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Alex: What if you could get elite hotel perks without elite status? Today we're talking about two programs that let us do this: The Edit by Chase Travel<sup>SM</sup> and American Express<sup>®</sup> Fine Hotels + Resorts<sup>®</sup>.

Welcome to *Points Talk*<sup>®</sup>. We are three moms who've discovered how to leverage credit card welcome offers to get hundreds of thousands of dollars of travel expenses for nearly free. We've used credit card points and miles to take vacations to places like Hawaii, Paris, Greece, Maldives, Japan, and so much more. And the best part? We each still have 800 plus credit scores. Imagine being able to take the vacation of your dreams for nearly free. It's totally possible, and we're here to show you how.

Alex: Hey, I'm Alex.

Pam: And I'm Pam, Alex's mom.

Jess: And I'm Jess. Let's talk points.

So Amex<sup>®</sup> Fine Hotels + Resorts has been around for years. Chase recently introduced their version-ish called The Edit. Both of these programs promise luxury perks. They are both available to you regardless of if you have status with the hotel that you're booking at. So they're a fun way to get these perks without necessarily having to have status. Both are tied to premium credit cards, yet they work differently, deliver value in different ways. So we are going to do a deep dive into both Fine Hotels + Resorts and The Edit today.

Pam is going to kick it off with her favorite, Amex Fine Hotels + Resorts. We know Pam is an Amex loyalist, a Platinum loyalist, and so she is the best person to be talking about these benefits today.

Amex Pam: Yeah, because I've had the Amex Platinum<sup>®</sup> and the Amex Business Platinum<sup>®</sup> for a long time. And so I have used these Fine Hotel Resort credits a few times. They've been around a long time. They're offered through the American Express travel portal.

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I actually remember the first time that I used when I was staying in Sydney, Australia, and we were kind of hotel hopping a little bit there. You know I kind of like to do that. And so I looked on for the Fine Hotel Resorts and saw that I could stay in a Four Seasons. I mean, guys, a Four Seasons. I mean, it doesn't get any better than that. And the crazy thing is that they were offering it fairly inexpensive. I think it was under \$300, so it about covered everything. And I just couldn't believe that I could stay in that kind of a luxury hotel and pay so little for it and get some great benefits.

Like we said, the Fine Hotel Resorts perk is available to Platinum and Business Platinum cardholders. It includes thousands of luxury properties worldwide. Now, some of these you're going to click on, you're going to say, "This is a thousand-dollar-a-night hotel. I'm not, you know, my little \$300 isn't going to go that far. I don't want to stay there." But you can find some really good gems by just searching. I'm staying pretty soon in the Seabird Resort in Oceanside, California. That was a pretty good deal with Fine Hotels and Resorts. And so you can find some really great gems.

And what's really nice about these are the standard benefits. So standard benefits include, I mean, it's almost like having Globalist status without having Globalist status. You get a daily breakfast for two, a room upgrade upon arrival if available. You get a \$100 experience credit. Now, I usually use that to pay for dinner. That's what I did when I was at the Four Seasons. We used it for our dinner. It can also be used for valet parking. I've used it for valet parking, so I didn't have to pay for that.

Noon early check-in if available. That's clutch when you are flying in somewhere and you've gotten in early and you just don't want to hang around at the pool waiting for them to get your room ready. And then again, guaranteed 4 p.m. late checkout. That's one of the most valuable perks to me. I mean, really, it is a lot like having Globalist status, maybe a little better with that \$100 experience credit. And you get complimentary Wi-Fi.

So it is really a great benefit to use, really knocks that annual fee down a ton. You have a \$600 annual benefit from the card. That's annually. You get up to

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\$300 in statement credit semi-annually, though. It's not like you get a, you can use \$600. I mean, that'd be great because then I'd use it on that thousand-dollar hotel. But you do get it semi-annually. It's split up from January through June and then July through December. You just have to pay during that time.

