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Expand your horizons, cross frontiers, leap boundaries, let your ideas take flight. It's no accident. Travel is mind-expanding. Place yourself in a different context and you begin to see things through others' eyes, to understand customs and people and even landscapes in ways that you couldn't predict from home. This month's ideas may not bring you to a higher awareness alone, but hopefully they'll spark some thought-provoking trips. Call us to help you orchestrate any or all of your travel arrangements for 2010. We do sincerely appreciate your business!

Getting the word out on recent travel specials and uber special organized group expeditions is important to us. If you find the information in this e-newsletter helpful, let a friend know and encourage them to call our office (or visit us at [www.teresabeall.com](http://www.teresabeall.com)) if we can be of service. After all, sooner or later everyone needs a vacation. And, don't forget us for simple vacations too – we serve up delicious independent journeys. (short or long)

### **SLEEPING IN SEATTLE**

Need a couple's weekend away? Check out the Andy Warhol's media works exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum – a provocative experience of some of his photography and film portraits – “love fear pleasure lust pain glamour death”. There's no better place to indulge in a little romance of your own than the Alexis Hotel, a luxury boutique hotel down by the waterfront. We can package discounted accommodations with daily breakfasts, a walking map to Pike's Place, Fremont and Pioneer Square, two passes to the museum, and blank postcards and watercolor paint to create your own souvenirs of the visit. Plus, the Alexis (another Kimpton property) hosts nightly wine tastings for guests in the lobby, so you can discuss all of that art over a glass of luscious viognier or full bodied syrah. They offer lovely guestrooms, some with fireplaces and two-person jetted tubs. Who says high culture has to be dry?

### **THINK LIKE A REPTILE**

Clearwater (on Florida's Gulf Coast) comes highly recommended by loggerhead turtles. Every June or July, the turtles migrate to nest at Clearwater's beaches while the area's residents turn down their outdoor lights so the hatchlings will follow the moonlight reflected in the Gulf. Why not go and stay 3 to 4 nights at a resort to witness the turtle hatchlings (and enjoy some serious beach time for yourself). The Clearwater area, with its pristine beaches and unspoiled wildlife preserves, might spoil you for the urban sprawl of Florida's Atlantic coast. Maybe, like the turtles, you'll return annually for a nice, long stay?

### **ILLUMINATING INDIA... TAJ MAHAL INCLUDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

You too can experience the royal life of the Maharajas of India and stay in palaces, havelis and mansions that were once used by the kings and royalty of India. Many have now been converted into heritage hotels. You won't be sharing space with the royal families, but their interesting collection of paintings, costumes and antiques are still intact and displayed within the walls of the digs. Imagine it... New (and Old) Delhi sightseeing... accommodations dripping with heritage... a ride atop a camel to Pushkar... an elephant ride in Jaipur... a boat ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur... a visit with a 450-year old tribe... a cultural dinner at Choki Dhani. Oh yea, we probably should throw in a quick visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra (for your convenience, of course, since you'll be in that neck of the woods anyway).

Happy Traveling, Teresa

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*"Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living." – Miriam Beard*

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