



HE SAID ...

THE FOOD, THE SHOPS, THE CANALS ... THERE'S SO MUCH TO LOVE IN VENICE. HERE ARE THE PLACES LL COOL J HAS A PASSION FOR.

LODGING

Bauer II Palazzo, very expensive; 011-39-041-520-7022 Hotel Cipriani, very expensive; 011-39-041-520-7744 Hotel Gritti Palace, very expensive; 011-39-041-794-611 The Westin Europa & Regina, very expensive; 011-39-041-240-0001

DINING

Al Covo, seafood; very expensive; 011-39-041-522-3812

Antico Pignolo, Italian; very expensive; 011-39-041-520-7144

Cipriani Restaurant, Italian; very expensive; 011-39-041-520-7744

Club del Doge, traditional Venetian; very expensive; 011-39-041-794-611

Da Ivo Ristorante, Tuscan trattoria; very expensive; 011-39-041-520-5889

Fiaschetteria Toscana, seafood and pasta; expensive; 011-39-041-528-5281

Gran Caffè Ristorante Quadri, Italian; very expensive; 011-39-041-522-2105

Harry's Dolci, Venetian; very expensive; 011-39-041-522-4844

La Cusina, regional Italian; very expensive; 011-39-041-522-6480

Osteria al Mascaron, seafood; expensive; 011-39-041-522-5995

Paolin, gelato: inexpensive; 011-39-041-522-5576

NIGHTLIFE

Caffe Chioggia, 011-39-041-528-5011 Caffè Florian, 011-39-041-520-5641 Harry's Bar, 011-39-041-528-5331

SHOPPING

Gucci, 011-39-041-522-9119 **Valentino**, 011-39-041-520-5733 **Versace**, 011-39-041-520-0057

SIGHTS

Peggy Guggenheim Collection, 011-39-041-240-5411 Palazzo Ducale (Doge's Palace), 011-39-041-271-5941 Rialto Bridge fish market, San Polo side of the Grand Canal Santa Maria della Salute, 011-39-041-522-5558

WE SAID ...

HERE ARE THE SPOTS WE ADORE IN VENICE.

LODGING

Hotel Antico Doge, expensive; 011-39-041-241-1570. Four-star quality and a sumptuous breakfast buffet make a stay at this 12th-century palazzo a fantastic bargain.

Hotel Flora, expensive; 011-39-041-520-5844. A good value and a great location. Ask for a room with a view of the courtyard or garden.

DINING

Osteria da Fiore, very expensive; 011-39-041-721-308. One of the best in Venice. *Branzino all'aceto balsamico* (sea bass with balsamic vinegar) and *scampi in camicia di pane* (breaded scampi) are house specialties.

Trattoria alla Madonna, expensive; 011-39-041-522-3824. A favorite seafood stop for locals and in-the-know tourists for generations.

NIGHTLIFE

Caffe Lavena, 011-39-041-522-4070. Adult libations are served, but patrons are lured by the coffee — rated the best in the city.

Vitae, 011-39-041-520-5205. Popular with the upwardly mobile Venetian set, this trendy bar is tucked neatly off the tourists' path.

