

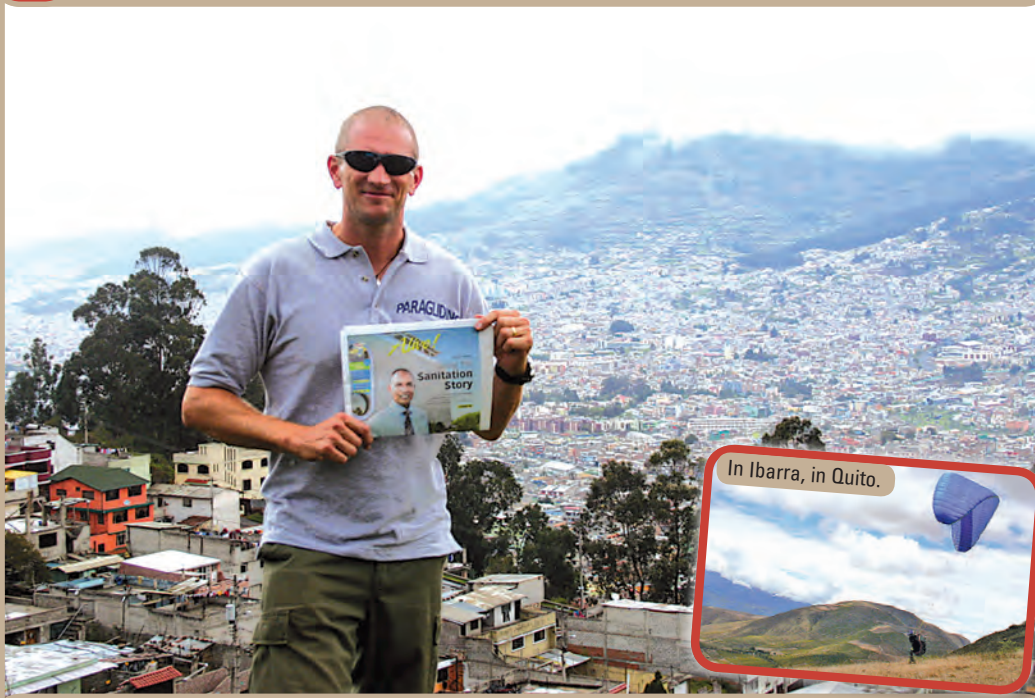


Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Ecuador



"Here are a few photos from my December trip to Ecuador. I took an issue of *Alive!* flying with me on my paraglider, and it went up to almost 10,000 feet. I carried it with me inside my harness but unfortunately was not able to get a photo of me holding it while flying my glider, as I need both hands on the controls for the most part!

"I visited several different areas there for paragliding, including the mountain region of the Andes, the capital city of Quito, and the coast."

– Art Kurkowski, Harbor/Port Police

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California



"What a pleasant time my wife and I had at Rec and Parks' Victorian Christmas at the Banning Museum in Wilmington. We toured the beautifully decorated Banning Mansion, listened to a local high school choir sing seasonal favorites, and watched stately Victorian dances. Here I am with Olga Abregu (left) and Randy Chong (right) in Victorian period costumes."

– David Jamgotchian, JILA Associates (the designers of *Alive!*)

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World Traveler



"This is high above Hong Kong on Victoria Peak overlooking Kowloon and the harbor."

– Baron "Mr. B." Greenhouse, World Traveler, DWP

Baron Greenhouse also visited Hawaii...

... and Spain.

