to-use platform to find, book and list holiday apartments, houses and villas.

There are currently over 100,000 properties to choose from in thousands of destinations worldwide, with over 1,000 new listings added each week.

www.housetrip.com

Amari Hotels

Amari Hotels is one of Thailand's largest locally owned hotel and resort groups, with a network of properties in beach, rural and city destinations across Thailand.



www.amari.com

Saddle Creek Resort, California



Situated in the rolling foothills of the Central Sierra region just two hours from San Francisco and 1.5 hours from Sacramento, Saddle Creek Resort is located in the heart of the Copper Valley in Copperopolis, California.

Golfers will discover stunning vistas of the towering Sierra Nevada Mountains and Yosemite National Park.

A collection of lakes, native trees, indigenous grasses and 100 bunkers provide a challenging, thought-provoking experience from tee to green.

www.SaddleCreek.com
www.SaddleCreekGolf.com

Ayre Hotels, Madrid

Ayre Hoteles is to open a new boutique Madrid property in winter 2012 in the heart of Madrid's city centre on Calle Barquillo. The four star property will be located in an old 19th century Spanish palace, previously owned by the Marchioness Viuda de Aldama.

www.ayrehoteles.com

The DDG Retreat, Andalusia, Spain

The DDG Retreat is a privately-owned boutique hideaway of five detached casas close to the "hanging" pueblo blanco - or white village of Casares in Andalusia, Spain.

www.ddgretreat.com

Harem



Harem in Morocco is an all women's luxury Spa/retreat based on full week packages.

Harem comprises a 10 hectare property on the outskirts of Marrakech and includes daily yoga, nutrition and meditations sessions, organic food, fashion shows, daily movie screenings, a visit to the local souks.

www.harem-escape.com

The Apartment Service

The Apartment Service offers flexible, cost effective and tailor made solutions for temporary serviced accommodation requirements worldwide.

www.apartmentservice.com

Le Logis du Paradis, France

Le Logis du Paradis, a complex of buildings dating from 1712 including its former Cognac distillery, is built around a large, enclosed, classic Charentais courtyard.

It is near a small river and the vines of the Grande Champagne Cognac

www.logisduparadis.com

The Burj Al Arab, Dubai



The Burj Al Arab, Dubai is acknowledged as one of the world's most luxurious hotels.

The hotel's Gold Package includes a romantic three course dinner, moonlight swim, personalised gift, massage.

www.jumeirah.com

Inns of Character (UK)

Inns of Character are traditional coaching inns - cosy accommodation, great home cooked food and Thwaites award winning cask ales.

www.innsofcharacter.co.uk



The Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables Florida



The Historic Biltmore Hotel of Coral Gables has been a favourite of world leaders, celebrities, and sports stars since its opening in the 1920's.

The Biltmore Hotel showcases championship golf, cosmopolitan dining, a luxury spa and premier conference facilities, all the while exceeding most refined expectations.

www.biltmorehotel.com

Cruise West

Cruise West specializes in exploration small-ship cruises to explore remote and distinctive destinations in Alaska, West Coast, Central America, Mexico, South Pacific and Asia.

Small ship cruising allows for up close and personal cruising.

www.cruisewest.com

AllWays worth considering

Safari's

Chongwe River Safaris



Chongwe Safaris offer a striking collection of camps located in prime positions within Zambia's Lower Zambezi Valley, one of Africa's great wilderness areas.

Chongwe River Camp looks onto the confluence of the Chongwe & Zambezi Rivers, with the mountains of the escarpment to the north. Chongwe River Camp is an award-winning tented bush camp with river views.

Chongwe River House is a uniquely designed private house; Tsika Island, an exclusive bush camp allowing opportunities to combine a canoe safari with an authentic cultural experience. Kasaka River Lodge is an authentic tented bush camp on the banks of the Zambezi.

www.chongwe.com

New African Territories

New African Territories comprises a unique collection of small lodges and camps in East Africa and a booking office in Nairobi.

The collection includes :

- Alex Walker's Serian camps and Nkorombo Mobile in the Mara Reserve, and
- Alex Walker's Sernegeti camps, Tanzania
- Sabuk Lodge in the Laikipia region
- The Sleeping Warrior Camp in the Soysambu Conservancy and Delta Dunes on the confluence of the Tana River, and
- The Indian Ocean; Masai Trails in the Loita Hills and Kimpalo in Tsavo West

www.africanterritories.co.ke

Kaya Mawa



Kaya Mawa is located on Likoma Island, half way up Lake Malawi close to the Mozambique mainland.

