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TRAVEL TEMPTATIONS

Art, history, gingerbread and other sweet deals

Exhibit of artist Henri Matisse's work celebrates line and light as the days grow shorter

Matisse in Edmonton

The Art Gallery of Alberta (www.youraga.ca, \$12 admission) has the *Henri Matisse: A Celebration of Light and Line* exhibit until Feb. 13. More than 170 works of art (etchings, monotypes, lithographs, linocuts, aquatints, dry) emphasizes the role of printmaking in the French artist's career. Some works are being shown for the first time.

Kudos

Xwisten Experience Tours (www.xwisten.ca) is the first recipient of the Cultural Authenticity Award, presented at the 11th Annual BC Tourism Awards. The tours explore two culturally significant areas of the Xwisten people of the Bridge River Indian Band in Lillooet, from June to September.

No nibbling

Admire the 12th annual Gingerbread Village display at the Four Season Hotel Las Vegas (www.fourseasons.com/lasvegas, free) between Nov. 26 and Dec. 25. The display, made entirely of gingerbread and chocolate, features 20 gingerbread "properties" and a life-size working carousel.

Savings on sleeps

Save on your New York City (www.nycgo.com/getmorenyc/hotels) stay with the Get More NYC promotion when you visit between Jan. 2 and Feb. 28.

Nearly 100 hotels are participating with offers such as discounts up to 25 per cent, activities tickets, free breakfasts and more.

Releasing the reds

The third annual Big Reds at Big White event (Dec. 11) celebrates the release of the Okanagan's red wines. Big White Ski Resort (1-800-663-2772, www.bigwhite.com) has a Ski

Free with Big Reds package, Dec. 8 through 12.

Priced from \$119 per person, per night, it includes a lift ticket, Big Reds event ticket and requires a minimum two-night stay.

History buffs

Join the Great Canadian War Memorial tour (www.globusjourneys.ca, from \$2,929 land only), Sept. 13 to 23.

The tour to England and France takes you to museums, memorials and special sites that commemorate Canadians' contributions.

It includes accommodation, motor coach transportation, some meals and admission fees. Contact a travel consultant.

Free valet parking

The Adara Hotel (1-866-502-3272, www.adarahotel.com) in Whistler has the Valet Deal with complimentary valet parking (one car per booking) when you stay for two nights by Dec. 15. Whistler Blackcomb's (www.whistlerblackcomb.com) official opening date is Nov. 25.

And the winner is ...

The Korean Tourist Organization's contest for November (There have been others this year) ends on Nov. 26. The grand prize is a trip for two to Korea worth about \$5,000 that includes airfare and a guided tour. To enter, go to www.facebook.com/Visit-Korea and follow the instructions.

Railroad petting zoo

The Travel Town Transportation Museum in LA (www.laparks.org/griffmet/tt/information.htm) was envisioned as a wonderful place for kids to see, ride and touch railway steel. The nearby Griffith Park & Southern Railroad (www.griffithparktrainrides.com) has a 16 gauge and 18.5 gauge railway with locomotives and cars to ride.

Sweet deal

A contest by Splenda® called the Sweet Dish™ at www.splenda.ca has

a grand prize of \$5,000 toward any vacation package offered by Sunquest Vacations to the Caribbean, Mexico, Costa Rica or Sunquest MSC (Mediterranean Cruises). The contest ends on Dec. 26.

All prices and availability are subject to change, and restrictions apply.

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