Mayel There really is a Paradise! corner of Alberta, Canada, the transition between range-

RETURN TO EDEN . . . Swim, sun and play in the lash and fuxurious surgoundings of the newest of Club Med's many resort villages, located on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, Photo: Carla Hunt.

Portugal—a land of treasures and pleasures worth exploring

Lisbon, Portugal's capital, wander through its shady well worth bringing home as is an orange and white city byways, catching glimpses of much as one can carry. climbing up and down seven hills, dominated by the immense Castello de São Jorge. Below, the Tagus River flows, crossed by the dramatte red-tinted 25th of April

Explore the old part of town, the Alfama, following streets that climb up and down countless hills, as the sound of Portugal's national music, the soulful Fado, wafts out of cafes or record

Head first for the Castello. high on a hill, for a marvellous view of the city, Explore the castle's ramparts and

thes of doves nestled in the branches of ancient trees

Portugal's famed handierafts, displayed in stores throughout the Alfama quarter, include brightly painted ceramies (Vases, figurines and tiles are among the many beautiful objects available in pollery.)

The country's famous Port wine may be purchased throughout the city, and is priced so low, even after duty is levied on quantities over the specific allowance permitted by the U.S. or Canadian government, that it is

resort of Estoril, and its upbeat companion: Cascais, are only a short distance away from Lisbon. Go there for an afternoon or a weekend, or longer, to swim, sunbathe, and soak up the atmosphere. For those who enjoy a spin of the toulette wheel or a toss of the dice, Estoril has recently opened an ultra-modern

The gracious, old-world

For further information on Lasbon and its surroundings, contact the Portuguese National Tourist Office, 548 Tilth Ave., New York, N.Y.

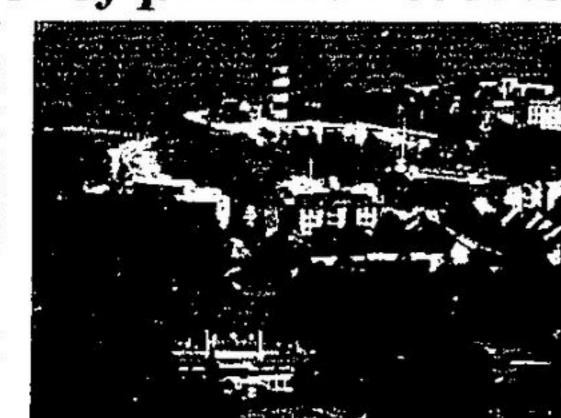
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Four championship golf courses, 45 tennis courts, 11 miles of bicycle trails, two marinas, an equestrian center, a fishing program, a nationally-known sailing school and nearly five miles of Atlantic beachfront all await the active vacationer in one lovely, unique spot - the famous Sea Pines Plantation resort at sunny Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. You've probably already

seen lovely Sea Pines Plantation, in fact, as its famous Harbour Town Golf Links. cited by the World Atlas of Golf as one of the top courses in North America, are the site of the nationally televised annual Heritage Golf Classic.

Sea Pines can also boast national felevision coverage of more than 11 tennis tournaments, including the prestigious World Invitational Tennis Classic and the Family Circle Cup, one of the four top women's sports events in the U.S.

But even if you're not Billie Jean King or Arnold , Palmer, Séa Pines Plantation · has a lot to offer, and nonathletic Pacation relaxers should definitely check into



THE FAMED FAIRWAYS of the Harbor Town Golf Links, site of the annual Heritage Golf Classic held each March, are just one of the attractions to be found at the Sea Pines Plantation resort at Hilton Head, S.C.

The resort's accommodations include the luxurious 204-room Hilton Head Inn and more than 900 rental villas and homes for those who just want to get away from it raid, all combined with a good dose of Southern haspi-

A new 1978 Vacation Guide to the famous Sea Pines Plantation resort is now available. This 28-page, four-color booklet describes in detail all of Sea Pines many all, beautifully. There are delights including package beaches to roam and beauti- programs offered at the facilful shops and bounques to ity, which is generally considered to be the largest privately owned resort in the

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Have you ever wondered what places a top travel agent might recommend to the traveler who's looking for a somewhat off-beat destination? Here are some suggestions for an unusual vacation, courtesy of Corinne Edwards, president of Edwards Travel Advisors in Lincolawood, Illinois.

