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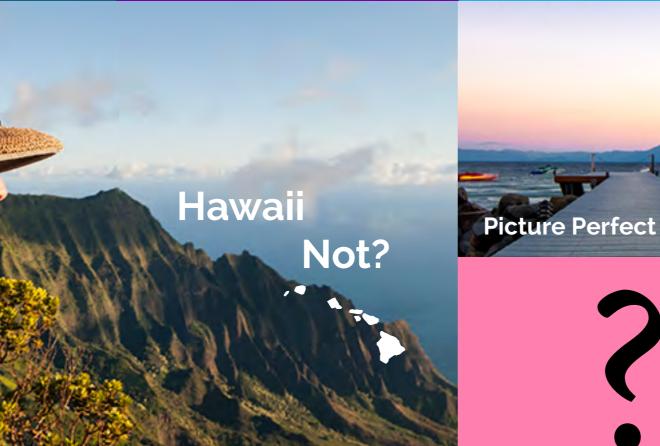
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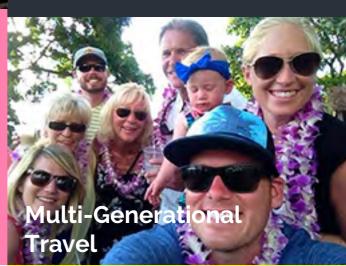


Table Talk Mahi Mahi Taco Recipe



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Discover What's Coming Up in Your Favorite Destination



"Sunsets in Lake
Tahoe are stunning.
This photo was taken
while staying at Red
Wolf Lakeside Lodge.
They have a private
dock with kayaks that
owners can check out
at the front desk."

-Chris H.



Did you take an incredible destination photo on your last vacation?

Want to be featured? Submit your photo here!





Greetings from Grand Pacific Resorts

A few years ago I received an exciting call while on a family vacation in Honolulu. A resort in Princeville, Kauai, was looking for a new management company. Given that I was

already in Hawaii, I decided to island hop to Kauai for a few days to experience this resort firsthand and kick off our due diligence on this opportunity.

The flight took just 30 minutes, but the contrast between islands couldn't have been more dramatic. Honolulu is the vibrant epicenter of Hawaii, complete with world-class shopping, high-end art galleries, award-winning restaurants, and towering resorts. Kauai, on the other hand, has a rustic feel that immediately captured my family's heart. The resort we visited did too, and we are now proud to manage it.

The following pages echo my experience on Oahu and Kauai. Keep reading for a look at the <u>differences</u> between the <u>Hawaiian Islands</u>, a simple <u>tropical dish</u> you can make in your timeshare kitchen, and <u>little-known facts</u> about the resorts managed by Grand Pacific Resorts on Kauai's North Shore.

As we look ahead, we're also thinking about the next generation. Our Core Purpose of "Enriching Lives by Creating Experiences Worth Sharing" extends out to all of our owners, including their children and grandchildren. Multi-generational travel has its challenges; however, it can also be the most rewarding experience. We're acutely aware of the different generational needs, which you will experience in our continual strides to stay ahead of technology and in the diverse activities we offer at our resorts.

These are just a few of the topics we touch on in this issue of *Time Together*. Please read through them at your leisure. Then take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us by <u>clicking here</u>. You will receive your next issue of this biannual publication in the fall, and we want to make sure it's packed with the content that matters to you, our valued owner.

Warm Regards,

Nigel Lobo

Chief Operating Officer



Mark Your Calendar

Find out what fun events are happening near your home resort.

The Flower Fields at Carlsbad Ranch

Carlsbad, CA

MAR 1-MAY 10

Add a little color to an otherwise ordinary weekend with a trip to the flower fields. More than 50 acres are in bloom, and Grand Pacific Palisades Resort & Hotel offers some of the best views.

Jumping Frog Jubilee

MAY 14-17 Angels Camp, CA

Mark Twain's 1865 short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" inspired the annual frog jump competition, part of the Calaveras County Fair.

California Strawberry Festival

Oxnard, CA

MAY 16-17

You'll have a "berry" good time at the festival, which features contests, music, and 50 food booths offering everything from strawberry pizza to deepfried strawberries.

Palm Springs Restaurant Week

Palm Springs, CA

MAY 29-JUN 7

The desert's top chefs prepare mouthwatering three-course meals, priced at \$26 or \$38. It's the perfect time to visit your favorite restaurant or try something new.

Sawdust Art & Craft Festival



Laguna Beach, CA

Held just up the street from the iconic Pageant of the Masters, the Sawdust Festival entertains and educates with classes, local art, and live music.

Canada Day Fireworks



Invermere, BC

At 12:01am, Panorama's neighboring town sets off a spectacular show to celebrate Canada's birthday. The best viewing is from James Chabot Provincial Park.



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JUL 16

Opening Day at the Races

Del Mar, CA

Mingle with the Who's Who of San Diego, bet on the horses, and admire all the spectacular hats.

