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With more than 400 million books sold and \$5.3 billion in box-office revenues, even a muggle could have prophesied the creation of a Harry Potter theme park. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, opening in spring 2010 at Universal Orlando Resort, brings J. K. Rowling's stories to life in spellbinding style. • The huge towers of Hogwarts Castle loom over the eight-hectare realm, also home to Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey – a ride that travels through scenes, rooms and places from the novels and blockbuster movies. As well, the Potter park beckons with a Hogsmeade train station and village, the Forbidden Forest, the Dragon Challenge (a twin high-speed roller coaster) and Flight of the Hippogriff, a Triwizard Tournament-themed coaster. Wannabe wizards, squibs and half-blood princes alike can sip butterbeer in Three Broomsticks, eat chocolate frogs in Honeydukes and buy magical merchandise at Fitch's Emporium of Confiscated Goods – just some of the many attractions, shops and restaurants that will enchant fans at the park. Bring your own invisible cloak.

i Call or visit your nearest CAA Saskatchewan office; universalorlando.com/harrypotter

Staying Green

GOING ON VACATION doesn't mean you have to take a holiday from an eco-friendly lifestyle. Consider staying at green hotels and eco-friendly lodgings – establishments that have adopted ecologically aware practices and programs to reduce energy, water and waste. In the 2010 AAA/CAA *Tour-Book* guides, look for the new bright green eco symbol (left) that highlights eco-certified lodgings.



Travellers can also customize their searches on aaa.com so that green properties are listed first.



Show Your Card & Save

A REMINDER that CAA members receive discounts and earn CAA Dollars at accommodations, retailers and entertainment venues around the world. Find the perfect Valentine's gift at the following Show Your Card & Save partners:

- Temple Gardens Mineral Spa** Receive \$10 off a standard room and \$20 off a suite Sunday to Thursday, and \$5 off a standard room and \$10 off a suite Friday and Saturday. (Present your CAA membership card at time of booking.)
- Blue Nile** Throughout February, save 20 per cent on the Sterling Silver Sweetheart Locket.
- FloraWorld.com** Until February 15, earn 20 per cent in CAA Dollars on select items. Receive 15 per cent in CAA Dollars every day.
- Paris Jewellers** Save 25 per cent on all in-stock jewellery at regular prices. Save 15 per cent on custom design, special orders and repairs.
- Cineplex** Save when you pre-purchase Cineplex Entertainment LP movie tickets at any CAA Saskatchewan office. caask.ca/movies

i Pick up the latest directory at your nearest CAA Saskatchewan office; caask.ca/savings

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great escapes

Exclusive CAA Group Departures

Last chance for these tours

► **John Gormley Cruise:** *May 6-16, 2010* Sail the Greek Isles aboard Royal Caribbean's *Splendour of the Seas* with Saskatchewan's News Talk radio host John Gormley.

► **Treasures of Turkey:** *May 18-June 3, 2010* Experience the people, history and amazing landscapes of Turkey as you journey in comfort and style with Insight Vacations.

► **Russian Waterways:** *June 23-July 6, 2010* Enjoy a historic river sail through the heart of Russia, from legendary St. Petersburg to the capital city of Moscow. Highlights include a home visit with a Russian family and a ballet performance at the Hermitage Theatre.

Coming soon

► **China and the Yangtze River Cruise:** *Fall 2010* Stay tuned for details.



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CAA Friendship Cruises

► **Alaska:** *July 3-10, 2010* How does it sound when a glacier crashes into the sea? Find out when you join us for a voyage of natural beauty aboard Holland America's *ms Zuiderdam*.

► **Ukrainian Waterways:** *July 13-25, 2010* Climb aboard this stunning river cruise journey from Odessa to Kiev Ukraine.

► **Canada & New England:** *September 16-26, 2010* Autumn splendour aboard the *ms Eurodam*.

JAUNTS & JOURNEYS CAA STYLE

Europe

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As the 2010 Europe travel season quickly approaches, here are seven tips to help save you money, time and headaches:

- Consult and book with your local certified CAA travel consultant; we know Europe best and you pay no consultant fees.
- Time is a valuable resource. Plan to book as much as possible before you go so you can enjoy every moment of your vacation without worrying about what to book next.
- Pack light. Many European coach tours will handle one suitcase only and European air carriers have low weight allowances with hefty fees for overweight baggage.



- Don't arrive without the correct electrical adaptor and/or converter. CAA carries a variety of these items, plus many other travel accessories.
- Need euros or other foreign currency? Your local CAA office can order it for you through a service called Currency Online.
- Have children backpacking their way through Europe who need money? You can purchase a pre-paid Visa card, which they take with them, and top it up from Canada at your local CAA office so they have instant cash wherever they are on their travels.
- Consider travelling with a group. It will save you time, money and aggravation. Someone else

reads the map, speaks the language and deciphers currency.

The CAA provincial group department works with reliable preferred suppliers that incorporate value-added extras, such as group discounts, early-booking bonuses and more-bang-for-your-buck itineraries.

i Call your local CAA office about our exciting group tours

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WestWorld Tours

► **Glory of Easter:** *March 27-April 10, 2010* Last chance to join WestWorld's annual trip to the Crystal Cathedral in California with great stops at Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Alcatraz, Disneyland, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon.