SHOPPING

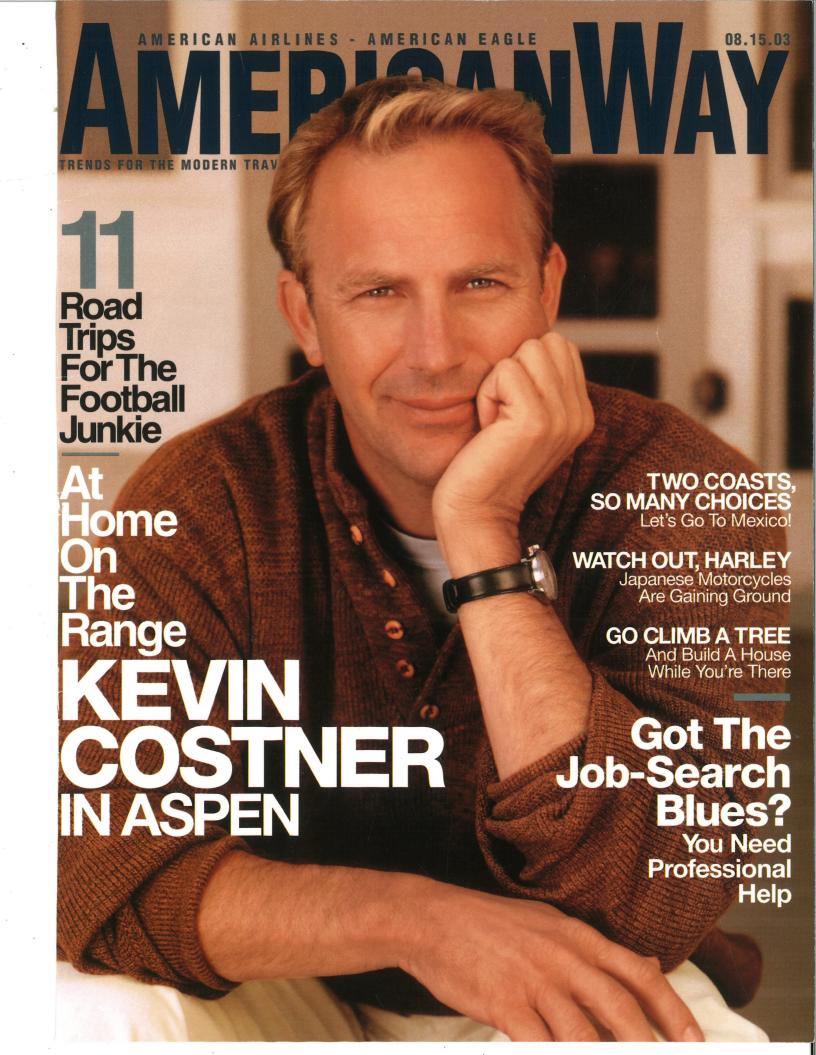
Bottega Veneta, 011-39-041-522-8489. A visit here for their world-famous leather goods is a must.

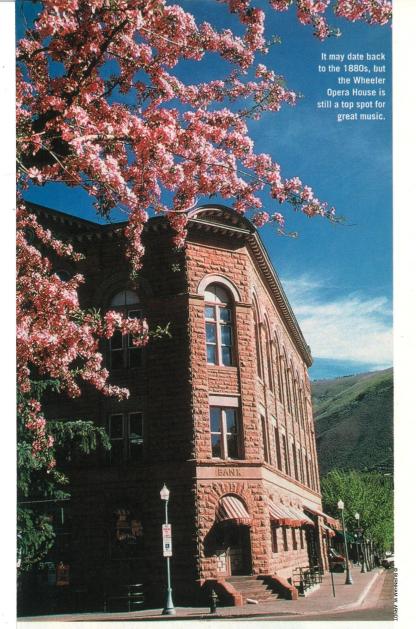
SIGHTS

Bell Tower of St. Mark's Square. Climb to the top for a bird's-eye view of Venice.

Galleria dell' Accademia, 011-39-041-522-2247. The grand museum of Venetian art

Vaporetto, www.actv.it. Ride the Venetian version of the local bus along the Grand Canal and out to the islands.





WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ASPEN LANDMARK?

"The Wheeler Opera House. I've been there a number of times to hear music, and the beat goes on. They had something in mind when it was being built in the 1880s and here we are in the 21st century enjoying it. I actually enjoy the architecture, that style. The windows and moldings out in front of the shops. The extra-thick enamel paint where you feel like there are about 50 coats on. I like that."

CAN YOU RECOMMEND ANY GOOD DAY OR WEEKEND TRIPS FROM ASPEN?

"I took a backpacking trip one time out of Snowmass with six of my friends from Ohio. It was really a very beautiful place, but I couldn't give you the name of it. The gist of what happens here is when my friends come to town, we all kind of work. We play for about four days, then decide that one day is for work. What's interesting is, whoever's up here, they end up working a day and ultimately it's almost always their favorite day."

WHAT OUTDOOR THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO DO?

"There's great rafting here. The Roaring Fork River spills into the Colorado. You get on somewhere in Basalt. Then there's one as you go over the Continental Divide that's really, really nice. The significance of the Continental Divide is that, without a doubt, you're closer to God, and at that point is where the rivers split. Everything to the east is running to the Mississippi and everything to the west is running to the Pacific. It's not so much for us [to cross it] now, because we can travel over it at 50 miles an hour. But at one time it was a life-anddeath moment to get over the Continental Divide before the snows came or just [figure out] how you would actually cross a mountain range and still hold onto your possessions."

