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coastal pirates for over two and a half centuries. The Seychelles' hospitality now extends to a small number of discriminating visitors who find miles of white sand beaches, coral reefs ablaze with colorful tropical fish, picturesque villages and sophisticated hotels. A welcome retreat from the stresses of the modern world.

Hidden away among the mangrove thicket of Kenya's south coast, Funzi Island is "the fishing resort no one knows about". Kenya's deep sea fishing season is October to March. During this time those in the know gather in the fabled Pemba Channel where trophy billfish are regularly caught from the decks of two superbly converted brawn fishing boats. Small, private and secluded Funzi accommodates its guests in comfortable tents clustered around a central dining room and bar. Superb seafood is prepared by the resident chef and a vintage "wind-op" gramophone with a huge brass horn provides background music. The pace is relaxed, the sunsets spectacular and sports unmatched including: swimming off the island's deserted beach, wind surfing, canoe trips, walks on the island, snorkeling and even optional game viewing at nearby Shimba Hills National Park.

In the remote bush or in the big cities, your adventure in Africa is greatly enhanced by the quality of your accommodations. Africa offers a selection of fine hotels, luxurious game lodges, and resorts as well as the finest tented camps on the continent. All of the hotels conform to high standards of service and comfort. The ark in Aberdare National Park is the finest tree hotel in Kenya. A visit to Kenya is not complete without a visit to one of the tree hotels; perched above water holes and salt lick where both predator and prey mingle and a watchman stands guard to call visitors when special animal sightings occur.

For those travelers whose ideal adventure is a tented safari; mobile camping units are models of service and unbelievable comfort in the heart of the African bush. At exclusive camps in some of Africa's great game parks you can enjoy first class sleeping accommodations, hot showers, private facilities and gourmet food.

Dining in Africa is a satisfying experience. Be prepared to be surprised, enchanted and won over by Africa's culinary delights.

You will be amazed at the quality of the cuisine prepared in the heart of the African bush. A simple open fire kitchen

produces roast beef, curries, fresh breads, delicious salads and chocolate mousse. Chilled wines accompany dinner and ice cools your drinks even on the hottest days. Ample supplies of bottled water are available.

In Africa's cities fine restaurants offer French cuisine, east Indian curries, fresh African game and fish. The choice is yours. Even in the most remote regions you will find delicious fresh food, prepared and served with expertise and ingenuity!

Each day brings new adventures through the geography, history, tribal lore and wildlife of Kenya. You'll experience the real Africa; incredible lakes and mountains, vast plains, magnificent wild life and you will capture the spirits and soul of the country as well.

Helpful Hints

1. Climate- the year round climate in east Africa is ideal. The days are usually warm and dry 70 to 80 degrees. The nights are cool and pleasant.
2. Don't forget to bring a hat for protection, especially when on safari. Sunglasses can prove invaluable.
3. Dress comfortable, cotton fabrics are always appropriate in the bush. Khaki shirts/trousers some hotels require jackets and ties- but the rule is casual dress.
4. Most hotels provide laundry services.
5. What to buy: Masai beaded necklaces, bracelets, belts, various tribal shields and spears, Kikuyu hand-crafted baskets, Wakamba wood carvings, Kisii soapstone sculptures, wall hangings in batik and banana leaf collage, lambskin mats and native tie-dyed cotton and semi-precious stones.
6. Currencies: it is recommended that travelers carry little cash and as much money in convertible traveler's cheques as they wish. It is strictly forbidden to take Kenya shillings out of East Africa. This is true even traveling from Kenya to Tanzania. You must exchange your currency before leaving the country.
7. Travel Documents: a valid passport and a visa are required for travel in Kenya and Tanzania.
8. Medical information: there are mandatory inoculations that are required prior to entering east Africa.



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CONCERT REVIEW

Al Green lights up "The Joint"

By Jackie Y. Brantley

The "quintessential soul man" Al Green proved that his highly distinctive vocal style and superlative stage presence is better than ever. Playing to a packed audience at the Hard Rock Casino's "The Joint" last Saturday night, Green thrilled more than 1,000 enthusiasts.

