



# VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB CLUB NEWSLETTER

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*WORLD TRAVELLERS*

## FOR AIRLINE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

*WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS*

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### DAY AFTER ST PATRICK'S DAY

March 18, 2025

17:00 - 20:00

Shady Island Bar & Grill

3800 Bayview St, Richmond

Dinner on your own from menu

RSVP Claude Hewitt by Mar 10

[chewitt59@gmail.com](mailto:chewitt59@gmail.com)

see poster for more details



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A very warm welcome to everyone and Happy New Year to all. I would like to thank everyone that has volunteered to continue with the VIC Executive Committee and for those that have volunteered to come onboard. I am honoured and excited to serve as your President of our Club and to bring about positive changes!

A big thank you to all the members for your continued support.

Our committee has been focusing on increasing membership so please continue to encourage new members to join. We are all members of the World Airlines Clubs Association and each one of us matters. We also continue to suggest positive changes for our council. Not only are we helping build a strong council but we are here to support them.

I am also very excited to have our social committee which will bring about more events for 2026. I do also thank everyone who took on extra work to make the events happen last year. Please continue to come to our events as that gives us all an opportunity to meet each other and get to know everyone.

Fiji being our 57th AGA destination, I will be putting a list together for Fijian phrases that are commonly used in Fiji so we can all practice a little before we embark on the shores of beautiful Fiji! The pre-tour information for Fiji is to highlight the Historic Suva City, Na Veilomani Tour! Veilomani means love one another and stay united. Also check out the Fiji Airways Buddy passes to Fiji. Its is a fantastic deal for a confirmed flight.

Last, but not the least, let's keep the lines of communication open, stay positive and let's make it another great year.

Phrase by Henry Ford: Teamwork

Coming together is the beginning  
Keeping together is progress  
Working together is success

Cheers,

Lalit Lal  
President  
Vancouver Interline Club

## 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                          |   |  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| PRESIDENT                | Lalit Lal   | 604-377-4549   |
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### FROM THE EDITOR

We are happy to receive your articles, jokes and interesting items that you would like to be included in the newsletter. If you send a travel article, please include pictures.

Check out the new updated WACA website. [www.waca.org](http://www.waca.org)

Our new address is: Vancouver Interline Club,  
106-15153 98th Avenue

Surrey, B. C. V3R 9M8

or use the e-mail on our new  
<http://www.vancouverinterlineclub.ca> Our new  
email

is: [vancouver\\_ic@yahoo.com](mailto:vancouver_ic@yahoo.com)

To sign up for the e-mail  
version of the newsletter, send your e-mail to  
[maxpat@telus.net](mailto:maxpat@telus.net)

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## Vancouver Interline Christmas Lunch & AGM Dec 07, 2025

We had 34 people turn out for the luncheon and everyone seemed to have a good time and as usual the food was great. A special thanks to the staff for being so accommodating.

Our 50/50 was won by John Packard who generously donated \$101.00 back to the Club making the donation to the Club \$221.00. We had several door prize winners and they were as follows: Judy Vitek, Jindy Melvin, Doreen Hazel, Sue Laufer, Michelle Meakin, Shirley Moeller, Fred Buchi, Diane Hayes, Irene (Gords friend) Mila Ubengen-Chee, Sharon Revel, Mike Harbott, Avinash Dindial, Pat Lindeman, Claude Hewitt. Congratulations to all of you and thanks for attending.

Elections were held and the following positions were filled.

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| President.....                                      | Lalita Lai          |
| Vice President.....                                 | Fred Buchi          |
| Secretary.....                                      | Christine Carey     |
| Treasurer.....                                      | Judith Guevara      |
| Tours & Information.....                            | Gord Wooley Chair,  |
| Claude Hewitt & Maureen Otway,                      | Assistants          |
| Publications.....                                   | Mark & Janet        |
| Glowacki  |                     |
| Social (Entertainment.....)                         | Doreen Hazel Chair, |
| Lana Wilmink, Shirley Moeler, Sharon Revel, Avinash |                     |
| Dindial Assistants                                  |                     |
| Membership.....                                     | Pat Lindeman        |

Thank you to all those who remained on the committee and to the new people who volunteered to help. It is a fun committee, and I will miss it especially the gourmet dinners that we have after our meetings.