The summer meet runs through September 7.



North Lake Tahoe, CA

JUL 16-19

Yoga, music, food, and adventure converge in this unplugged celebration. Red Wolf Lodge at Squaw Valley has partnered with Wanderlust to provide special rates for festival goers.

Festival del Sole

Napa, CA

JUL 17-26

Napa hosts an elegant, 10-day concert series complete with food and wine. Create your itinerary with a Bespoke Patron Pass, or look for the free young artist performances.

Canmore Folk Music Festival

Canmore, AB

AUG 1-3

Every summer, Canmore comes alive with folk, world, blues, and roots music. This sleepy town is only an hour from Calgary and 15 minutes from Banff Gate Mountain Resort.

SEPT 20-26

Mokihana Festival

Kauai, HI

This week-long event celebrates Hawaiian culture with a three-day hula competition and concerts featuring music by local composers.

Oceanside Harbor Days

Oceanside, CA

SEPT 26-27

Enjoy food, fun, and family at this free event.

Teams compete to build and navigate a seaworthy craft, while the more artistic test their skills in the sandcastle building competition.





2015

2015 ARDA Awards

On April 15, 2015, the American Resort Development Association (ARDA) announced the winners of its prestigious industry awards. Three Grand Pacific Resorts associates took home gold. We were also silver finalists in 17 other categories. We're so proud of our associates and their accomplishments!



Winners & Finalists





















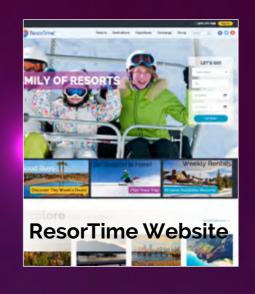






















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TABLE TALK

The most memorable "time together" often takes place around the table. This is your place to share your favorite recipes, memories, and family traditions.

By Krystal

Last summer, when we stayed at Carlsbad Seapointe Resort, we spent almost every day at the pool or the beach. It was so convenient coming back to our condo at the end of the day, and we had tons of fun making dinner together most nights.

My husband Brandon in particular loves cooking, and this is one of our family's favorite recipes to bring on vacation. It's pretty quick and easy to make in a timeshare kitchen. You don't need fancy equipment or hours to produce a delicious meal that the whole family will appreciate. The fresh mango and bright flavors are perfect for summer, and we often pair the tacos with corn, fruit, or even rice.

You can get mahi mahi at most grocery stores, but our favorite place to buy seafood is at Pelly's Fish Market off Avenida Encinas in Carlsbad. The market's been there forever and has the freshest seafood we've found.



Mahi Mahi Fish Tacos with Chipotle Mango Salsa

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound wild-caught, skin on, mahi mahi
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 ¹/₂ teaspoon chipotle chile powder
- 3/₄ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano

a pinch of salt and pepper corn or flour tortillas for serving

CHIPOTLE MANGO AVOCADO SALSA

- 1 mango, peeled and chopped
- 1 Roma tomato, chopped
- 1 avocado, pitted and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chipotle in adobo (from canned chipotle chilies)
- 1 clove garlic, minced or grated
- ¹/₂ lime, juiced
- 1/4 cup freshly chopped cilantro

a pinch of salt and pepper

Directions

Combine the paprika, chipotle chile powder, garlic powder, onion powder, and oregano in a bowl with a pinch of salt and pepper. Rub two tablespoons of olive oil on both sides of the mahi mahi. Then rub the fish with the spice mixture until well coated.



Combine the mango, Roma tomato, avocado, adobo sauce, garlic, lime juice, and cilantro in a bowl with a pinch of salt and pepper. Toss well. This mixture will keep in refrigerator for up to three days.

Heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a skillet over medium high heat. When hot but not smoking, add the seasoned mahi mahi, flesh side down. Cook the fish about four to five minutes. Flip and cook another four to five minutes or until crisp and mostly cooked through.

Take the fish out of the pan and flake the fish with a fork, being careful to leave the skin behind.

Have a great recipe?

Share it with us!





BE SEEN, BE HEARD

Your Top 5 Moments from Social Media

Every issue, we feature a few of our favorite social media moments. Join the conversation by posting to our Facebook page, or submit your photo and caption to timetogether@gpresorts.com.







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In the last issue of *Time Together* you read about Teresa Ponce, a breast cancer survivor who found hope and healing during a week at Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort. We also shared our new giving program, **beCause Destination Matters**, which was inspired by a fellow owner.

Society awarded her a college scholarship. "Not only does the scholarship provide a sense of monetary relief towards my education, but it is also a form of evidence that the NMSS encourages those who are affected by MS to pursue our educational aspirations. This encouragement shows that we are not limited by, nor controlled by MS. Personally, this encouragement helps me overcome my fears that are induced by living with MS."