The lodge uses its stunning natural surroundings to create a very special ambiance. Stone and teak-framed thatched accommodation is spread out around the property. The beach bar, restaurant and lounge are spacious and airy and enjoy wonderful views of the lake.

In addition they have Ndomo House, a family villa located in its own idyllic bay. The lodge has been rated by Condé Nast Magazine as one of the planet's ten most romantic destinations in the world.

www.kayamawa.com

Norman Carr Safaris



Norman Carr Safaris, is Zambia's original safari company, based in the South Luangwa National Park,.

It s the home of the African walking safari with the remote, rustic and romantic bush camps including Luwi, Nsolo, Kakuli and Mchenja. Luwi and Nsolo are the only camps along the seasonal Luwi River.

Kakuli and Mchenja are located on the banks of the Luangwa River offering both walking and game drives.

www.normancarrsafaris.com

Adelboden, Switzerland



Adelboden is a traditional chalet village and its welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere.

A spectacular winter setting it is one of the largest and most attractive ski centres in Switzerland.

In summer or in autumn, the Region Adelboden-Frutigen offers a network of footpaths, hiking and biking trails and mountain routes

www.adelboden.ch

Ripley's Believe It or Not! London



With more than 700 artefacts on display over five floors, Ripley's Believe It or Not celebrates the weird, wonderful and bizarre in all its forms.

www.ripleyslondon.com

Hastings & 1066 Country, UK



Hastings & 1066 Country will host press visits for Alliance press card holders to this fascinating corner of East Sussex, UK.

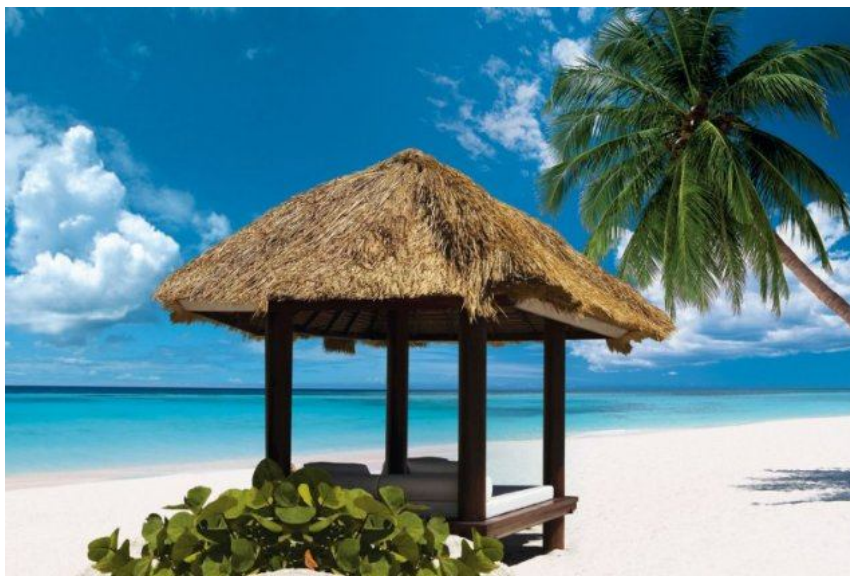
It is an area rich in history and maritime heritage, with beautiful gardens and vineyards and iconic buildings such as the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill.

There are also many annual cultural including :

- the Battle of Hastings Re-enactment
- Jack in the Festival in Hastings
- Rye Scallops Festival
- the Hastings Seafood & Wine Festival, and
- the Hastings Herring Fair

www.visit1066country.com

Dominican Republic



The Dominican Republic has sandy beaches, green landscapes, mountains studded with waterfalls, exotic cuisine and a variety of arts and entertainment options that attract international travellers, sport stars and celebrities alike.

www.godominicanrepublic.com

From our correspondents

The International Travel Writers Alliance is the world's largest association of professional travel journalists. Here are some postings from our journalists :

Top Fall travel destinations

Miruna Corneanu writes :

I think it's time to collect our summer memories and lock them somewhere in a suitcase in order to make room for others.

Although the fall comes with chillier days and gloomier skies, that doesn't mean we should stay home and watch TV.