ANY OTHER FAVORITE OUTDOOR SPOTS?

"I don't really feel the need to go anywhere else. But I enjoy

HE SAID. ■ HERE'S WHERE KEVIN GETS COZY IN ASPEN.

LODGING

Hotel Jerome, expensive; (970) 920-1000 The Little Nell, expensive; (970) 920-4600

DINING

Cache Cache, country French; expensive; (970) 925-3835 Kenichi, Pan Asian; expensive; (970) 920-2212

Little Annie's Eating House, American; inexpensive; (970) 925-1098 Matsuhisa Aspen, Japanese/South American; very expensive; (970) 544-6628

Paradise Bakery & Café, bakery/ice cream; inexpensive; (970) 925-7585 Syzygy, continental; expensive; (970) 925-3700

Takah Sushi, Japanese/Pacific Rim; expensive; (970) 925-8588 Ute City Bar & Grill, American; moderate; (970) 920-4699 Woody Creek Tavern, American/Mexican; moderate; (970) 923-4585

SHOPPING

Miner's Building, (970) 925-5550

NIGHTLIFE

Caribou Club, (970) 925-2929 Double Diamond, (970) 920-6905 Stage 3, (970) 925-2050 Wheeler Opera House, (970) 920-5770 Whiskey Rocks, (970) 920-3300

Aspen Golf Club, (970) 925-2145 Maroon Creek Club, (970) 920-1533 Roaring Fork Club, (970) 927-9000

Jazz Aspen Snowmass, (970) 920-4996. Series of concerts and events held several times throughout the year.

being invited. We are always invited down to Don Johnson's. He has a fabulous place down there in Woody Creek, and he makes everybody feel welcome. But I come here and I really kind of nest. I'm probably not here more than an hour before I'm on the tractor, and away I go. In fact, I just about tipped it over today. Yeah, I was in a tough spot. I take ATVs into the backcountry, and we start at Lincoln Creek Road and head back into the upper lakes."

DO YOU HAVE ANY SECRET FISHING SPOTS?

"Sometimes I go down on the lower Frying Pan River. It's down valley toward Basalt. The fish are much, much bigger there than they are in the higher altitudes. I'll do a float trip, and one of the fishing guys has been really great, Kea Hause. We met him when we started coming up here. When somebody is good to you, there's no reason to change. He takes me down on the lower Frying Pan, but I bring him up on the property here sometimes."

WHERE DO YOU TAKE PEOPLE WHEN YOU'RE ALL DONE WORKING?

"A lot of times they want to go out and feel the nightlife, so we go to the Double Diamond or to Caribou or anywhere music is playing. Or we can always catch a movie at Stage 3."

WHAT ABOUT GOLF? I BET THERE ARE SOME BEAUTIFUL COURSES THERE.

"I usually get in a game or two, even though golf's not really my sport. At the Maroon Creek Club, the people are great. I have been taken down to the Roaring Fork Club by guys who are members there. I enjoy the company, and I'm always biting to get back there. But the first course we started playing was the public course, Aspen Golf Club. It doesn't really matter to me, because I'm looking for the company, not the challenge."





WE SAID ... KEVIN MAY HAVE HIS FAVORITE ASPEN SPOTS, BUT WE HAVE A FEW OF OUR OWN AS WELL.

LODGING

L'Auberge d'Aspen, moderate; (877) 282-3743. Only five minutes from downtown, this romantic enclave exudes intimacy and seclusion. The cabins and cottages are particularly lush, boasting overstuffed furniture and in-room jacuzzis.

Limelite Lodge, moderate; (800) 433-0832. Here, impressive views of Aspen Mountain and an inviting fireplace lounge with free coffee and hot cider beckon visitors.

DINING

Ajax Tavern, moderate; (970) 920-9333. Feast on Northern Italian cuisine with a heart-stopping vista at the base of the Silver Queen Gondola. **Campo de Fiore**, expensive; (970) 920-7717. Fantastic Italian food and a fun, convivial atmosphere.