Merry Christmas one and all and good health and happiness in the New Year.

VIC Committee



# VALENTINE'S LUNCH

Hello fellow club members of the Vancouver Interline Club.

First let me thank you all for your support by all who attended our annual Vancouver Interline Club (VIC) St. Valentine's Party held February 15 this year.

We had a great turnout of 29 of our members and guests who enjoyed a delicious lunch, provided by L'aromas Sky Café, while watching planes taking off and landing at the Boundary Bay Airport in Delta.

The service was excellent and the VIC Social Committee decorated with Valentine's themed table clothes to help set the mood.

Thanks to Rod M. and Paul T. for selling 50/50 tickets with Patrice T. being the lucky winner.

Five lucky attendees ( Judith, Paul, Norma, Jeannette, Brett ) won door prizes provided by DYSL.

Finally thank you to Freddie Whiting for capturing the moment with his photos.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our St. Patrick's Day event to be held at Shady Island Restaurant on the Steveston Boardwalk, 17:00 – 20:00 on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Claude Hewitt on behalf of the Social Committee of the Vancouver Interline Club





# Vancouver Interline Club Day after St. Patrick's Day

March 18th, 2026  
17:00-20:00

Prizes for  
BEST COSTUME  
and  
BEST LIMERICK

Come join  
in the fun  
Door Prizes!  
50/50 Draw



Shady Island  
Bar & Grill  
3800 Bayview St.  
Richmond, BC



Dinner on your own  
from the menu



RSVP by 10 March to Claude Hewitt:  
[chewitt59@gmail.com](mailto:chewitt59@gmail.com)

VANCOUVER INTERLINE CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITES COMMITTEE

2026 SUGGESTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

| DATE                      | EVENT                                | VENUE   | DETAILS                         |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| MARCH 18TH                | ST. PATRICKS DAY<br>AFTER            | SHADY ISLAND<br>RESTAURANT RICHMOND                             | ORDER FROM MENU<br>17:00 -20:00 |
| APRIL 9TH                 | AFTER EASTER                         | TBD   |                                 |
| MAY 14TH                  | DIM SUM                              | TBD   |                                 |
| JUNE 18                   | CAR RALLY W/PICNIC                   | DIEFENBAKER PARK<br>TSAWWASSEN                                  | BRING A DISH TO SHARE           |
| JULY 2                    | CANADA DAY                           | TBD   |                                 |
| AUGUST 19                 | PITCH N PUTT W/PIZZA<br>PARTY        | TBD   |                                 |
| SEPTEMBER                 | WALK RALLY<br>SEPTEMBER 17           | TBD   |                                 |
| OCTOBER 30                | HALLOWEEN COSTUME<br>BOWL & DINNER   | SPLITTSVILLE BOWLING<br>ALLEY W DINNER OLD<br>SPAGHETTI FACTORY |                                 |
| NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup> | SILENT AUCTION<br>CHARITY FUNDRAISER | TBD   |                                 |
| DECEMBER 6TH              | CHRISTMAS LUNCH &                    | TBD   |                                 |

## FIJI AIRWAYS BULA BUDDIES PASS

Fiji Airways has generously offered Interliners special "Bula Buddies" Rates at a substantial discount for travel to the AGA, Pre and Post Tours.

There are rates for both Economy and Business Class from YVR, LAX, SFO and DFW.

This is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of preferred Interline pricing while planning your trip to what promises to be a memorable and well-attended gathering.

Please see the attached forms from Keith Miller for full details and booking information.