National Multiple Sclerosis

Now it's our pleasure to introduce you to yet another inspiring woman, 22-year-old Anisha. Anisha was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 2009 at the age of 16. This disease has no known cure, and patients typically face overwhelming fatigue, mobility issues, and other impairments.

After her diagnosis, Anisha assumed that MS would control her life and prevent her from achieving her dreams. As she explains, "I thought that I would have to make every decision based off of the fact that I have MS, whether it was a daily task or one pertaining to my future. Not knowing where MS would take my health was just so frightening."

Anisha's perspective became more hopeful in 2011, when the

Anisha is not our only young friend struggling with MS. Several years ago, we met Tyler Campbell, son of NFL legend Earl Campbell.

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DESTINATION MATTERS



Tyler was a running back at San Diego State University when he was diagnosed with MS. He managed to play for another season, but he eventually gave up football due to his condition.

Then, last year, we launched voting for beCause Destination Matters through ResorTime, an online booking site that gives owners like you access to more than 1,000 resorts at exclusive rates. One of your fellow owners submitted Tyler's story to the contest, and by 499 votes you chose the National MS Society to receive a \$2,500 cash donation. We were thrilled to partner with one of our favorite charities, especially when we heard that the donation would go towards scholarships for students affected by MS.

In March, we had the honor of presenting a check to the National MS Society. We also had the opportunity to meet Anisha and other scholarship recipients. We were so inspired by Anisha's fortitude we started a special First & Ten promotion to raise an additional \$2,500 for scholarships.

How are we raising the money? It's all happening through ResorTime. Every time someone uses the special First & Ten promo code, they save 10% on their vacation and 10% is donated to the cause.



ResorTime's Renee Wagner presents a \$2,500 check to students who have received scholarships from the National MS Society.

The First & Ten promotion continues, and we've already raised more than \$1,600 from caring owners like you. We hope to make it to \$2,500 soon. Check out our <u>First & Tenpage</u> for more information on how you can get involved.

Someday, we will have a cure for MS. Until then, it's comforting to know that organizations like the National MS Society and the Pro Player Foundation exist to support and encourage patients like Tyler and Anisha. It's equally comforting to know that you and your fellow owners care about this cause and are joining us in the fight.







be Jause YOU MATTER

Nominate Your Favorite Cause to Receive \$2,500

Four times a year, <u>ResorTime</u>, your nightly rental site, shares inspirational stories about the causes that matter to owners and guests. Each cause is truly inspiring. However, only one ultimately rises to the top and receives a \$2,500 donation.

Read the latest stories about <u>Hunkapi Programs</u>, the <u>Project Athena Foundation</u>, and the <u>Pro Player Foundation</u>. Then vote for the cause that you connect with most.

Don't forget to tell us what cause matters to you! Your cause may be featured with an opportunity to receive \$2,500 when it gets the most votes from the ResorTime community.



Hunkapi Programs



The Project Athena Foundation



Pro Player Foundation









RESORT SPOTLIGHT

Makai Club Resort

Princeville, Kauai

Originally built as a retreat for Standard Oil executives, Makai Club Resort later expanded to host guests visiting for the LPGA tournaments held on the neighboring golf course. Today, Makai Club Resort is the perfect base for your island adventure, complete with a sparkling pool and quick access to the green.

www.makaiclubresort.com



RESORT SPOTLIGHT

Hanalei Bay Resort Princeville, Kauai

Meandering across 22 acres, Hanalei Bay Resort is home to dozens of species of medicinal and culinary plants. This tropical Shangri-La also boasts lava rock waterfalls and an award-winning pool. A scenic path leads to the resort's private beach, but all you have to do is step outside of your condo to enjoy views of the bay.

