



## **C.P. Trips In The Community!**

***Learn about all the ways that C.P. Trips is involved in the community! Join us in supporting some great events and local community organizations and you can get a \$25.00 coupon off your next Travel Research fee & package from C.P. Trips!***

***C.P. Trips likes to work with our community whenever possible. We participate in local events and***

***conferences, as well as business chambers. Cindy also supports local arts, a personal passion of hers. We invite you to join us in the variety of events that Cindy and C.P. Trips will be attending.***

Cindy's biggest passion beyond travel is the Arts. She has long **embraced local art projects and organizations**. We believe that **Art enriches all lives**, no matter your background, no matter your culture, or your education, art speaks to all of us. With this in mind, Cindy has made a continual effort to be involved with the arts locally. **Currently she works with** the following groups. Be sure to check out their websites to learn more and find out how you can enjoy these artistic organizations as well:

- [Gresham Center for the Arts Foundation - Third Thursday Studios](#)
- [Portland Columbia Symphony](#)

Cindy is also an active member in local community **Chambers of Commerce**, networking with local businesses. C.P. Trips and Cindy are members of the [Gresham Chamber](#), [West Columbia Gorge Chamber](#) and [North Clackamas Chamber](#) of Commerce. Our membership with these organizations gives us opportunities to be included in community occasions throughout the year. **Coming soon on November 12th will be the next [Gresham Fall Expo](#)**, in which C.P. Trips will be participating.

We will also be at the next two Upside to Downsizing conferences on **November 8<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> (2015), at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn**. These conferences offer information and resources for folks looking to downsize their lifestyle, in particular if you have or are soon to retire. You can find out more about these events at [www.upsidetodownsizing.com](http://www.upsidetodownsizing.com). We will have a booth at these conferences highlighting some of our amazing dream vacation



## Local Travel Spotlight- Ashland- More than just the Shakespearean Festival



### **Ashland, Oregon**

makes for a wonderful weekend getaway. No matter if your adventure is with a group of friends, just the girls, or for a well-spent romantic escape, Ashland has it all. From quaint downtown shops and restaurants, to the famous Shakespearean plays, golf and spa resorts, and river rafting, you

can pack a lot of vacation into one weekend.

Perhaps the most well-known attraction in Ashland is the **Oregon Shakespearean Festival**. It is not too late to get in several plays this season, which runs until November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some of this year's productions include **The Tempest, Richard III, Two Gentlemen of Verona and The Comedy of Errors** for a taste of Shakespeare himself. There are contemporary shows as well such as **Into The Woods, Water By the Spoonful and A Wrinkle in Time**.

The Ashland area offers more than just theater though; **river rafting** along the **Rogue River** can be a great adventure, guided or on your own. Southern Oregon is also known for its **wineries**, a wine tasting tour would be a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. One place in particular that we have enjoyed would make an ideal lunch stop on your way back home from your long weekend getaway, is **Kings Estate Winery**, located between Roseburg and Eugene. This fully organic working estate not only has award winning wines, but offers its own produce, meats, honey and baked goods, along with other local fare, providing you with a meal to remember and a great way to cap off your weekend getaway.

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## **Cindy's Summer of Travel**



Cindy had a **once in a lifetime summer of travel** this year. She is excited to share with you some of her adventures! To start, she and her husband Tony took a luxurious **Windstar Cruise around the islands of Tahiti** this past June. Celebrating a milestone birthday, this was a long awaited journey to an incredible tropical paradise. Windstar Cruises was at the top of their game in how they take care of all their guests with that special touch you expect from a yachting cruise.

**Tahiti is exotic at its most luxurious.** The most well-known island in French Polynesia, Tahiti offers extravagance for all the senses. From Awe inspiring natural wonders, to fresh local fruits and famously grown vanilla beans; or soft, white sandy beaches, top notch island entertainment and much more, Tahiti is an island paradise waiting to take you away. We asked Cindy the following questions:

Question: What type of trip to Tahiti did you have?

**Cindy:** We were on a small Windstar sailing Yacht where we cruised around all of the islands of Tahiti.

QU: What was your favorite port of call?

**Cindy:** Huahine (pronounced Hoo-ah-heeny) was a wonderful place where we were able to spend time in lovely gardens. We were also able to spend some time on the bay where we saw a pod of dolphins playing in the warm, clear waters. The baby dolphins were incredibly playful. We were with a Naturalist who studies their behavior and he was quite informative.

QU: What was the best part of your Windstar Cruise?

**Cindy:** Being able to visit all of the islands without having to unpack over and over was a big plus. The food was wonderful, as were the sunsets. Each night we would go to the top deck of the yacht and watch the sun set behind a gorgeous tropical paradise. Perhaps the best part however was meeting those people onboard, the staff of Windstar and the passengers. New friendships were made and will be cherished.

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QU: What was the food like?