Members who are airline employees or retirees will need to advise Keith Miller if he/she and their spouse or companion will depart from a United States gateway or from Vancouver and Keith will then provide you with a passcode to commence the application process.

Once you have the passcode, the same application procedure as in the attachments below will apply to obtain your ticket(s), i.e. the participant who is the airline employee or retiree will send a copy of his/her airline/IATA Identification card with his/her application and also request a ticket for his/her spouse or companion. Note that applications must not be sent to the contacts shown in the attached documents. Keith Miller will advise the Fiji Airways applicant name and e-mail address at the time Keith provides the passcode.

I encourage you to review the information and make your arrangements early.

Hope to see you all there.

Yours in Interlining,

Freddie Whiting  
North American Regional Coordinator,  
World Airlines Clubs Association  
(604) 307-1909 cell  
[wushuyvr@gmail.com](mailto:wushuyvr@gmail.com)

## 2026 Vancouver Bula Buddies IATAN Agents & Matai Specialists Appreciation Fares For the Agent & Companion

Companion: Routings:

Stopovers:

Sale Period: Travel Period: Blackout Period: Maximum Stay: Res. & Tktg:

Requirements:

Payment:

Changes: Cancellation: Discounts: Restrictions:

Dress code:

Validity: Travel from 16JAN26 / Blackout Periods:  
15JUN26-15SEP26 & 30DEC26-15JAN27 FJ 881 YVR  
- NAN operates Tue, Thu, Sat

FJ 880 NAN - YVR operates Tue, Thu, Sat

Spouse or non-industry companion will pay CAD100 more in Economy class or pay the same Business class fare. Only one companion per agent. Agent and companion must travel together on the same reservation.

YVR - NAN - YVR or

YVR - NAN - AKL/CHC/WLG/SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/CBR/  
CNS/TBU/AV/APW/VLI/HIR - NAN - YVR

Valid on Fiji Airways operated flights only. No add-ons allowed.

One stopover is permitted in NAN for an additional charge of CAD50.

Valid for sale 18DEC25 - 31DEC26

Valid for travel from 16JAN25 - Within system range.

No travel permitted from 15JUN26 - 15SEP26 & 30DEC26 - 15JAN27

30 days

Please provide at least 10 working days notice for your travel request.

Email: [brian.barron@fijiairways.com](mailto:brian.barron@fijiairways.com); [rashi.khanna@fijiairways.com](mailto:rashi.khanna@fijiairways.com)

Reservations will be booked by Fiji Airways in "I" or "E" class of service on all sectors. Self ticking is not permitted. E-Tickets must be issued by Fiji Airways.

Unable to preassign seats in "E" Economy class. Reservations based on positive space, but subject to offload in an oversell situation. Please send your request with the following information:

Itinerary, full passport names, dates of birth and gender. A copy of your valid IATAN Identification Card or your Matai Specialist Certificate. Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit and debit cards.

Completed Fiji Airways credit card form for payment of fare and taxes.

Once ticket is issued, any changes will incur CAD50 fee per reissue.

After ticketing: CAD170 penalty per ticket for refund. No other discounts apply.

Subject to capacity constraints and approval of Fiji Airways.

Denied boarding compensation not offered.

Deviations are not permitted. Travel is only permitted as above.

Business casual attire required. No flip flops or gym shoes.

## WACA AGA , PRE AND POST TOURS

### Pre-AGA Tour (Historic Suva City — Na Veilomani)

**Venue: Fiji** Oct 8 – Oct 11

USD 1,160.00

#### Package Includes

- Three night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the Holiday Inn Suva.
- Three breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners.
- Sightseeing tour in an air-conditioned coach with an English speaking guide.
- Group transfer from Nadi International Airport to the Holiday Inn Suva and from the Holiday Inn Suva to the Shangri-La Yanuca Island Resort.
- WACA fee: USD 20.00 per participant.