Autumn is probably the best time of the year to travel the world, to discover new places, satisfy our craving for culture and history or to venture in various sports and outdoor activities.

These include :



Photo by Aapo Haapanen

Shanghai, China

Shanghai lies in eastern China, in the region called the Yangtze River Delta as one of the largest cities in the world and one that never stops evolving.

Fabulous skyline, great shopping, delicious food and a sparkling street life are probably the main reasons why thousands of people from all over the world are visiting Shanghai each year.

The ideal times to enjoy the city's cosmopolitan culture or its colorful nightlife, to soak up the bouncing pulse or to treat yourself with some gorgeous fall foliage sites are September and October.



Photo by RC Designer

Munich, Germany

Munich, the capital of Bavaria is a beautiful cultural city sprinkled with museums, galleries, theatres and lovely historical buildings.

But the real motivation of travelers visiting Germany's third largest city particularly in the fall is the world-renowned Oktoberfest, which together with the charming 200 beer gardens make from Munich the world's beer capital.



Photo by Justin De La Ornellas

Maui, Hawaii

Often regarded as the best island in the world, Maui, the tropical Hawaiian paradise is a great option for your fall vacation, whether you're looking for lovely beaches, diverse culture, rich history or spectacular landscapes.

One of the best periods to experience Maui is between September and November when the island enjoys a beautiful weather, few crowds, great deals and many cultural celebrations such as the Aloha Festivals, Maui Ukulele Festival or Lahaina Plantation Days.

Additionally, the days are soaked in sunshine which means watersports and outdoor activities are endless.

Read more : <http://travelaway.me/top-10-fall-travel-destinations/>

Ten reasons why adventure travel is good for you

Candice Gaukel Andrews writes :



One of my favourite scientific findings: Take a hike, get a bigger brain.

For the past two-and-a-half years, I have been writing about adventure topics for *The Adventure Corner* travel blog, on everything from the merits of bumpy roads to tracking devices on narwhals.

Adventure travel is simply good for you. While there are several physical health benefits to adventure travel, the advantages for your mental wellness are just as impressive. Too, adventure travel can enlighten your soul and even help save the world.

Can you think of anything else that can do all that?

Read more : <http://theadventurecorner.explorerscorner.com/2012/08/ten-reasons-why-adventure-travel-is-good-for-you/>

Paris, the city of Fashion

Neelam Arora writes :

Paris is one of the most famous tourist destinations of the world is a true shopper's paradise and most of the famous fashion and cosmetics brands such as Lancôme, Chanel, L'Oreal, and Christian Dior originated in Paris.



Though summer is the peak time of tourists it is also the season when local Parisians leave for their summer vacations.

Summers are also the time of various festivals. Lot of street and open air theatre performances are organized for the visitors.

If in Paris during summer season, then do participate in the Paris Beach or the Paris Plague festival when random are converted into full-fledged artificial beaches.

Winters are the time of festivities and Christmas. The entire city is decorated like an Indian bride and the views of city in dazzling lights look amazing.

Spring is the time when you can enjoy beautiful, colourful and romantic landscapes.

Read more : <http://www.indiastudychannel.com/resources/154511-Tourism-Paris-city-Fashion.aspx>

The raw reality of expat life in small town sardinia

Jennifer Avventura writes :

So, you want to live the dolce vita in a small town in Sardinia? Eat handcrafted gelato in the middle of an August heat-wave and sail away on the Mediterranean Sea forgetting reality exists?



Sounds pretty awesome, right? La dolce vita or the sweet life has a very colourful, sour inside

There are no beautiful photos of pristine perfect beaches or snow-capped mountains or even ancient alleys that lead to paradise. No, this post is raw facts about living and working in a small town in Sardinia, Italy.

I apologize in advance to those that come here seeking a squeaky clean image of life, in small town Sardinia with umbrellas and forever sunshine, but there are two sides to every coin. I find it a great injustice if I don't share both sides of my coin here, at My Sardinian Life.

Read more : <http://laavventura.wordpress.com/2012/08/28/the-raw-reality-of-expat-life-in-small-town-sardinia/>

A snapshot of the world



www.adventurecanada.com



www.caymanislands.com



www.historicgermany.com



www.visitdublin.com



www.destinationzambia.co.zm



www.goleicestershire.com



www.mcvb.com.au



www.CoastalSC.com



www.gili-paradise.com

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