www.hanaleibayresort.com





RESORT SPOTLIGHT

Alii Kai Resort

Princeville, Kauai

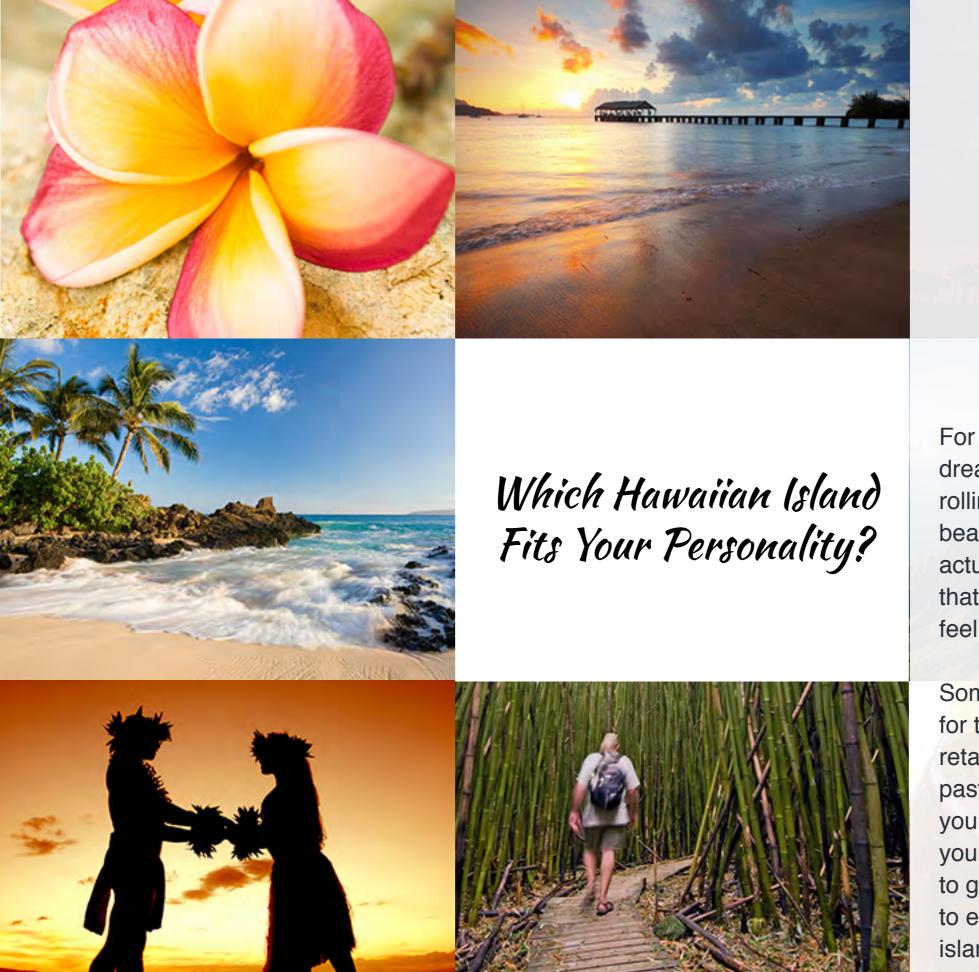
Located less than 30 minutes from some of Kauai's most dramatic landscapes, Alii Kai Resort is the kind of place you escape to when you want to get away from it all. Set on a bluff overlooking the Pacific, it's easy to see why this resort is a favorite with owners and guests alike.

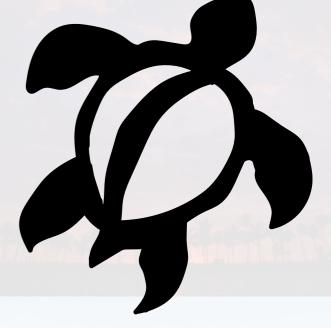
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For most people, Hawaii conjures up dreamy images of coconut palms, rolling waves, and white sandy beaches. But did you know there are actually eight Hawaiian Islands, and that each one has its own unique feel?

Some of the islands are known for their modern vibe, while others retain a sense of Hawaii's storied past. Choosing the right island for your Hawaiian vacation depends on your personality and what you want to get from your trip. Keep reading to explore the four most popular islands.







Enjoy an elegant seafood dinner prepared with fresh, island-inspired ingredients at Roy's Waikiki Beach. Make sure to save room for the restaurant's signature chocolate lava cake!



Hike the family-friendly trail to the <u>Makapuu Point</u> Lighthouse, where you may spot migrating whales between December and May.



Experience the real Hawaii in Honolulu. This iconic city is steeped in history and full of postcard-perfect beaches, outdoor markets, museums, and art galleries.









For some of the best ahi poke on the island—and the most variety of flavors—stop by Foodland, Hawaii's locally-owned supermarket chain.



The Shops at Mauna Lani offer free cultural demonstrations throughout the week. Try your hand at making leis, playing the ukulele, or hula dancing.



Located south of Hapuna Beach on the eastern shore, <u>Waikoloa</u> is just a short drive from the Big Island's favorite attractions.









Owned by Chef Peter Merriman,

Monkeypod Kitchen in Wailea

offers a delicious escape from the
ordinary. Try the wood-fired pizza
and homemade cream pie.

