



RED ROCK COUNTRY

Join Elaine as she takes us on a tour of Sedona, Arizona



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Important Notice Last Printed Newsletter

The newsletters we provide for our Owners are a valuable tool to provide you with up-to-date and pertinent information relevant to all Owners. Previous newsletters have indicated that the printed newsletters were being phased out. The time is here, and this is the **last printed newsletter**.

In an effort to balance our need to inform our Owners, keep our expenses manageable, and be responsible stewards

of natural resources, all future newsletters will be arriving via email.

If you wish to confirm that we have a correct email on file please contact Nancy at her email address, nancy.tremblay@elkhornresort.mb.ca.

For the few Owners who do not have access to an email account please call the Owner Services Office at 888-462-8785 and have your name added to a list kept for alternate delivery methods.

Thank you for assisting us in this most important endeavour.

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SEDONA, ARIZONA

A two week winter getaway from Manitoba to explore Sedona, Arizona and area in February / March really makes you appreciate our exchange options with RCI!

West Jet delivered us to Phoenix Sky Harbour airport where we easily found the kiosk for the Arizona Shuttle located right beside the baggage carousels on the lower level. Reservations were made online weeks prior to departure so all we had to do was sit back and enjoy the scenery as we were whisked off to Sedona to our chosen drop off location at Enterprise Car Rental.

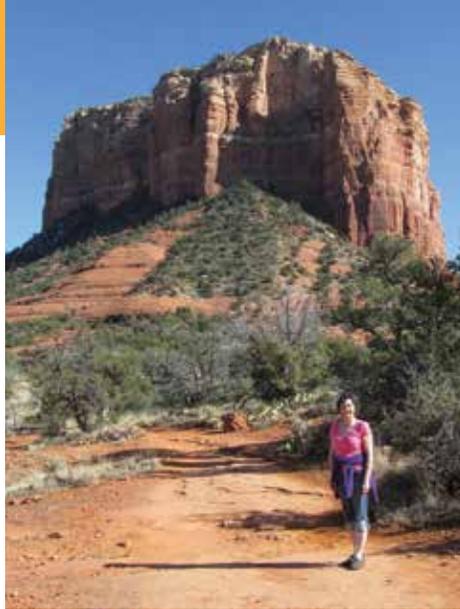
Our next stop was Sedona Summit, where we checked in to our 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit that had all the conveniences of home. Even the fireplace didn't go amiss with two days of Manitoba-like precipitation. Yup, the most snow locals had seen in recent memory!

The outdoor grills were great for meal prep and the four swimming pools (1 adults only) and two very large spas were nice perks.

Caution would be advised at check-in when presented to the Concierge; although they are personable and very obliging, they are part of the sales promotions and the amazing prices they offer for tickets to local attractions will be followed by the obligatory sales presentation.

The one annoyance at this resort was lack of free Internet anywhere on site, which obliged us to connect to an AT&T site and pay using our credit card if we wished to stay "connected". We were informed that upon the completion of renovations this situation would change.

We did enlist the services of the Concierge and booked tickets at full price for the Verde Railway and the Red Rock Western Jeep Tour. The Verde Railway tour leaves from Clarkdale and the train meanders through the Verde Valley and many different ecosystems, with a stop at Perkinsville. This quaint little siding became



famous when selected as a film location for the movie *How the West Was Won*. The return trip allows photo ops on the opposite side of train. A staff member on each car shares history of the area and points out items of interest. We were treated to aerial displays by bald eagles and hawks, watched a herd of javelina make their way up the steep banks of the valley and spotted the den of a cougar and her two cubs.

The second tickets for the Red Rock Western Jeep Tour provided great fun for about three hours. The drivers are outfitted in full Western regalia complete with gun, holster, spurs, and hat. They also have impressive memories that spew interesting and often comical facts. The jeeps are, as expected, a little on the rough side but transport you to areas not for the faint-of-heart. As mentioned in earlier excursions I have an aversion to extreme heights and any precipice, which is why I booked the *Cowboys & Canyons* tour which would travel along the *bottom* of the canyons and end at an historical cabin with a storytelling session. However, those two days of snow resulted in meltwater flooding the canyons and—what a surprise—we are now on the Mollogen RIM Tour! As the name implies, you arrive at the upper rim after switchbacks take you over rocks, sand, snow, ice and the water that has taken over the old stagecoach route. Sharing

the jeep with five strangers encouraged a brave front; only once did I have my head between my knees, and of course that was to provide better photo ops for the others.