### 57th Annual General Assembly (AGA): The 2026 Interline Celebration

**Venue: Fiji** Oct 11 – Oct 15

USD 975.00

(USD 925.00 if paid in full by 30 March)

#### Package Includes

- Group transfers on arrival and departure: airport/Resort/airport (times to be advised).
- Four night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji.
- Four breakfasts, two lunches (three lunches for delegates), two cocktail receptions and three dinners.
- One tour in an air-conditioned coach with an English speaking guide. Gratuities included.
- One sunset dinner cruise on an air-conditioned sailing catamaran. Gratuities included.

### Post-AGA Tour (New Zealand, North Island)

**Venue: departs from, and concludes in, Auckland** Oct 15 – Oct 19

USD 1,560.00

#### Package Includes

- One night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the SkyCity Hotel Auckland and three night's accommodation based on double occupancy at the Millennium Hotel Rotorua.
- Four breakfasts, one picnic lunch and one dinner.
- Three tours in air-conditioned coaches with English speaking guides.
- Group transfer from Auckland Airport to the SkyCity Hotel and from Rotorua to the Sky City Bus Terminal in Auckland.

Deadline for registration for Pre, Post and AGA is 15 June 2026.

See [WACA.org](http://WACA.org) for brochures and registration forms.



# Informative Travel Report: Waca's Upcoming Trip to Fiji & New Zealand

For the Vancouver Interline Club – Friends & Family Edition

## 1. Fiji Overview

Fiji is known for its warm hospitality, turquoise lagoons, and rich Indigenous culture. It's a destination where relaxation and cultural immersion blend beautifully.

### Key Highlights

**Coral Coast** – Famous for beaches, snorkeling, and laid-back resorts.

**Mamanuca & Yasawa Islands** – Ideal for island-hopping, sailing, and world-class diving.

**Nadi & Denarau** – Gateway to the islands, with markets, restaurants, and day cruises.

**Traditional Fijian Culture** – Kava ceremonies, meke dance performances, and village visits.

### Weather & Best Time to Visit

Warm year-round, typically 26–31°C.

Dry season (May–October) is ideal, but even the wet season offers warm tropical conditions.

### Travel Tips

Respect local customs during village visits (e.g., modest clothing).

“Bula!” is the universal greeting — warm and enthusiastic.

Tap water is safe in major resorts; bottled water recommended in rural areas.

## 2. New Zealand Overview

New Zealand offers dramatic landscapes, vibrant Māori culture, and some of the world's most scenic road trips. Waca's itinerary will likely include both the North Island and South Island, each with its own character.

### North Island Highlights

- Auckland – Harbours, food markets, and coastal walks.
- Rotorua – Geothermal wonders, Māori cultural experiences, and adventure activities.
- Hobbiton – A must-visit for film lovers and a fun, whimsical stop
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### South Island Highlights

- Queenstown – Adventure capital: gondola rides, jet boating, wineries.
- Milford Sound – One of the world's most breathtaking fjords.
- Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers – Unique glacier walks and scenic flights.
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### Weather & Seasons

- Opposite of Canada's seasons.
- Summer (Dec–Feb): warm and ideal for outdoor activities.
- Spring/Fall: mild, colourful, and less crowded.
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### Travel Tips

- New Zealand roads are scenic but winding — allow extra travel time.
- UV levels are high; sunscreen is essential.
- Māori greetings: “Kia ora” (hello), “Haere mai” (welcome).

### 3. Travel Logistics

#### Flights

Common routes from Vancouver include connections via Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, or Auckland depending on airline.

#### Entry Requirements

Fiji: No visa required for Canadian travellers for short stays.

New Zealand: Canadians require an NZeTA (electronic travel authorization) before arrival.

#### Currency

Fiji: Fijian Dollar (FJD)

New Zealand: New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

#### Health & Safety

Both destinations are considered safe and tourist-friendly.

Standard travel insurance is recommended.

