

GREAT VACATION DEALS INSIDE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

ENDLESS VACATION

PLAY | EAT | SHOP | RELAX | EXPLORE

THE ADVENTURE ISSUE

Lake Tahoe by trail

AMERICAN
RIVER RAFTING

BEST OF THE
GREAT BARRIER REEF

BIKING QUEBEC'S
LAURENTIANS



ready,
set,
go

Places to see before you die is so 2006. These days it's about *doing*. At least according to *Make the Most of Your Time on Earth*, a hefty (512-page) traveler's wish list being released in October (Rough Guides, \$30). The 1,000 must-do's range from the classic (visit Venice's Carnevale) to the surprising (take the A train in New York City). Lush photos and need-to-know details tucked away in the back make it work for both armchair travelers and adventurers looking for the next thrill.



A () concierge

It used to be that hotel concierges just confirmed flights and found minute theater tickets. Now, it seems, there's a concierge for every



jogging

A concierge guides early-morning runs at the Westin Shanghai.

pillow

Offering choices from down to snore-reducing on the QM2.



proposal

Underwater or under sail? A pro helps seal the deal at Cambridge Beaches, Bermuda.

citrus

Custom-squeezed juices at F Carlton, Grande Lakes Orlando.



Virtual Itzá

Why climb an 80-foot pyramid at Chichén Itzá, Mexico's spectacular Mayan ruins southwest of Cancún, when you can levitate to the top? That's now possible at secondlife.com, a computer-based world populated—and largely built—by 7 million "second lifers"

around the world. Visitors to the virtual site can dive for hidden treasure in cenotes (underground freshwater pools). Voting kiosks here helped the real Chichén Itzá win its bid to become one of the "New 7 Wonders of the World." (new7wonders.com)

Download software from secondlife.com. Once at the site, type "Visit Mexico" and take the audio tour while riding on the back of a Mayan butterfly.



Ditch that Cinnabon, and, instead, get a mini-makeover after clearing airport security. Ten Minute Manicure tailors treatments, from pedicures to foot reflexology massage, based on your schedule. Plane about to board? Count on getting your nails done in 10 minutes flat (\$10–\$15). Stores are already in select airports, including JFK, Miami and Cincinnati, and plans call for more locations by year's end. (10minutemanicure.com)

Pre-flight treat