We also had the good fortune to be in Sedona during their Film Festival and purchased tickets for *The Discoverers*, which we thoroughly enjoyed and was topped off by the chat session that followed between the lead actor, Griffin Dunne, and writer/director, Justin Schwarz. The second session we took in was *An Evening with Joan Collins* where this ageless diva spent two hours reminiscing about her life, other actors and her many husbands (eight), and concluded with Joan taking questions from the audience. Another fun evening!

A favourite drive for us was up to Jerome, an old mining ghost town that has a new life as a tourist destination. Stop at Nelly Bly's and enjoy hands-on time with the vast array of kaleidoscopes, then enjoy lunch at The Mile High Grill and read the walls, tour the old mine and, of course, do more shopping. If you prefer some exercise, the hiking trails offer a level of comfort for everyone, and we especially enjoyed the Bell Rock, Centennial and Boynton Canyon trails. Of course all this activity resulted in healthy appetites and there was no shortage of dining choices. The Barking Frog and Dahl & DiLuca lived up to their recommendations; be sure to try a lunch at the Enchantment Resort (Oprah's fave).

So much to see (Grand Canyon, Pink Jeep Tours, Chapel of the Holy Cross, the Vortexes, Slide Rock, Tlaquepaque, Oak Creek Canyon, Montezuma Castle and always more hiking); so little time.

Red Rock Country is a beautiful place to visit and we found the people to be friendly and generous with their suggestions and directions. The flora and fauna is very unique and more than a little awe-inspiring, especially as experienced from her "Rims"!

Until next time, make every day an adventure! – Elaine

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel – not the destination."
— Roy M. Goodman



What are the RCI Points® Fees?

...and how can I save by using RCI.com?

As an RCI Points Subscribing Member, you have access to many members-only benefits! The following information details the various fees that are associated with your membership benefits, and shows if the fee is lower online, compared to if you book via an RCI Guide.

Usually on an annual basis, you will also pay a maintenance fee, which is used toward the operation and upkeep of the resort at which you own. This is not a fee which is collected by RCI—you pay your resort directly.

Annual RCI Points® Subscription Fees

Term	Fee (CAD \$)
1 Year	\$122.25
2 Years	\$225.76
3 Years	\$314.52
4 Years	\$403.24
5 Years	\$491.95
RCI Points Platinum® – 1 Year	\$54.22
RCI Points Platinum® – 2 Years	\$98.60
RCI Points Platinum® – 3 Years	\$138.03
RCI Points Platinum® – 4 Years	\$177.48
RCI Points Platinum® – 5 Years	\$211.95

Exchange Vacations

Term	RCI.com (CAD \$)	Call Centre (CAD \$)
Home Resort Reservation (7 nights)	\$44	\$54
RCI Points Reservation: 7+ Nights	\$173	\$184
RCI Points Reservation: 6 Nights	\$162	\$173
RCI Points Reservation: 5 Nights	\$140	\$151
RCI Points Reservation: 4 Nights	\$108	\$119
RCI Points Reservation: 3 Nights	\$86	\$97
RCI Points Reservation: 2 Nights	\$64	\$75
RCI Points Reservation: 1 Night	\$42	\$53
RCI Weeks Reservation (7 nights)	\$217	\$227

Last CallSM Vacations and RCI Cruise

Type	H/S (CAD \$)	1BR (CAD \$)	2BR (CAD \$)
Cruise Exchange – 20,000 Points	\$119		
Cruise Exchange – 40,000 Points	\$227		
Last Call – Call Centre	\$282	\$309	\$337
Last Call – RCI.com	\$266	\$293	\$320



Managing Your Points

	Fee (CAD \$)
Points Saving Fee	\$28
Points Extension Fee Less than 30,000 Points	\$71
Points Extension Fee 30,000 Points and above	\$114
Points Transfer Fee 1 free transfer per Use Year	\$107
Points Rental Fee (Per Point)	\$0.0218
Points for Deposit Fee	\$28

RCI Points Protection

	Fee (CAD \$)
RCI Points Protection: 1-2 nights	\$32
RCI Points Protection: 3-4 nights	\$42
RCI Points Protection: 5+ nights	\$53

Miscellaneous Fees

	Fee (CAD \$)
Guest Certificate	\$64
Membership Transfer Application (MTA)	\$107
Duplicate Points Directory (S&H)	\$8

Need more information?

For advice about your Subscribing Membership and guidance on how to use your Points, RCI Vacation Guides are ready to help.

Go to RCI.com or call 1-877-968-7476. Phone hours are weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m (local times for continental U.S. and Canada).