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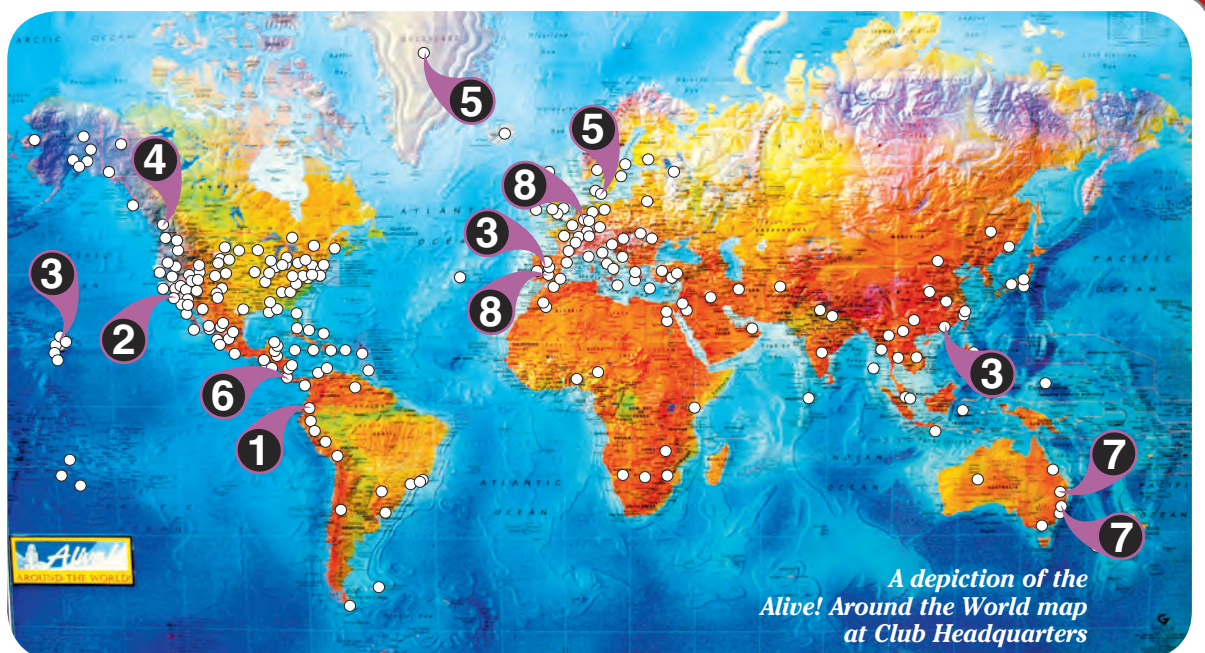
British Columbia



Here are **Sepou Ohanian, Airports**, and his wife, Karolin, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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A depiction of the *Alive!* Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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Northern Hemisphere

Here are some images from Dr. **Ed Krupp**, Director, Griffith Observatory, from an expedition he took with the Friends Of The Observatory last October. "We went to Greenland to view the aurora borealis, and we were successful, with three nights of clear weather and auroral displays."



"Kellyville, Greenland, near Kangerlussuaq, advertises itself as an 'incoherent' community. The radio antenna of the Sondrestrom Incoherent Scatter Radar Facility probes the ionosphere in an attempt to understand better the mechanisms involved in the northern lights."



"Most of Greenland is covered with ice, and it's about 11,000 feet deep. It's uninhabitable, but you can reach it from the coast, which is clear of the ice cap and is where people live. Ice Cap Point 660 is a sea of frozen waves."



"Icebergs break off from Greenland's Sermeq Kujalleq glacier, the most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere, and migrate down the Ilulissat icefjord, a half-frozen tongue of the sea, enter Disko Bay, and eventually make their way to open ocean. The iceberg that doomed the *Titanic* originated from here."



"Many of the icebergs in Disco Bay are small mountains."



"The Rundetårn, in Copenhagen, is a 17th-century observatory tower that was used by Danish astronomers, including Ole Romer, who attempted to measure the speed of light. The green building here, at the summit of the tower, houses a telescope used today by amateur astronomers."

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Panama



Here's **Bob Kikuchi, Harbor**, going through the Panama Canal.

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Australia

Robbie Horvath, Public Works/Hyperion, recently returned from a trip to Australia.

"Australia was a dream of mine for so long. Not anymore! I've finally visited it and found the land Down Under extremely enchanting. I'd like to share some of my favorite moments with you all."



Robbie with Gilbert, an Aboriginal friend at the Boomerang Festival.



Robbie with the driver of the mini-bus.



Robbie at the Sydney Opera House.

"The three-day Boomerang Festival near Byron Bay was my real favorite. Gilbert was teaching me how to throw a boomerang. Also he had served as the Keeper of the Fire at the festival. "I also visited a quintessential hippie town called Nimbin. Here, time stands still since the 1960s. It's a well-hidden gem, one of a kind. My favorite sticker from the hippie bus says: 'Once you are over the hill, you pick up speed.' "The last picture is the amazing Sydney Opera House, which celebrated its 40th birthday this year."

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Western Europe



"The Alhambra (in Granada, Spain) was the last and greatest Moorish palace in the 13th and 14th centuries."

Here's **Alfredo Fajardo, General Services**, in Western Europe.



"In Düsseldorf, Germany, where we had an eight-hour stopover on our way home."



"The Plaza de Espana square, buildings and park are the remains of the 1929 international fair in Seville."