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Portland Observer Journalist Tours Barbados

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Hey mon', want to come to the Caribbean? Better yet, Barbados? Barbados is where your next vacation needs to be. Why? Because Barbados is the best vacation you'll ever take! From a colorful Caribbean Sea to a lavish and luxurious island, discover that Barbados is waiting to bring you the best for you on your next vacation destination.

As the Barbados Tourism Association states, Barbados is just beyond your imagination.

Travel to the tropical paradise is even easier than before. How you ask? As of this past spring, it is easier than ever for U.S. travelers to get to Barbados and thaw out that winter chill. There are significant airfare and lodging discounts.

Discover how affordable and accessible it is to travel from the U.S. West Coast to the coast of Barbados. With daily direct flights from connecting major cities, you'll be on the beach in time to catch a colorful Caribbean sunset. And all because of the increased air service and valued-added vacation packages for U.S. West Coast travelers to Barbados. You'll discover, as I did, that convenient travel Barbados is beyond imagination, it is believable. For anyone that wants to reenergize themselves and refuel that same old vacation ritual, Barbados can't be beat.

Whether you're a traveler

stepping for the first time on the sands of the Caribbean, you like I found, will find yourself, in love with the pleasures, the people and peace of mind that Barbados offers to every traveler.

The culinary delights in Barbados are endless. Whether you are looking for a romantic five-star restaurant, beachfront or Bajan buffet, Barbados has an endless number of dining options to suit every palate and budget. From Bajan delicacies, Barbados has A-1 cuisine. Get ready to reserve your place at some of the world's best bistros that will have blue and crystal waters that will literally massage your feet and free your mind. Why? because Barbados is the best at what they do. From Bajan Cou-Cou, which is a cornmeal and okra dish to world-class continental cuisines, Barbados will caress your appetite and create that "mmm & ahhhh".

Then there are the dinner shows that are alive with reggae, dancehall, and calypso. Bajan floorshows and exciting nightclubs that are filled with hypnotic rhythms and Caribbean music.

For those of you who enjoy a game of teef, you can enjoy some of the most luxurious golf courses with the Caribbean Sea as a backyard that's more than breathtaking.

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Portland Opera opens its season with Verdi's classic tale of love and ill-fated revenge called "Il Trovatore," a tragic melodrama. The opera premiered with great success in Madrid in 1853. All performances begin at the Keller Auditorium, 222 S.W. 3rd Ave. on Sept. 26 and 28. For tickets and information, call 866-PDX-OPERA, 503-790-ARTS or go online to www.portlandopera.org.

At The Movies



Sudanese nomadic tribesman Abou Fatma, amongst British soldiers, is played by African-born actor Djimon Hounsou.

Four Feathers

A gripping adventure of epic proportions, "The Four Feathers" is a story of heroic redemption, undying loyalty and rivalry in love. Exquisitely filmed against the austere beauty of the Moroccan desert as well as within the grand walls of English aristocracy, this thrilling tale takes audiences into exotic cultures seldom seen on film and explores the fascinating contrast between disparate civilizations. A sweeping saga that captures a friend's bond and a hero's destiny, "The Four Feathers" is a look at man's indomitable spirit to survive. *Genre: epic, historical, drama; Rating: PG-13; Running time: 125 minutes*

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Univ. of Portland Exhibit; Through Sept. 26

Fine arts faculty from the University of Portland will display their work through Sept. 26 in Buckley Center Gallery on campus at 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Gallery hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays.

Play at Paula Productions; Sept. 26 - Oct. 27

Paula Productions presents "The Well of the Saints" by the Irish playwright genius from a century ago, John Millington Synge. This play is based on a comedy about an elderly couple, two blind beggars, who are given the gift of sight after many, many years of blindness through the intervention of a wandering monk, the Saint, who carries with him magic holy water. The play is from Sept. 26 - Oct. 27 at the Jack Oakes Theater, 2820 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Call 503-775-3881.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center; Through Sept. 27

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be having two gallery exhibitions throughout September featuring artists Buff Medb Neretin and Allegra Villarreal Disraeli. Neretin's illustrations convey the Jewish Mystical Experience and Disraeli's portraits combine the passion of Mexico and place it in a Jewish context. The cultural center is located at 5340 N. Interstate. Call 503-823-2070.

OMSI Exhibit; Sept. 28 - Jan. 5

What was life on Earth like in the years between the dinosaur extinction and the rise of humans? Visitors will find out Sept. 28 - Jan. 5, as the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry presents "When Crocodiles Ruled," a fascinating exhibit that chronicles some of the 60 million years of time between dinosaurs and humans. OMSI is open Tuesdays through Sundays, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The museum is located at 1945 S.E. Water. Call 503-797-4000.

Belly Dance Competition; Sept. 28 & 29

The 2002 Double Crown Belly Dance Competition will be held at the Portland Holiday Inn at the Airport on Sept. 28 and 29. The event is brought together by Zaina Hart. Dancers from all over the country vie for titles and awards. Twenty vendors and costumers from around the United States will be on hand for a huge market shopping extravaganza. Call 360-891-7041 or go online to www.zainahart.com.

Vancouver Symphony Concert; Sept. 28 & 29

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is having their silver anniversary opening concert on Sept. 28 and 29. Conducting will be Salvador Brotons.

Symphony of Fashion; Thursday, Oct. 3

The Friends of the Oregon Symphony present "Symphony of Fashions," a fashion show and luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Waterfront Marriott, 1401 Naito Parkway in Portland. Julie Emery, Portland television news anchor, will emcee the event. A highlight of the show will be a special appearance by Katie Harman, 2002 Miss America, singing "God Bless America" and Puccini's "O Mio Babbino Caro." Call 503-416-6338.

Concordia University; Saturday, Oct. 5

Concordia University's MADE for Kids Program is having its fifth annual Arts Carnival at 2811 N.E. Holman St., between Ainsworth and Dekum. Kids aged 4 to 12 and their parents are encouraged to come to the Concordia campus Oct. 5, from noon to 5 p.m. for a day of creative play. The free event features music, art and drama workshops and performances. Everything is free. Call 280-8614 for more information.

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Thursday, October 3rd
8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Corporate Welcome Breakfast
10:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Youth Day Summit
10:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Workshop: Business & Finance
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Black Church Black Press Luncheon
1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Workshop: Election Reform
3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Africa Town Hall Meeting
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Reception: Salute to the Community

Friday, October 4th
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Political Issues Breakfast
10:00 A.M. - NOON Workshop: Political Empowerment
NOON - 2:00 P.M. Political Forum Luncheon
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. WCBPA President's Reception
7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. WCBPA Publisher Awards Dinner
9:30 P.M. Dessert Party

Saturday, October 5th
9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Farewell Breakfast
10:30 A.M. Golf Outing, WildHorse Golf Club

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