MEMBER NOTICES

What are Reservation Windows?

...and what should I know about them?

Knowing when to exchange can increase the likelihood of getting the vacation you want.

A Reservation Window is essentially a window of opportunity when you can request a specific type of reservation with less competition from other RCI® Subscribing Members. Each type of reservation at RCI-affiliated resorts has its own associated Reservation Window.

HOME GROUP

You want to reserve a unit at a resort which is part of a larger group of properties in your Home Group of resorts.

11-10 months before check-in date

STANDARD RESERVATION

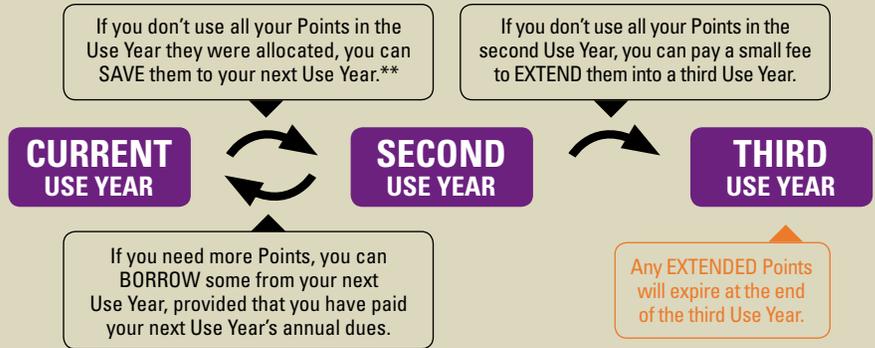
You want to choose from any of the other available RCI Points® affiliated resorts.

10 months before check-in date

Something to note! — Home Group and Standard Reservation reservations can be made for less than seven nights.

By understanding how Reservation Windows work, you will know when best to exchange—and that can only mean better vacation options for you!

For more information, go to RCI.com, or call RCI at 1-317-805-9941 (weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)



What is a Use Year?

...and how do they work?

Understanding your Use Year is essential if you are to get the most from your Subscribing Membership!

Your Use Year is a recurring 12-month period which starts on the first day of the month following the set-up of your RCI account. For example, if your account was set up during April, your Use Year would always start on May 1st and run through April 30th of the following year.

The first day of your Use Year is when you receive your annual Points allotment, and the illustration above shows the flexibility you have to use them between Use Years.

Something to note! — Your current Use Year is dated depending upon the year in which it started. For example, if your current Use Year began on May 1, 2009, that would be your "2009 Use Year", even though it would not end until April 30, 2010.

Are your Points close to expiring?

You still have time...and options!

Option 1: Exchange your Points. Why let your Points expire? Exchange them for a great vacation at an RCI-affiliated resort!

Option 2: Send a friend on a vacation! Do you have Points you are unable to use? When you purchase an RCI Guest Certificate, friends and family can enjoy a great RCI vacation as a gift from you.*

Option 3: Extend your Points! Points which you do not use within one Use Year are automatically saved into a second Use Year**. Need more time? For a small fee you can extend your Points for a third year.

Option 4: Transfer your Points! If you do not use your Points, you can transfer an allotment of Points from your account to another RCI Subscribing Member, which one time per Use Year is free! If you choose to transfer an allotment of Points again, the standard Points Transfer Fee will apply***.

* Gift Certificate recipients must be at least 21 years of age. ** Saving Points is free of charge if you have used some of your Points by the end of the Use Year in which they were allocated. Otherwise, a \$26USD transaction fee applies. *** Certain restrictions and conditions apply. Please call RCI for information, 1-317-805-9941.

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We enjoy it when our owners keep in touch with us, telling us about the great trips they have taken, and new and exciting things they have encountered. Give our office a call or send us a note. • At any time you have questions or would like a complete orientation on how to use your ownership, please give our office a call. An appointment time will be made for the orientation.

Our Owner Service Reps are: Manitoba: Mandi, Judy, Nancy T., Elaine, Linda and Val; Alberta: Chris and Moilah

CAUTION!

If you receive a phone call from a company claiming to rent or sell your unit this is a SCAM. Do not provide

personal information or send them any money.

Please use extreme caution if you are purchasing a timeshare in Mexico and believe you are trading in your property. You are legal owner of your property until the land title is transferred out of your name. (When purchasing in Mexico they advise that you are trading in your property, but do not go through the process of completing the transfer.) Essentially you would be left with owning two properties and being responsible for both maintenance fees.

