THE IDEAL VACATION

Each year millions of Americans set out for a long-awaited vacation. They scatter to a variety of destinations for rest, rejuvenation, and a change of pace from the routine of everyday live. According to Kelly Greenby, a travel consultant for Tour America:

The ideal vacation for some is going to the mountains. For others it is going to the ocean, and for others, it is the excitement of seeing historic places. Of course, hi on the list for many is the anticipation of visiting family and friends they have not seen for some time.

To illustrate her point, Mrs. Greenby offers the following coments on each of the most popular destinations.

Vacationing in the mountains offers a chance to get back to nature and enjoy the peace and solitude of the outdoors. The smell of pine and campfires, and the thoughts of starry nights and crisp air are inticing to those who live in circumstances far removed from such surroundings.

Spending time in the water, listening to the soft rhythm of the waves and enjoying lazy times in the sun make vacationing at the ocean appealing too many. The unhurried eternal nature of the water is restful, and the happy enjoyment of children playing on the sandy beaches nearby is delightful.

Visiting historic places, national parks, or parts of the country far removed from where one lives is also a popular vacation choice. Seeing firsthand where significant events ocurred increases appreciation of the contributions of others and the resulting benefits in one's own life. Touring some of the natural wonders of the world is often awe-inspiring, and the opportunity to see unfamiliar landscapes and places enriches and broadens our experience base. For example:

For those whose work or travels have drawn them away from their roots, vacations offer an ideal time to renew acquaintances with family and friends form childhood or previous places they have lived. Family reunions and long visits with loved ones strengthen family ties and build important relationships.

Regardless of where one chooses to travel, the opportunity for mental and physical rejuvenation is part of a successful vacation. Time for a change of pace, to learn new things, and to rest are important considerations in one's choice of a vacation destination. Whether it be one of the listed items below, each person achieves these goals in his or her own unique way. What is the ideal vacation destination? Its all of them!