Hickory House, inexpensive; (970) 925-2313. Full- and half-racks of baby back ribs headline the menu at this down-home joint. Eat in or take out. **Restaurant Conundrum**, expensive; (970) 925-9969. A culinary sampling includes double-cut Colorado lamb chops and mustard-crusted trout.

CHOPPINE

Amen Wardy Home, (970) 920-7700. A frequent stop for visiting luminaries for its funky home accessories.

Explore Booksellers and Bistro, (970) 925-5336. Owned by Katharine Thalberg, whose father, Irving Thalberg, once ran Hollywood.

Paris Underground Antiques, (970) 544-0137. Antiques shop specializing in French, midcentury modern styles.

OUTDOORS

Local hiking trails. In town, walk the **Rio Grande Trail**. Otherwise, hike up to **Hunter Creek** (if you're looking for a mild walk), drive up to **Maroon Bells** (before 9 a.m., after which it's buses only), and, if you're feeling energetic, do the monster hike to **Grizzly Lake** (ask for directions, accessible only by four-wheel drive).



She Said .



Here are the places Diane Lane fell in love with in Buenos Aires.

Lodging

Alvear Palace Hotel, expensive; 011-54-11-4808-2100 Conrad Resort & Casino Punta del Este, Uruguay; expensive; 011-598-4249-1111

Dining

Bar Uriarte, Italian/Argentine; moderate; 011-54-11-4834-6004 Cabaña Las Lilas, steakhouse; moderate; 011-54-11-4313-1336 Cantina La Placita, Italian/Argentine; inexpensive; 011-54-11-4832-6444 Cumana, Argentine; inexpensive; 011-54-11-4813-9207 El Obrero, Italian/Argentine; inexpensive; 011-54-11-4362-9912 Estilo Campo, steakhouse;

moderate; 011-54-11-4312-4546

L'Orangerie Restaurant, international; moderate; 011-54-11-4808-2100

Persicco, ice cream; inexpensive; 011-54-11-4808-0888

Sucre, French/Latin; moderate; 011-54-11-4782-9082

Shopping

Bettina's, 011-54-11-4313-5307 Casa Lopez, 011-54-11-4311-3044 San Telmo district, 011-54-11-4312-5550

Nightlife

Central, 011-54-11-4776-7374

El Viejo Almacén, 011-54-11-4307-6689 Milión, 011-54-11-4815-9925

Sights

Casa Rosada,
011-54-11-4344-3600
Cementerio de la Recoleta,
011-54-11-4804-7040
Estadio Boca Juniors,
011-54-11-4309-4700
Museum of Latin American Art of
Buenos Aires,
011-54-11-4808-6500
Plaza Dorrego flea market,
at Defensa 1000, Capital Federal

We Said ...



Lodging

Broadway All Suites,

moderate; 011-54-11-4378-9300. One of the downtown's newest suite-style hotels, it features a wide range of amenities, including a fitness center with city view.

Hilton Buenos Aires,

expensive; 011-54-11-4891-0000. A beautiful atrium lobby, spacious rooms, and walk-in closets are just a few of the perks at this great hotel. We especially like the rooftop swimming pool and sundeck. **Hotel Plaza Francia.**

moderate; 011-54-11-4804-9631.

A great value in an elegant setting overlooking the park of the same name. It's just a quick walk away from exclusive shops, dining, and nightlife.

Dining

La Biela,

inexpensive; 011-54-11-4804-0449. A classic backdrop (dating to 1850) in which to sip a whiskey or espresso while hanging out with local artists, politicians, and executives.

Lola,

moderate; 011-54-11-4802-3023. Lola's continental menu reflects its décor and international clientele. But first, start with a glass of bubbly at the bar.

Nightlife

Café Tortoni,

011-54-11-4342-4328.

This historic cafe has been a haven of art and intellectualism since 1858. Coffee and

simple fare are available, but a Quilmes beer and evening tango show are a must.

Molière Café,

011-54-11-4343-2623.

After dinner, Molière transitions from restaurant to nightspot, with dancing, live music, and a tango show. Ask about their fixed-price dinner show, offered Thursday through Sunday.

Shopping

Trosman.

011-54-11-4833-3058.

Local designer Jessica Trosman sells superchic creations to locals and fans from as far away as Tokyo and NYC.