

Contest

Where in the World is Jessica Antosz?



This returning contest is a take off from the popular 1985 children's video game called, "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" It aims to teach geography and culture through thrilling detective adventures.

Our BCRPVPA membership coordinator, Jessica, who loves to travel has become our muse.

Jessica was just recently returned from Puerto Vallarta and three of the Hawaiian Islands, and wouldn't you know it she is off travelling once again. Jessica's husband, sister and many friends enjoy her adventuresome spirit. Nothing holds Jess back!

Congratulations to Mark Heidebrecht and Tracy Shaw who won the \$25 gifts for their correct guesses last issue.

Can you guess her next two destinations?

Clues:

- 1. Right now you would find Jessica sailing by secluded beaches, historic and cultural landmarks, volcanic peaks, coral reefs and perhaps even diving for pirate treasure. Where might she be?**
- 2. On her second trip, where legend be told that the King found inspiration watching a spider's determination to succeed, prompting him to return to battle despite overwhelming odds. The king's victory eventually led to his country's independence long ago. Where might she be going next?**

One correct guess, one entry into a draw. Two correct guesses, two entries.

How to Enter:

Send your entries to: communications@bcrpvpa.ca Only **two entries** per member.

Winners will be notified by email on May 1st, 2026. Good Luck!

A Follow Up from Last Time

Tracy Shaw was inspired to do some research when the second clue suggested that Jessica was visiting three islands in the Pacific. The intent was to make members think and we certainly succeeded. Maui, Kai and the Big Island of Hawaii were the answers, but any of the Hawaiian Islands would have been accepted for the draw.

Here's what Tracy shared:

Hawaii is actually comprised of 137 islands, only 8 of which considered the "main" Hawaiian Islands; I was looking for a Pacific "country" that only had 3 islands as a whole (ie: Fiji, New Zealand, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Chile, etc.) but every place in the Pacific I checked had dozens, if not hundreds, of small islands...couldn't find one with just three!

So your #2 question was kind of a trick question, but interestingly, I went down one rabbit hole and learned much about the Marshall Islands, (because there was three main islands in the area, so I thought that might be the correct answer, but apparently no one visits the Marshall Islands as a tourist, so I figured Jessica wouldn't be going there!).



One of the Marshall Islands in particular, Wake Island, had a very sad history of it being a POW camp in WWII, where Japanese held American soldiers, many of them massacred, mass buried, later dug up and re-buried in an effort to hide the evidence. As the war neared an end the Japanese living on the island were cut off from all supplies and many died of starvation and illnesses. For a small island there is a long, long history of occupation, re-occupation, airfield building, airfield bombing, and so on; a very interesting read, so thanks for offering a contest that had me doing some research into little known places!