

# TRAVEL NEWS & NOTES

## Vacation Rentals: Myths And Misconceptions

(NAPSA)—Vacationers across the U.S. are increasingly looking for great value and pricing on their vacation lodging. They don't realize they can find the amenities of their dreams by staying in a vacation condo or private home on their next trip.

Many travelers book hotels because they believe that vacation rentals are expensive, finding a rental is difficult and online information is inaccurate and out-of-date. Here are some myths about vacation rentals:

• **Vacation rentals are expensive, exclusive villas that are only available to the likes of Tom, Katie, Angelina and Brad.** People are shocked when they discover they can rent a beautiful and spacious condo, villa or vacation home, with multiple bedrooms and bathrooms, for a price that is comparable or less than a standard hotel room.

• **Vacation rentals are located way out in the boondocks and far away from amenities and tourist spots.** Many vacation rental properties are located in full-service resorts and are close to restaurants, tennis, golf, skiing, water sports, fitness centers, spas, children's activities and much more. Also, for people who want to get away at a spot close to home, more and more are choosing a quiet villa or vacation home.

• **"Vacation rental" means "time-share."** In fact, you won't endure a high-pressure sales pitch when you stay at a vacation rental. You can enjoy the security and comfort of a great vacation without any strings attached. And most are available to book by the night.

• **Finding a reliable vacation rental resource is time consuming and risky.** To meet



**Condos and private homes are available in some of the most popular tourist destinations.**

the growing demand for vacation rentals, there's a new Web site built by a team of the top vacation rental experts in the country. It was designed especially for vacation rental enthusiasts and offers extra planning tools for consumers wanting to check out the top areas in the world for vacation rentals.

• **Vacation rentals are rife with unknowns.** When you use VacationSpot.com, you get instant online searching and booking, a wide selection of vacation rentals and bed & breakfasts available even during peak travel times, a proprietary star rating system, detailed property descriptions and photos, plus qualified vacation rental specialists are available to answer questions anytime. There's even a low price guarantee.

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