Ms. Edwards is an enthusiastic, energetic and experirenced agent who may well guess where you want to go. even before you've realized it yourself! .

One destination over which Ms. Edwards waxes ecstatic is Malaysia. It is, she maintains, still exciting and unspoiled, in an age when too many past-paradises are fast becoming commercial. The hotels, she reports, are truly luxurious, and the cuisine marvellous.

At the same time, a visit to Malaysia is an excellent opportunity to see and experience a vastly different culture and lifestyle. There is a plethora of things to see: fascinating temples and mosques, rubber plantations and tin mines. . .

One can glimpse the . equipage of a Sultan while casually strolling in the street, and watch barbers performing by the riverside or Indians telling fortunes. with cards, squatting on their

Another place Ms. Edwards recommends for the curious voyager, who doesn't mind vacationing in a somewhat less-than-deluxe fashion, is Cuba.

Having just returned from the first travel agent trip to Cuba since the revolution, she is most enthusiastic about this island, so long offlimits to the American

traveler. Scenically, Cuba is a typical Caribbean island, with a Latin culture. It has beautiful beaches, clear blue seas, and fabulous weather, at lower

land and the (abled Rockies causes the land to rear up in sparsely treed, rolling ridges interspersed with deep. wooded valleys. It is sometims referred to by homesick Albertans as "for seein' country."

The view is indeed long range and as an elderly Piegan told me long ago, "It

Down in the southwestern

makes your eyes feel glad." Such a scene is the Gladstone Mountain Guest Ranch set back within walking distance of sky-high peaks just 29 km (18 miles) beyond the foothills town of Pincher Creek.

(680-acre) working ranch with 200 head of cattle, and because of its unique setting, offers not only scenic and exciting trall riding in summer, but some of the finest foothill cross-country skiing terrain in southern Alberta. Your hosts at the Glad-

The Gladstone is a 275.4 ha

stone are Chuck and Val Ridder who succumbed to the spell of the "far secin' country" when they purchased the ranch two years

They have since proceeded to renovate and refurbish the existing structures and erect new buildings that actually enhance the quiet tranquility of this unique area.

Their own ranch house. with its massive fireplace exuding a venerable friendllness, sets the life-style here. Nearby, the rustic log-cabinstyle restaurant serves up well prepared western or seafood fare complemented by a carefully selected wine

In addition to the six separate guest cabins, the crowning touch is the recently completed Trail's End

This expansive retreat, also centred by a huge fieldstone fireplace, is constructed entirely of massive log timbers with picture windows revealing a full eyepleasing view of the nearby mountain peaks.

Relaxation in convivini surroundings after an active day of skiling, riding or hiking is an important part of the Gladstone Ranch holiday experience.

The 200 head of cattle that roam the spread is an added bonus to Gladstone guests. This working ranch allows the visitor to obtain a first hand knowledge of how livestock is raised and cared for during the range life period of Canada's famed western

The two main activities are, or course, riding in the summer and cross-country skling through the mountain valleys in wintertime.

The terrain is particularly suitable for Nordic skiing as the rolling foothill country leads into valleys which actually penetrate the main easterly range of the Canadian Rockies. The initial workout is the

radius of the ranch buildings and cabins. The Trapper's Trail ranges out four kilometres (21/2

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miles) with a good part of the trail winding through heavy timber and is completely sheltered from wind on blustery days. The trapper's cabin is a favorite stop for

Alpine View Trail which

traverses a variety of open

hillsides and treed groves all

within a 0.8 km (half mile)

When you feel you are ready for some serious skiing, there is a real treat in store. This is the 22 km (14 miles) day trip to Gladstone Falls and back.

This machine-groomed trail follows a creek and valley deep into the alpine forest where it terminates at Gladstone Falls. The towering presence of Gladstone Mountain now looms overhead. Make sure you have a camera in your pack so this scene can be added to your collection of "nice places I've been to."

The area is particularly rich in wildlife and in fact attracts big game hunters each fall for mule and whitetail deer, black bear, moose and elk.

The grandeur of Waterton Lakes National Park is only 48 km (30 miles) away so if you are in insatlable mountain scenery fan, the park warrants a visit for a day's skiing. It is imperative to check with the warden's office to get on the spot advice about the weather.