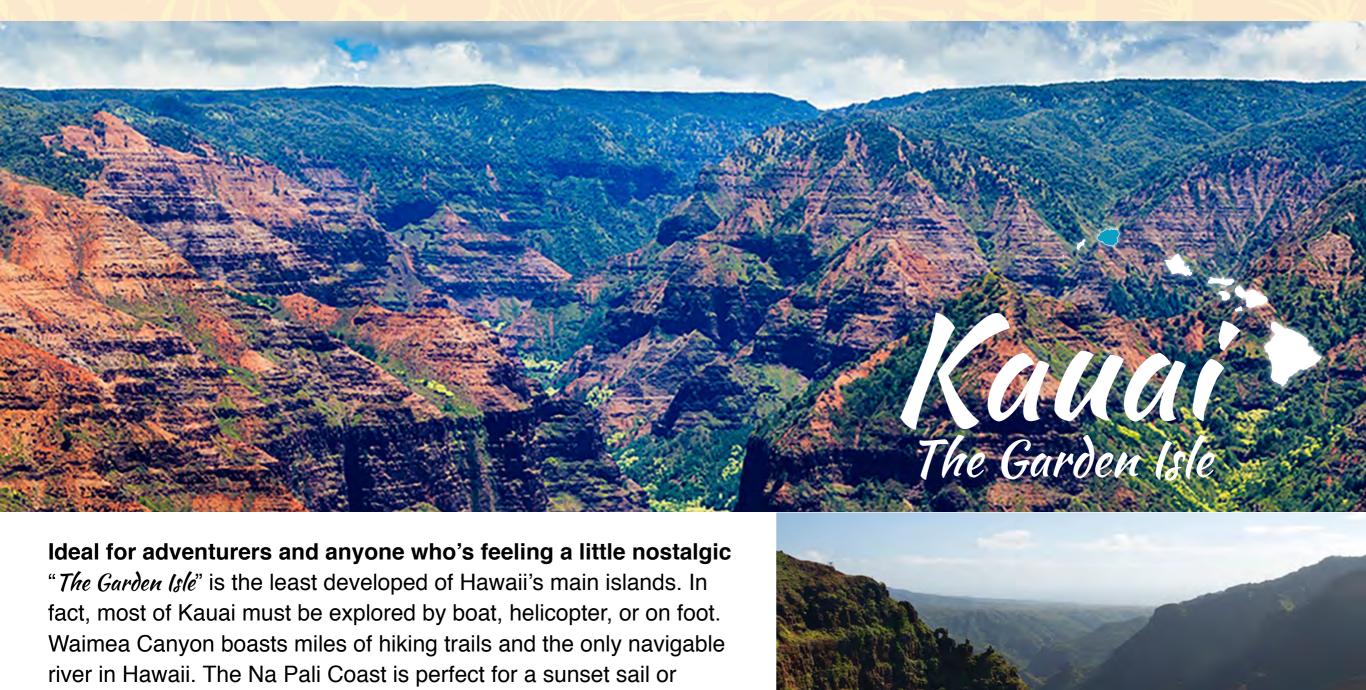


Maui Wave Riders in Kihei offers surf and stand up paddle lessons for travelers ages eight and up. Already know how to ride the waves? You can rent boards here, too.



A vibrant, family-friendly beach town, <u>Kihei</u> boasts six miles of beaches and picturesque views of the nearby islands of Molokini and Lanai.





morning snorkel trip. Everywhere you go, you'll see lush hillsides and small towns reminiscent of Hawaii's early fishing villages. If you want to experience Hawaii as it was 50 years ago, this is the island for you.







Tasting Kauai offers several local food tours, including a one-hour farmers market tour on Wednesday afternoons in Princeville.



Tunnels Beach was featured in the 1958 movie South Pacific. More than half a century later, it remains a tourist favorite and a great spot for snorkeling.



Revel in a plumeria-scented getaway on Kauai's North Shore. You'll find some of the best beaches on Kauai within a short drive of your <u>Princeville</u> resort.







Tips for

Multi-Generational
Vacations

Nine people. Four generations. Ten days.

How travel writer Christine Anderson spent a week with her extended family in Hawaii and lived to tell the tale. When my parents announced they wanted to take our family to Maui for my dad's 60th birthday, I agreed to go with some hesitation. We had three red flags: I hadn't lived with my parents since I left for college in 2003, and we would be traveling five hours non-stop with my one-year-old niece and one family member with a fear of flying. But I'm not one to turn down a vacation and so, six months later, my husband and I boarded a plane to Maui and hoped for the best.

As it turns out, the trip was a huge success. I haven't enjoyed that kind of quality time with my family in more than 10 years. It was refreshing to reconnect with each other in such a beautiful destination and get to know

the newer members of our family in a much deeper way. Our vacation together will remain one of my most treasured family memories.

What made our multi-generational vacation successful? I think a lot of it had to do with my stepmom's careful planning and that fact that everyone brought a certain level of flexibility to the experience. I've been on numerous vacations with my in-laws as well, and it seems like we get along best when there are clear expectations and everyone is able to voice their preferences while holding them loosely.

