

## READY SET hunt

Compete for prizes in the Great Road Trip Scavenger Hunt

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**W**ANT TO HAVE a little extra fun on your road trip this summer — and possibly score some great prizes? Then join us for the 2009 Great Road Trip Scavenger Hunt.

Here's how it works: We give you a list of 20 items to find during your summer travels. All you have to do is snap a photo of each item with at least one member of your scavenger hunt team appearing in each picture. Then submit your photos by 5 p.m. Aug. 26, and a panel of staff judges will select the winners.

Read on and find out more about the prizes and contest rules. And look inside this section to find the 2009 Great Road Trip Scavenger Hunt checklist, which you can clip and take with you on your travels.

### The Prizes

#### Most Items Found

Because we expect our traveling teams will be up to the challenge, we know this category will be competitive. So, every participating team also must answer our tiebreaking question: How many participating Scavenger Hunt teams do you think will find all 20 items? (Additional ties settled by random draw.)

#### Prize: Half Moon Bay adventure

■ One night's stay at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay ([www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com); 888-293-0524)

■ Dinner for two at Sam's Chowder House ([www.samschowderhouse.com](http://www.samschowderhouse.com); 650-712-0245)

■ Two-hour double kayak from Half Moon Bay Kayak Company ([www.hmbkayak.com](http://www.hmbkayak.com); 650-773-6101)

#### Most Creative Scavengers

Ingenuity wins the day here. The more outside the box you think, the more likely you are to impress the judges. But, no, staging shots in the backyard won't count.

#### Prize: Yountville getaway

■ One night's stay at Villagio Inn & Spa ([www.villagio.com](http://www.villagio.com); 800-351-1133)

■ Gift certificate for lunch or dinner at Bouchon Bistro ([www.bouchonbistro.com](http://www.bouchonbistro.com); 707-944-8037)

■ Tasting for two at Ma(i)sonry ([www.maisonry.com](http://www.maisonry.com); 707-944-0889)

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■ Tour and tasting for two at Domaine Chandon ([www.chandon.com](http://www.chandon.com); 707-944-2280)

#### All in the Family

This prize package goes to the family that works well together. Yes, that means the parents must be in some of the pictures. And we want to see the kids going all out to win this one.

#### Prize: Goodies for Everyone

■ Four tickets for the gondola at Heavenly Ski Resort ([www.skiheavenly.com](http://www.skiheavenly.com); 775-586-7000)

■ "Around Tahoe" tour CD ([www.aroundtahoehome.com](http://www.aroundtahoehome.com); 775-832-5629)

■ "The Real Ghostbusters" complete DVD collection

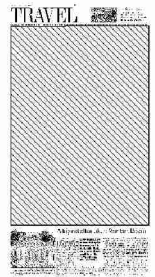
■ Little Miss Matched's "The Writer in Me" kit ([www.littlemissmatched.com](http://www.littlemissmatched.com)) for the kids and Nomad Adventure Journals' travel journal ([www.nomadjournals.com](http://www.nomadjournals.com)) for the adults

■ The Ultimate Frisbee Disc kit  
 ■ Executive and Kids TRAYblecloths ([www.lovetotravelproducts.com](http://www.lovetotravelproducts.com))

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## Best Road Trippers

Were you born to hit the road and play this game? We want to see tenacity, creativity and plenty of smiles. The more you enjoy the game, the more it will show in the photos you submit.

### Prize: Wine Lover's Loot

(Note: Please indicate with your entry if you don't drink, and we will judge you in the other categories only.)

■ VIP tasting and tour for two from Château St. Jean in Sonoma ([www.chateaustjean.com](http://www.chateaustjean.com); 707-833-4134)

■ VIP tasting and tour for two from Sbragia Family Vineyards ([www.sbragia.com](http://www.sbragia.com); 707-473-2992)

■ "The California Directory of Fine Wineries: Central Coast" by K. Reka Badger, Cheryl Crabtree and Robert Holmes and "The California Directory of Fine Wineries: Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino" by Marty Olmstead and Robert Holmes (Ten Speed Press)

■ Bottle of Artezin Zinfandel 2007 ([www.artezinwines.com](http://www.artezinwines.com); 707-255-1144)

■ Bottle of Cupcake Vineyards Chardonnay 2007 ([www.cupcakevineyards.com](http://www.cupcakevineyards.com))

## Best Photography

**Prize: Photographer's Goodies**

■ Luxentia Digital Photo Frame from Fontainebleau ([www.fontainebleau.com](http://www.fontainebleau.com))

■ Digital photo keychain  
■ Two travel photography books

## Made the Judges Laugh

Winners will find a lot of items, keep a sense of humor and let us share in the laughter.

