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Five Miles Up with ... Shania Twain

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It's said that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. That certainly holds true in the case of "Shania: Still the One." The concert's continued success has led to 22 new performances, the first of which launches today at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. As for its namesake, five-time Grammy-winning country megastar Shania Twain, we get a feeling the [Ontario, Canada](#) native feels right at home in Nevada... as long as there's access to a horse and an unpaved road.



(Photo: Denise Truscello)

What's something you never fail to pack in your suitcase?
Earplugs.

Carry-on or check-in?
Carry-on.

Window or aisle?
Window if I'm traveling with someone. If alone, aisle so I don't have to hop over a stranger to use the bathroom.

What's your idea of the perfect vacation?
Being on a deserted island with horses, surrounded by crystal, turquoise water.

Tell us about a vacation you've taken that's come close thus far.
The Exumas in the [Bahamas](#), a district of undeveloped islands that I visit often. Each time I go I dream about riding a horse on the beaches.

What's the worst vacation mishap you've experienced?
When leaving for my son's school break this summer, our first flight out of [Nassau](#) was cancelled, causing us to miss our connection in [Miami](#) for a direct flight to [Rome](#). We were then put on a flight from Miami to [London](#) for a connecting flight to Rome. We finally made it to Rome, but our luggage did not. Now, already a day behind schedule, our final destination to the Italian countryside was delayed yet another day while we waited for our bags. I guess we were lucky it came at all!

Where's your favorite destination for performing?
My favorite place to perform these days is at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. It's the best stage I've ever performed on.

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What's the most unusual souvenir you've ever brought back from a trip?

I love window-shopping for souvenirs, but never bring any back.

Ever try a food you wished you hadn't?

Natto. It's a bitter, sour, sticky, slimy dish of fermented soybeans. I love soybeans, but not prepared this way.

Favorite accommodations you've ever stayed in.

A yacht in the Exumas.

Favorite restaurant you've discovered while traveling.

Room service in our cave at Le Grotte Della Civita in Sassi Di Matera, where we were served homemade food from the cook's personal kitchen.

Biggest regret you've ever had while on vacation.

Not asking if the Arabian horse I rode a few years ago during a trip to the Pyramids in [Cairo](#) was for sale. I would have taken him home with me and still think about that horse today.

The one thing you're willing to splurge on when traveling above all else.

Flying private.

Three artists on your travel playlist?

Lana Del Rey, Birdy and "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons.

You only get one more trip in your lifetime. Where will it be?

Horse trekking anywhere with no roads.

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How about spending Christmas aboard a cruise ship, sailing the warm waters of the Caribbean or some other exotic location?

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Flickr photo of the day: Boys will be boys

Photographer Jeremy Villasis writes that as he was leaving his hotel in Mandalay, Burma, he saw these boys laughing mightily at something. That something turned out to be another boy coming to join them.

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Vegas is most searched travel spot in 2013; New York doesn't crack top 10

The most-searched travel destination this year was Las Vegas, with Myrtle Beach, S.C. at No. 2 and New Orleans at No. 3.

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