



Five Friday Favorites
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Happy 30th Birthday to Trade to Travel!

In August of 1991, my amazing mother had the brilliant idea to start a club for owners of vacation properties so they could trade vacant weeks in their properties for stays in members' properties worldwide. We were the first vacation home exchange as well as the first luxury home exchange, the first boutique hotel exchange, and the first non-reciprocal exchange for owners of luxury properties (also known as points exchange or credit exchange).

10 years ago, Virgin Airlines' Vogueur magazine said, "Trade to Travel (TTT) is a trend that will change the way people travel, it is an up-market 'you wish' kind of experience. Swaps with TTT are on everyone's wish list."

Now we not only want to change the way people travel, we also want to change the way people trade. Our exciting new website is soon to be launched. FreeTrades.com will make it possible for everyone everywhere to trade everything using points or cash.

Members of TTT who create profiles for your properties on FreeTrades will receive 1000 free points (representing \$1000 of trade value) so you can start trading right away for free! You will be able to advertise your properties for rentals and trades (no commission or exchange fee), plus you'll be able to create profiles for other goods and services you'd like to advertise for free.

Members of Trade to Travel will be able to use your TTT credits on the FreeTrades website if you wish (credits=points=dollars). Many members of TTT don't rent their properties, they are private and only available to family/friends and members of TTT, so they will only be available on the TTT website, not on FreeTrades. Trade to Travel will remain private and exclusive, FreeTrades will be public and inclusive.

The FreeTrades messaging system will put you directly in touch with your fellow members, business owners and entrepreneurs, providers of all sorts of products and services. Building the FreeTrades site has taken a few months longer than expected because Paypal is currently migrating to the Cloud which is temporarily causing problems for developers of new websites integrating Paypal for processing payments. When complete, FreeTrades members will be able to pay for purchases using points or Paypal and all payments will go directly from Buyers to Sellers. Or members will be able to contact Sellers directly using the messaging system to pay with cash, check, wire transfer, Bitcoin, Venmo, Google Pay, Apple Pay, etc.

The home page and How We Work page of FreeTrades are live as well as much of the rest of the site, so you can get a preview and create your account to receive 1000 points if you'd like. Following is a link to view it:

www.FreeTrades.com

The only time FreeTrades members will pay us anything is if you would like to purchase points to increase your trade account balance. When you purchase points, we double your money by giving you double points. For example, the cost to purchase 2000 points would be \$1000. In other words, you save 50% when using purchased points to buy goods and services. Points never expire.

Direct and Indirect Trades: FreeTrades members may swap with each other directly (for example, trade apples for oranges) or indirectly using points or cash.

FreeTrades is a vetted Exchange Club. Members agree to deal honestly and do nothing illegal using our website or our name. If a member does anything dishonest or illegal using our site, their membership will be terminated and their points will all be forfeited. This helps assure members that you are safe when using our exchange.

What properties, products, and services would you like to advertise for free? What would you like to buy, sell, rent or swap? With FreeTrades, the world is your marketplace!

We will also be migrating the TTT website to the Cloud during the month of September. Once this is done, we will soon be launching the new TTT website which will include many upgrades including the newly updated Members Section!

Below are five of our favorite new properties available for exchange in Trade to Travel. Please let us know whenever there's anything we can do for you, we wish you a wonderful weekend!

All the best,
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Villa Etna Mare
Taormina, Sicily, Italy
[T3412](#)
New to Trade to Travel!
Available December 28, 2021 - January 4, 2022



Hacienda Belloli
Guanajuato, Mexico
[T3404](#)
New to Trade to Travel!



Silver Palm Villa
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands
[T3416](#)
New to Trade to Travel!
Available October 1 - December 13, 2021



Beauxwood Estate
Leesburg, VA
[T3413](#)
New to Trade to Travel!
Available for weeks throughout 2022



The Penthouse St. Antoine
Goodlands, Mauritius
[T3415](#)
New to Trade to Travel!



"Give us a week and we'll give you the world!"