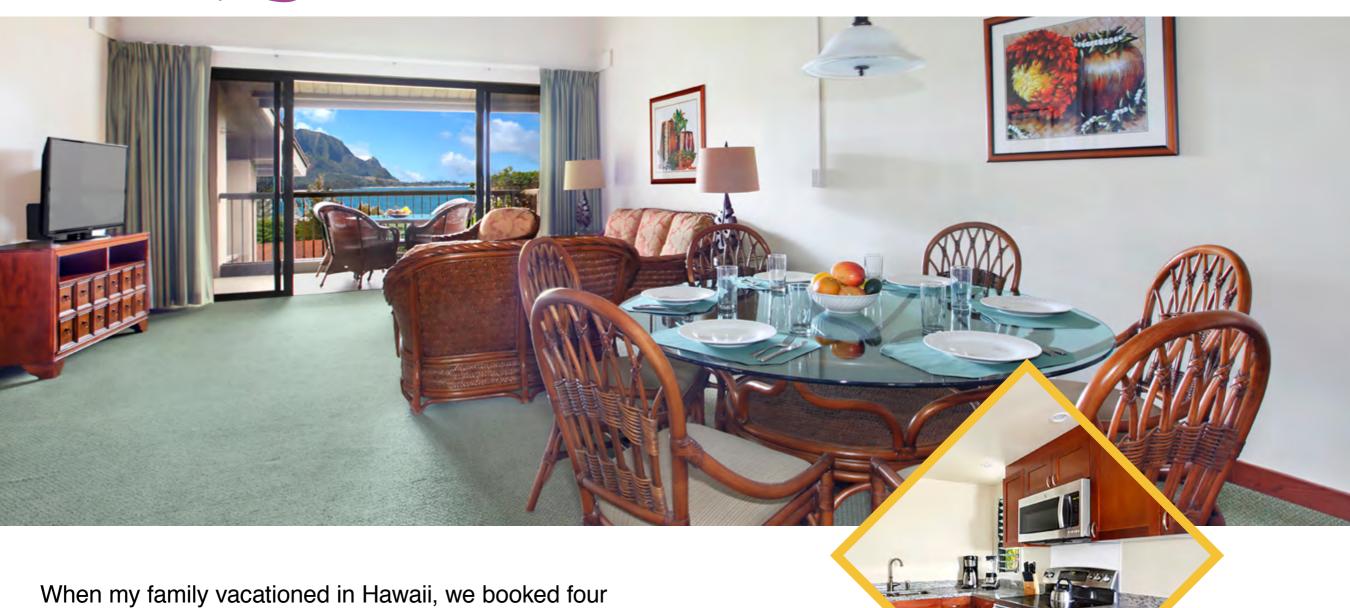
Here are a few suggestions gleaned from my experiences traveling with four generations:



Establish roles and expectations before you go



Invite your family into the timeshare experience



When my family vacationed in Hawaii, we booked four separate hotel rooms for nine people. We could have easily stayed in multiple two-bedroom timeshare condos for half the cost and enjoyed even more square feet. If you're traveling with family, use your owner benefits to book your accommodations through GPX or ResorTime and share the perks of timeshare with your loved ones.



Take some time for yourself



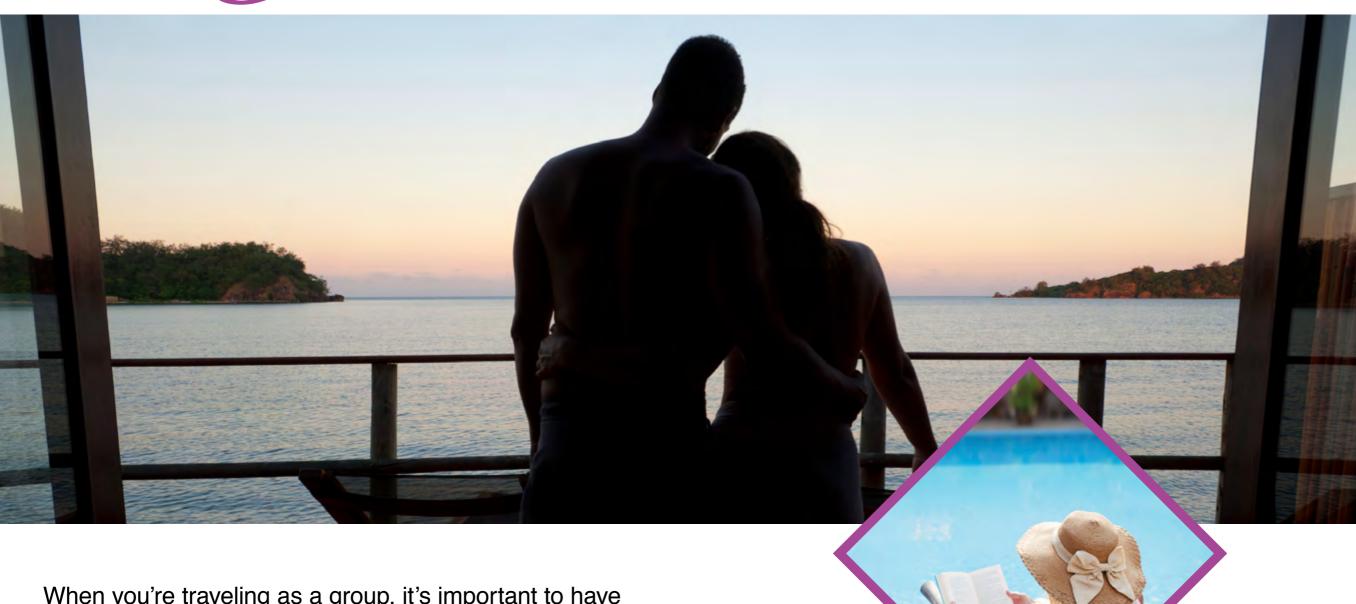
Push Yourself to Try Something New



My favorite family vacation memories center on new experiences, when a family member went outside of his or her comfort zone. In Belize, my sister-in-law got an adrenaline rush flying through the jungle on a zipline. In Hawaii, my grandma overcame her fear of water and went swimming for the first time since she was a kid. These memories will stay with me indefinitely.