**Prize: A Little of Everything**

■ Complete DVD set of the nine seasons of "Everybody Loves Raymond"

■ "Weird U.S.: The Odyssey Continues" by Mark Moran, Mark Sceurman and Matt Lake (Sterling Publishing)

■ i1030 by Pelican iPod protector case (<http://CableOrganizer.com>)

■ Nikola Day Bag from REI ([www.REI.com](http://www.REI.com))

## Tough Stuff

We know how tough the scavenger hunt can be. Tell us about and show us your "tough" experience and maybe we will take pity.

**Prize: Tough, Rough and Pampered**

■ Pelican 1010 micro case (<http://CableOrganizer.com>)

■ "Tough Times, Great Travels" by Peter Greenberg (Rodale)

■ Town & Country Travel Companion: A Globetrotter's Guide and Journal

■ Victor Trading Company canvas bag ([www.VictorTrading.com](http://www.VictorTrading.com))

■ Koke's Organic Spa Travel Collection

■ "South Pacific" collector's edition DVD

## Wild Cards

These teams may barely miss the cut in the other categories but still deserve a little something for their efforts.

**Prizes:** Will include travel gadgets, travel guides, coffee table books and DVDs.

## The Rules

1. During your summertime trips, hunt down the items from the checklist. Take a photo of the item. At least one member of your travel group must be in the photo.

2. From past experience, we've learned that some items on our list are difficult to find when traveling overseas. For all those venturing outside of the United States, you can substitute up to three items on the main list with items from the special

list for overseas travelers. But those replacement items must come from non-U.S. locales.

3. Send us your set of photos by 5 p.m. Aug. 26. E-mailed photos should be high-resolution JPEGs, sent one per e-mail to [travel@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:travel@bayareanewsgroup.com). Please put "Road Trip Photo 1 of 20, 2 of 20 etc." in the subject line. If mailing prints, send them no later than Aug. 20 to Travel, P.O. Box 8099, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-8099. Sorry, photos cannot be returned.

4. Include the names of the people appearing in each photo and the city, state and/or country where you found each item. Also, tell us briefly about your trip.

5. To be an official entry, we also need your daytime phone number, e-mail address and mailing address.

## Keep in Mind

■ The photo must be taken in a geographic locale outside of the Bay Area.

■ We will consider only photos that include the scavenger hunt item and at least one member of the traveling team.

■ We have a staff of talented photographers who can spot a doctored picture from a mile away. If we think it's a fake, we'll toss it, so keep it real.

■ We will feature our prize winners and their photos in early September. The winners' photo albums will be posted online at [www.contracostatimes.com/travel](http://www.contracostatimes.com/travel) and [www.insidebayarea.com/travel](http://www.insidebayarea.com/travel).

## Scavenger Hunt Checklist

- Town mascot
- Gas station adapted for different use
- Professional fisherman with catch
- Town square clock
- Headstone inscribed with date before 1800s (bonus point if before 1700s)
- Double-decker bus
- Dog on the beach
- Traveler from your team assisting a street performer
- A real outhouse (no portable potties allowed)
- Red barn
- Sign with Mother's, Mom's or Ma's on it (or foreign equivalent)
- Cobblestone street
- Oversized animal sculpture
- Outdoor pay phone
- Statue or art made entirely of edible food
- A sign that is intentionally or unintentionally funny
- A camel (bonus point if not from a zoo)
- Town sign with population of 100 or less
- A former jail
- Something unusual not on the list

**Tie-breaker:** How many participating Scavenger Hunt teams do you think will find all 20 items?

### Traveling overseas?

(You can sub out these for any three above; substitutions must be from location outside of the United States or U.S. territories.)

- An unusual building made into a hotel (i.e. lighthouse, airplane)
- A castle tower
- Local newspaper with President Obama's picture (must send us the newspaper, too)