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A record-breaking estimate of 30 million travelers are expected to fly during the Thanksgiving holiday, and nearly 50 million be driving — among them will be many [timeshare](#) owners who will share the holiday at their resorts across the country. [TimeSharing Today](#) Magazine explores the reasons why contemporary travelers, facing similar challenges to the Pilgrims of the 17th century, choose to embark on journeys during difficult times.

A cherished American holiday

Thanksgiving, a cherished American holiday marked by family gatherings, feasts, and expressions of gratitude, has deep roots in the early 17th century when Pilgrims faced challenges in the New World. Despite wars, economic hardships, and changing times,

Thanksgiving endures as a tradition celebrated by the U.S. armed forces at home and abroad. Simultaneously, in the modern era, a group of individuals, akin to modern-day Pilgrims, embarks on journeys to resorts through the concept of timeshare ownership, seeking community, adventure, and shared experiences.

The Pilgrims' Perils

In 1620, English Pilgrims seeking religious freedom arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, facing a harsh winter that claimed nearly half their number. The Wampanoag Native Americans played a crucial role, forging a friendship later commemorated in the first Thanksgiving. This historical backdrop sets the stage for the enduring tradition of Thanksgiving.

The First Thanksgiving

In 1621, after a successful harvest, Pilgrims and Wampanoag gathered for a three-day feast, symbolizing unity and gratitude in adversity. This event serves as the cornerstone of Thanksgiving, highlighting the importance of coming together in times of abundance and scarcity alike.

Thanksgiving through Wars

Even during conflicts like the Civil War, Thanksgiving persisted. During all other wars, it becomes a time for reflection on sacrifices made by servicemen and women. The resilience and unity embodied in Thanksgiving continues to shine during times of adversity.

The Great Depression

Despite the economic hardships of the 1930s, Thanksgiving remained a symbol of resilience and gratitude, showcasing the American spirit during challenging times.

Thanksgiving in the Modern Era

Today, Thanksgiving includes parades, football games, and traditional feasts, fostering unity and reflection on the past year's blessings. This evolution showcases the adaptability and enduring nature of the Thanksgiving tradition.

Timeshare Ownership Embodies the Thanksgiving Spirit

As families gather for Thanksgiving, there's a group akin to modern-day Pilgrims — timeshare owners. Embarking on journeys to resorts, they seek community, adventure, and shared experiences. These Pilgrimages mirror the historical quest to reinforce family values, for peace, and for a new beginning.

The Pilgrimage to Leisure:

Much like Pilgrims seeking a new beginning, timeshare owners invest in shared vacation properties for escape and respite. Their timeshare ownership provides opportunities for creating lasting memories. This modern journey reflects the timeless human desire for exploration and discovery.

Shared Experiences and Togetherness

Timeshare vacations foster camaraderie, much like the Pilgrims with the Wampanoag. Owners celebrate the joy of travel and create lasting bonds. This shared togetherness echoes the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, emphasizing the importance of community and connection.

Cultural Exchange and Appreciation

Similar to Thanksgiving's focus on cultural exchange, timeshare owners explore new cultures during their vacations, contributing to a rich tapestry of memories. These experiences can be compared to the Pilgrims' interactions with the Native Americans, emphasizing the importance of understanding and appreciating diverse cultures.

Gratitude for Shared Ownership

Thanksgiving, deeply rooted in American history, remains a celebration of gratitude, unity, and the enduring spirit of the American people. Simultaneously, as timeshare owners embark on their modern-day Pilgrimages, they embody the spirit of Thanksgiving through shared ownership, communal celebration, and a pursuit of a richer, more connected life. In both traditions, the essence of Thanksgiving endures, transcending time and evolving to meet the changing needs and aspirations of society.

About TimeSharing Today Magazine

TimeSharing Today began publishing in 1991. It was soon recognized as a trusted source for independent news and information about [vacation ownership](#). Its content covers a broad range of topics that deal with timeshare travel, ownership, and resort governance – recognizing the interconnectivity of owners, timeshare owners associations, and industry professionals. The members of TimeSharing Today's community share their insights and experiences as reflected in the articles that are published.

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