Don't expect to do anything on your first day



When you're traveling as a group, it's important to have realistic expectations. That includes not doing anything on the first day of your trip. When it's just me and my husband, I like to jump right into activities. But I've learned that my family usually needs time to get oriented, shop for groceries, and settle into their accommodations.

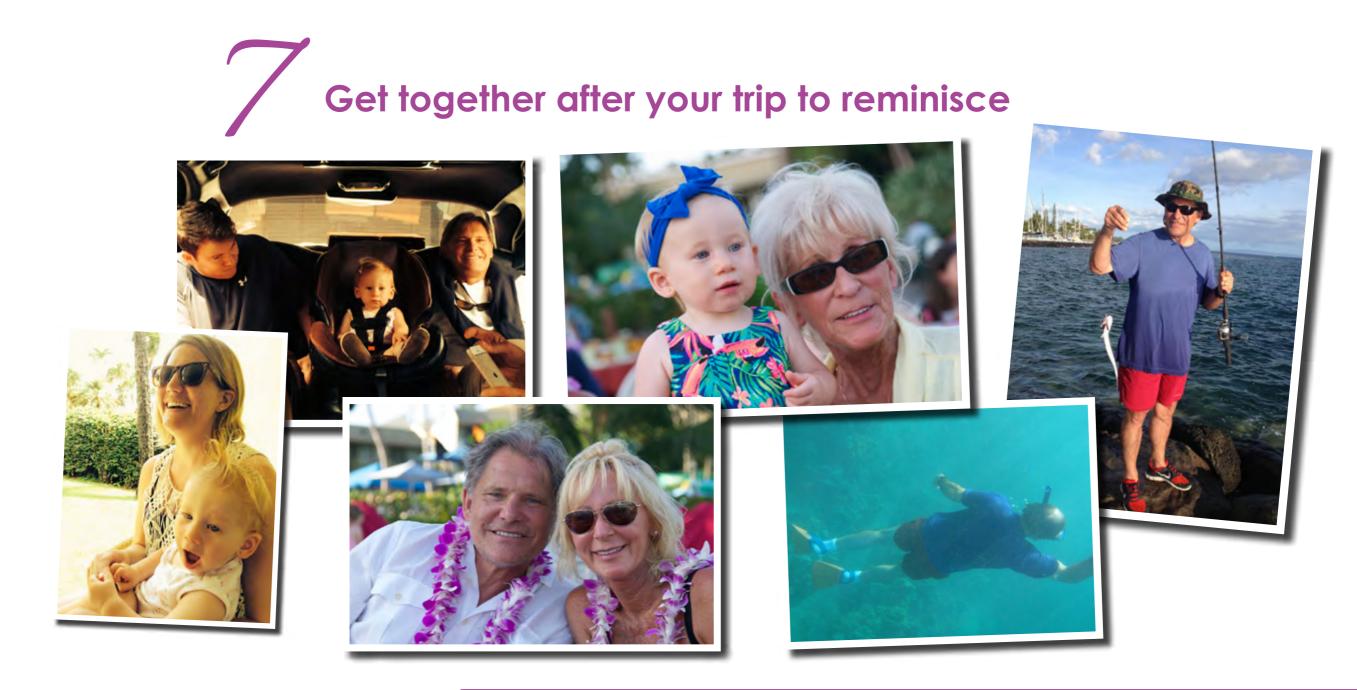


Make sure basic needs are met



I'm one of those people who gets incredibly grumpy when I'm hungry, a trait I share with about half of my family members. We've learned through trial and error that it is important to have snacks on hand at all times. We also try to schedule regular bathroom breaks.