Favourite Tours

► **Spring Fling in Victoria:** *May 3-14 or May 17-28, 2010* A perennial favourite. Experience spring in beautiful B.C. with a one-week stay near Victoria's Inner Harbour and daytrips to the Murals of Chemainus, Butchart Gardens, Salt Spring Island, Cathedral Grove and Butterfly Gardens, along with winery touring and tasting.

► **Alaska and the Yukon:** The great north never ceases to amaze and awe with exquisite landscapes, fun and frivolity, and nature in harmony.

- **All Coach: June 12-July 1, 2010**
- **Voyage of the Glaciers Cruise and 12-Night Coach: June 7-26, 2010** Southbound from Anchorage; **June 12-July 1, 2010** Northbound from Vancouver. Sail with Princess Cruises through the Inside Passage.

New Tours

► **Cable Cars to Vineyards:** *April 16-24, 2010* Enjoy cuisine at its best with food and wine touring, as well as stops at local attractions. Spend two nights each in San Francisco and Monterey and four nights in the Napa area. Highlights include a ride on the renowned Wine Train, wine tasting at several vineyards and a stop at the Culinary Institute of America.

► **Vegas and Coastal Cruise – from Chips (the Gaming Kind) to Fish:** *April 14-27, 2010* An awesome mix of gambling, fun and food. Las Vegas for two nights and Laughlin for three, with local sightseeing in both cities. Then on to San Diego for two nights and a day at Sea World before boarding Holland America's *ms Zaandam* for a six-night sail up the coast. Ports of call include Catalina Island; Astoria, Oregon; and Victoria, B.C.

Driving Fuel Efficiency

IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE SIMPLE ACT of driving is putting an increasing strain on the environment – and on the wallets of drivers. In response, CAA and Pollution Probe have teamed up to produce a number of tools to help make personal-vehicle usage more fuel efficient.

First, they developed the *Primer on Vehicle Fuel Efficiency and Emissions*, a comprehensive publication that can empower consumers to:

- Make sense of environmental technologies and designs in the automobile market.
- Participate in dialogue about the best ways governments can encourage automobile fuel efficiency.
- Use eco-driving skills that will help them save fuel and reduce their environmental footprint.

The *Primer* explains how driving techniques and technologies can reduce fuel use by minimizing weight, reducing drag, producing power more efficiently and minimizing energy losses in vehicle systems. Experts estimate that by using the technologies available today or expected in the near future, the average automobile could consume 30 per cent less fuel with little or no loss in vehicle size, acceleration, safety or comfort. In

addition, Canadians could save up to 10 to 20 per cent (and possibly more) on fuel use in their current vehicles simply by adopting a few key driving techniques (slow down, avoid jackrabbit starts and hard braking, reduce idling, use a block heater, use cruise control on the highway and reduce air-conditioning use) and maintaining their vehicle.

CAA and Pollution Probe have also produced two brochures for drivers – one outlining the simple ways drivers can reduce their environmental footprint, the other disproving prevailing myths associated with drivers, vehicles and environmental progress.

As well, a new CAA sub-site, caa.ca/primer, has been developed to provide drivers with all of the above materials, as well as some interactive educational tools on fuel efficiency.

These materials are intended to provide a useful resource for CAA members, government and all Canadians as we strive to understand the changes that can be made – both within the automobile industry and in our own lives – to improve vehicle efficiency.

i For copies of the *Primer* or brochures, visit any CAA Saskatchewan office; 306-791-4314; caa.ca/primer

Virtual Driving Lessons

Whether you're just learning or have lots of driving experience, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has customized computer tools to help polish your driving skills. • For the beginner driver, the interactive DVD *Driver-ZED (Zero Errors Driving)* puts teens in a virtual driver's seat. The full-screen, full-motion video provides more than 100 scenarios that computer users can access and react to. **i** driverzed.org/home

• **For senior drivers**, the foundation has partnered with Posit Science to offer CAA/AAA members a specially priced, brain fitness computer program called Drive-Sharp, which has been clinically proven to help cut your risk of being in a collision by up to 50 per cent. **i** drivesharppnow.com • **AAA also offers the CD *Roadwise Review***, which allows seniors to measure, in the privacy of their own home, eight functional abilities shown to be the strongest predictors of crash risk among older drivers.

i 306-791-4314; aaa.com/seniordrivers



member *in-the-know*

As a CAA Saskatchewan member, you've always enjoyed many great benefits. But did you ever consider using a CAA Saskatchewan automotive centre or a CAA Approved Auto Repair Facility (AARS)?

"I've only been a CAA Member for a few months, but I've already experienced the excellent service they provide. My car had a flat tire so I called CAA. While the driver was working on the tire, he noticed a problem with my brakes. We ended up going to a CAA garage and, sure enough, the brakes were about to go. The mechanics were professional and honest and got me on my way, complete with a warranty." ❏

For automotive maintenance and repair services, visit CAA's Car Care Plus facilities in Regina (306-791-9500) or Saskatoon (306-668-3768) or any AARS facility across the province (for a directory, visit caask.ca/aars). CAA . . . more than you think.



Tell Us Your Story

If you'd like to appear in "Member In-the-Know," we'd like to hear from you.

Write your name and address on a 3x5-inch card and mail it to:
Westworld Saskatchewan, Attn: "Member In-the-Know," 200 Albert St. N.,
Regina, SK S4R 5E2. Or, email caa.admin@caask.ca.