**Cindy:** It was incredible, especially the fresh fruits and vegetable and the ice cream was simply to die for.

QU: What would you recommend to a client interested in traveling to Tahiti?

**Cindy:** My biggest recommendation is to take a Windstar cruise. On a practical level, we were able to enjoy many more islands over our stay by being on the yacht. One room, one time to unpack and many islands to visit- it was ideal especially after the time it takes to get to Tahiti. There was such a feeling of romance on the yacht as we enjoyed the sunsets on the top deck with music playing and the magnificent islands before us. It was a trip of a lifetime well worth the journey.

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## AmaWaterways- European River Cruises in Luxury



Have you dreamed of touring Europe but find it hard to choose just which country, cities and region to visit? Why not explore a larger area of the Old Continent on an **AmaWaterways River Cruise**? With AmaWaterways you can unpack your bags once and have your hotel travel with you to a variety of locations all on one trip. AmaWaterways specializes in **small, custom-designed river boats**, with premium amenities, stylish staterooms, exceptional cuisine and impeccable service.

With a river cruise you can see Europe in an especially unique way. Traveling up smooth flowing rivers gives you magnificent views of **historic villages and cities, castles** and fortress towers and rarely seen natural enclaves along the way. At each port you have the chance to visit an area yourself or with a small group. There are even **complimentary bicycles** available to seek your own adventure with a classic European way to get around.

With AmaWaterways, each vessel travels with **no more than 150 passengers** so you never have to wait in a long line to get off the boat, and experiences such as escorted shore excursions and dining on board are an intimate affair, where new friends are easily made. This is all accompanied with a **5 star rating** for customer service and amenities such as champagne breakfasts, hand selected European wines, free internet access, spa services and live cultural entertainment onboard. All these extras provided on an AmaWaterways River Cruise help keep your European vacation from being too expensive.

Currently there is a great special being offered by AmaWaterways for 2015 sailings across Europe. **The Balcony Celebration Special lets you save up to \$1500 on a balcony cabin** aboard select AmaWaterways cruises. For trips embarking between March and October 2015, along the Rhine, Danube, Seine rivers, Dutch & Belgian Canals & waterways, and more, you can enjoy the beauty and history of European rivers with AmaWaterways. This special is only valid for cruises **booked by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014** so be sure to contact Cindy at C.P. Trips right away and begin your European River Cruise vacation plans today!

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## Cindy's Travel Tips



When it comes to traveling abroad, having your passport is a must. While this is common knowledge around the world, there are many things to consider when it comes to your passport, most notably when & how you get your passport, or renew it, and how to keep your passport safe when traveling. Here are some quick tips to keep in mind when it comes to travel and your passport:

- If you travel out of the U.S., you will need your passport. Even with countries that accept a birth certificate and photo id to enter, the United States requires a passport to come back. Save yourself the hassle and worry about having the correct document and get your passport.
- Be aware of your expiration dates! If you have children with passports, keep in mind, these expire after 5 years, whereas adult passports expire after 10. Many countries require your passport to be valid 3-6 months after your travel date. So plan to renew if your passport expires within 6 months of your travel date.
- If you are getting your passport for the first time plan for 6-8 weeks processing time to get your passport, so ideally you should complete the application 3-4 months prior to your travel dates. Often you can apply at courthouses or post offices when you have to apply in person. This applies to first time issuance and for children, who must be in attendance with at least one parent, and a notarized permission letter if the other parent is not available. Be sure to check the [US Department of State website](#) on Passports for all the up to date requirements that may apply to your personal situation.
- Once you have your passport, how do you keep it safe while traveling? The safest way to carry important documents like your passport and id while traveling is to have a travel document pouch that can be worn under your clothes. There are many options available, including ones that have RFID blockers. Radio Frequency Identification is now included on your passport, and many forms of id and credit cards. This high tech tool is to help in data tracking. Unfortunately this technology can be used by others to steal your information or identity. Getting a wallet or document pouch with an RFID blocker included will help protect all your information.
- Make copies of your passport and other travel documents. Once you arrive at your destination, chances are you won't need your passport

directly. Carrying a copy around as back up id can be helpful, and you can lock your passport in a safe at your hotel room, or with the front desk to avoid any risk of it becoming lost or stolen while you are out seeing the sights.

- If you do not want to carry a document pouch under your clothing, the next best place to carry your documents is in a front pocket or bag with a zipper that you can carry across your front. Do not use a purse that has a button only, or open bag, and never use a back pack to carry your passport, these bags are very easily pickpocketed and major targets. It is also ideal to not carry your passport with your other identification. If one does get lost or stolen, you should have the other to use if needed.
- If the worst does happen when traveling abroad, and you are a C.P. Trips client. You can rest assured that we are here to help you get through the process as smoothly and quickly as possible. One call to our office and we will be your advocate to get you through your trip and safely back home.
- Stay tuned for our next newsletter where you will learn all about Global Pass- an easier way to get through customs!

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