Waterton's Red Rock Canyon Trall is a fantastic experience for the crosscountry skier, but frequent weather changes amplified by high winds sweeping down the mountain valleys cause whiteouts and limit such excursions to a day-to-day basis.

Gladstone's winter rates (November to May 24) include all meals and accommodation, skilng, tobogganning, sleigh rides, transpor-

tation to and from the nearest bus or air services (Pincher Creek) are \$30 per day per adult. Children, 12 to 15 years are \$15, \$10 per day for 14 years and younger while tads under five are no charge.

This rate structure is particuling suitable for family

groups. Summer rates at \$50 per adult per day with proportional reductions for children include riding and guided trail rides, barbecues, hayrides. The Gladstone retain 20 head of fully equipped riding horses for their summer activities.

In summertime, the trail ride to the top of Table Mountain views for popularity with the cross-country ski trip to Gladstone Falls in winter. A trail lunch is brought along so the riders can enjoy a picnic on this great flat-topped peak which offers a commanding view of the ranch and foothills to the

Travel has countless joys to offer the adventurous!

Travel! The word alone evokes a myriad of images and ideas, visions of visits past and those to come.

Iwo short syllables, and suddenly one person is mentally packing a suitcase, an other revving up the car. The fabulous thing about

the joys of traveling is that they are available anywhere, near to home as well as far away. There is as much adventure to be found only a few hours from your own front door as there is in strange and exotic places on other continents. Key to adventure

The adventure is all in the way you, the traveler, apptoach your frip, what you are willing to put into it. What you look for, that you will

As Caskie Stinnert, one of America's foremost travel writers, astutely, comments in the preface to his most recent book, Grand and Private Pleasures: "There is an art to travel, a means of getting the most out of a trip with a minimum of effort.

One of the key factors to maximum enjoyment during travel is participation. Being an onlooker is all very well, but it is not enough. The only way a person can get to know a place is to experience if actively.

To quote Mr. Stinnett again: "It's my contention that travel is most rewarding when it is felt, that observation alone doesn't give you your money's worth."

Open yourself to every thing from the moment you turn your back on your front lawn and venture out into the world. Above all else, travel should not be an antiseptic experience, devoid of individuality. Everything that is a part of travel is worth experiencing for its own sake. and in order to give a frame to the adventures you will have once you reach your destina-

One of the greatest pleasures available to you while traveling is the opportunity to experience the actual process of movement, the means

you use to get from one place to the next.

Whatever you choose, be it plane, train, bus, car of boat. know what you are choosing and why, and fully enjoy every moment of your journey. No vehicle is merely a means of getting from one place to another. It is an adventure in itself.

There is a particular joy inbetent in a bumpy train ride past long stretches of field across central Europe, and another in a smooth flight, motion almost lacking any feeling of movement. Out the window a panorama of cloud-mountains will meet your eye, whenever you choose to look for it.

Beautiful differences The pleasures of crossing gleaming, sapphire seas on a grand ocean liner or scudding waves in a small sailing vessel are totally different from each other, and totally different from anything else in the

There is a great deal of pleasure, too, in deliberately opting for diversity, in combining as many forms of transport in one vacation as are practical and comfortable. To make one more trial with that old saw . . , half the funis getting there. And what about "there"

Naturally, the destination you choose is going to be in-Quenced by any number of factors: the money you have available, the time you'll have, whether you have children to consider, the time of year you'll be vacationing, as well as your own special

interests. Whatever you do opt for, don't hesitate to follow Mr. Stinnett's advice and "use travel as a means of living out fantasies, of making the bright dream materialize."

Don't stick completely to the known and comfortable. Explore on vont own. Walk around the city or cities you've decided to visit, like about the countryside

Take public buses sometimes rather than taxis or four buses. Get lost! Some of the

greatest experiences available to the traveler are stumbled upon, rather than sought

Indulge?

Experiment with enisines. It would be a shame to travel through any region, in this country or anywhere else in the world, without sampling its specialnes.

Don't worry, either, if you'll be visiting a place where you don't know the language. If you're nervous, pick up a phrase book. People everywhere are flatteted when visitors to their country make an attempt to use their language, however haltingly. And if words fail, sign language won't!

It is not have to count upon the helpfulness of people virtually everywhere. You'll find that it is the willingness to be a bit daring, that makes travel something more than a ritual of motion, a whirt of meaningless sights. on the order of "if it's Tuesday, it must be Helgium."

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