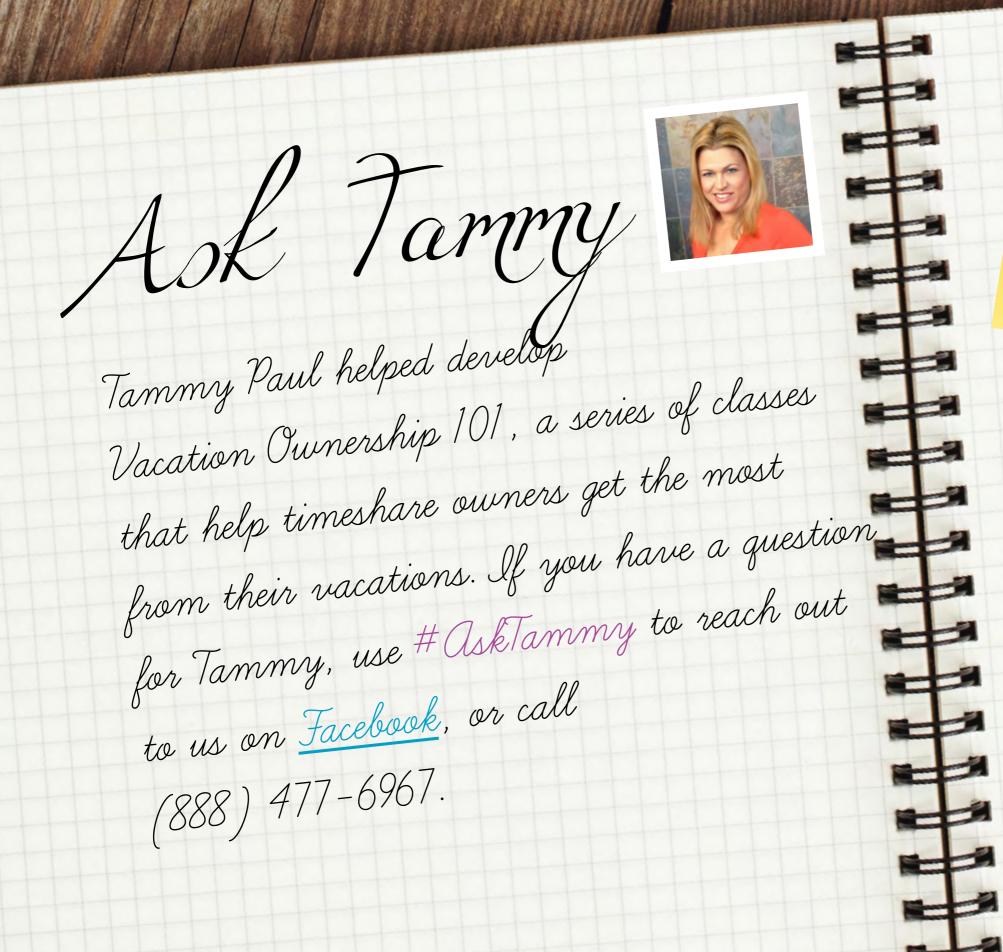




I love cooking recipes inspired by my travels. It's even better sharing these dishes with family and reminiscing about the time we spent together. Even though we may not see each other every day like we did on vacation, reliving the memories reminds us that the heart of our relationships is still there.







Have a question?

Email timetogether@gpresorts.com and we'll get back to you with an answer.





Dear Tammy,

In 2013 I banked a July use week with GPX. We planned on exchanging into a resort in Tahoe but ended up visiting our grandkids in Boston the past two summers instead. Is it too late to use my credit?

Harry G. in Phoenix, AZ

Dear Harry,

It's not too late to use your credit, but you do have to act quickly. GPX credits expire two years from the start date of your deposited week. In your case, that would be this July. With your expiration date coming up, you have two options.

First, you can still book an exchange by visiting <u>apxvacations.com</u>. If Tahoe is still your first choice, we have several weeks at Tahoe Beach & Ski Club, the newest resort in our family. Just remember, the last day of your exchange week must predate the expiration of your credit. That is, if your credit expires July 25, your exchange week must end before that date.

Alternately, you can extend your credit for up to 12 months by calling us at (866) 325-6295. This is a particularly good option if you find an exchange week after July. We do charge between \$49 and \$99 for this service, depending on the length of your extension.

I can't help but ask—have you invited your family to join you in Tahoe? Our two-bedroom condos offer great value and extra space for multiple generations. If your credit is only valid for a studio or one-bedroom unit, you can always upgrade for a small fee.

Whatever you choose, I hope you have a blast on your vacation!

Tammy



Dear Tammy,

Is there any way I can book a two to three day stay in the Carlsbad area? My dad is coming to visit us for the weekend, and I'd like to find something more economical than \$300 per night for a tiny hotel room. Thank you in advance!

Margaret L. in Carlsbad, CA

Dear Margaret,

For a short-term stay, your best option is to book through <u>Resortime</u>. Resortime is a nightly rental site that's available to you as an owner benefit. It offers a 110% Best Rate Guarantee at more than 1,000 timeshare resorts and hotels, including many in Carlsbad.

Just make sure you sign-in before you begin browsing (you'll enjoy up to 25% automatic savings, a benefit that isn't available to the general public), and check your inbox to see if there are any promo codes that would apply to your booking. If you'd rather not book online or need additional assistance, call (877) 477-7368 to speak with a vacation specialist.

Best Regards,
Tammy





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