Green opened the show belting his new MCA Records release "Your Heart's In Good Hands," with the capable assistance of The Memphis Horns, three female back-up singers, two lead guitarists, one bass, keyboard and percussion blended to enhance his emotive gospel and R & B style that audiences have enjoyed for close to three decades.

Green was snappily dressed in a well-tailored black suit with red tie and hankie. He looked fresh and took control early in the show, lowering the microphone echo, so that the audience heard his pure vocals. One can see why Green has been an eight-time Grammy winner and inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. His current album is Green's first secular album in eighteen years.

Reaching out touching his audience as he serenades, has been an Al Green one-of-a kind trademark. The audience also participated in a sing-along as Green led the gospel song "Amazing Grace." "Yes," he said, "we are going to sing this song in a casino"... And the voices joined together to complete this great song.

"I sing what's in my heart, not what's on the list," he said. Green continued performing from the heart. His renditions of the Temptation's, "Can't Get Next To You," and Otis Redding's "I've Been Loving You"... brought down the house. Green introduced from his band, Larry Lee, guitarist, formerly with the Band of

Gypsies who toured with Jimmy Hendrix.. Lee, received thunderous applause.

Proving that he was in excellent form, Green moved effortlessly, dancing, bouncing, emotionally enhanced across the roomy stage, not showing any signs of exhaustion. Above the stage were the words "Humanity is Instrumental." One cannot miss the true meaning of this statement when Green saluted other entertainers who have passed on: Otis Redding, Sam Cook, Ella Fitzgerald, Jimmy Hendrix, Felipe Wynn, Jackie Wilson and others.

A gentleman, Green even acknowledged entertainer, Billie Preston, who was in the audience.

Green showed no signs of slowing down by the seventh song "Call Me." He did apologize for voice huskiness, blaming his recent performances in Los Angeles, Friday and San Diego, on Thursday. The audience, which consisted of all cultures and ages responded by requesting more of this timeless soul legend.

Making great music is nothing new for Al Green, who was ordained as the pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Memphis in 1976. Born in Forrest City, Arkansas, Green's earliest years were steeped in gospel, he toured with his father Robert Green as part of the family group The Green Brothers.

While continuing his ministry in Memphis, Green has taken time to tour worldwide over the past few years. Performing a mixture of gospel and R & B favorites, his global audience has continued to expand and in 1933, he began recording for BMG International. Sure to satisfy Al's many staunch fans as well as creating awareness among a whole new generation of music lovers, "Your Heart's In Good Hands" is a '90s soul classic.

Las Vegas will see the likes of Al Green again, real soon.

Ebony Etchings

Gregory plans comic concert

Dick Gregory is headed back to Tinseltown to team up with Paul Mooney and The Mooney Twins for a comic concert that will benefit the fund raising efforts of actress Marla Gibbs to save her Vision Theatre Complex.

The coming together of these three outstanding comic talents to help Marla Gibbs raise money to save the theatre is to be lauded.

Their efforts should be supported by the inner-city community that houses Marla's theatre complex.

Dick Gregory's appearance at The Vision Theatre back in October served as a launching pad for his return to show business after a 22-year, self imposed hiatus.

His performance at that time was a special presentation of his Broadway bound one man show "Dick Gregory: Live On The Great White Way." Gregory also celebrated his 63rd birthday and more than 30 years in show business while performing at the

Vision Theatre, Friday July 12th.
Carolyn Harrell honored in L.A.

Dr. Carolyn Harrell whose dynamic ministry and interaction in her grass root community programs has touched the hearts of thousands of people, was feted at a gala black-tie celebration, celebrating her birthday, June 28th, in the Regal Ballroom of the Beverly Hills Hotel. The well attended affair was highlighted with entertainment by Billy Preston, Grammy nominated Yolanda Adams, Beau Williams and many

other popular gospel recording artists paying homage to the dynamic minister and leader.

A founder and executive director of the Center for Development, a nonprofit organization committed to empowering the minds of the people in the inner-city, Dr. Harrell believes that the principles of self preservation, self-reliance, and good old fashion thinkonomics are fundamental building blocks for success. Her commitment to the community extends over fifteen years. Dr. Harell is definitely a woman with a message.



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