So, for instance, if I decide in January I'm going to book a stay for July, I can use that first \$300 annual credit. And so that works out really nice because you can kind of plan ahead. You can book during your period, you can stay later. That also works really well when you're getting down, you're like, I still have \$300 left and it's November. What am I going to do? I'm going to lose that credit. It's like, nope, just book for the next year, and then you can have it. You just have to pay during that time. You can stay later.

You book through American Express Travel. It's their portal, really easy to find. And they will, you put in where you'd like to go and the dates, and they show you all the hotels that are available. Like I said, I usually have to scroll through and find one that I'm willing to do because they're going to show me some crazy ones. But again, like I said, there are some real gems. There are some really good ones where you can get so you only have to pay, sometimes I don't have to pay really anything. Sometimes I pay \$50. I'm looking at a hotel that's going to be about \$400 a night or less. I'm looking in the \$300 to \$400 range because I want to get my absolute best value.

You can also use this credit for the Hotel Collection, but that is a two-night stay. And I'll say I don't really use it for that. I usually, I want it for that one-night luxury stay.

Jess: All right, do you want me to go over some of the FAQs?

Pam: I do. Yes, please do that.

Jess: All right, so we get a lot of questions about the Fine Hotels + Resorts credit in particular because the nice thing about it is, like Pam said, you only have to do a one-night stay to get those benefits and to get the \$300. And so, I think this is the only program that allows a credit on a one-night stay. Every other, like you'll see with The Edit, requires a two-night stay.

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So, some people ask, what if I book the hotel and then I decide to cancel it? The nice thing about it is while you are booking a prepaid stay to get that \$300 statement credit, most of the time these bookings are refundable. I will never book a non-refundable hotel stay because you just never know what's going to happen. And so the nice thing is, you can book it, get the \$300 off, and then if you decide to cancel, you can cancel. Amex likely will claw that \$300 back.

I'm going to give a caveat. A lot of the rest of this section is, this is what will probably happen. I cannot say 100% with 100% certainty whether any of these following things I'm going to talk about will definitely happen or will definitely not happen.

I will also say that I made a booking at the end of last year. Pam and I are always December, we are scrambling to find to book those Fine Hotels + Resorts and get our \$300 credits. We are on the gravy train. I think between Ted and I, we have like four Business Platinum cards. And so we, Pam, Pam's in the same boat. We are, December 28th, we are texting each other, where are you staying with your Fine Hotels + Resorts credit?

I booked a stay in December. I had to cancel it this year. It was not, I was not trying to be sneaky or shady. We simply changed our plans a month ago. I canceled that stay. They did not claw the \$300 back. I don't know if it's because I made the booking in 2025 and canceled it in 2026. Maybe it was just a fluke. But there's just a data point for you for those who maybe want to try something like that.

Someone said, what if you book back-to-back nights at Fine Hotels + Resorts using two different \$300 credits? So, like I said, I have a personal Platinum card and I have a Business Platinum card. So I could technically, if I'm doing a two-night stay, I could book my first night using my Platinum, my personal Platinum, get the \$300 off. I could book my second night using my Business Platinum, get another \$300 off.

What will likely happen is the standard benefits like the breakfast, the daily breakfast for two, the free Wi-Fi, which LOL that they still consider free Wi-Fi a premium benefit. That is going to apply to your stay regardless, but those

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unique, those more unique property credits like \$100 off dining, I have one book that's like \$150 credit towards a spa experience. Those are most likely going to just be once. You get those once per stay. So if you book back-to-back, you're still going to get free breakfast, you're still going to get the room upgrade, but you might only get one property credit.

Pam: And that's been my experience, Jess. When I do that, I get that \$100 credit once.

Alex: But the smart, nice thing is if you book, like I, Mitch and I did this, I booked one with my Business Platinum and one with his, and we each got it.

Jess: That was going to be my next suggestion. If you want to try, like I said, this is property-dependent, but if you want to try to get it twice and you're going with someone who also has a personal or Business Platinum card, do that where you book one night under your name, one night under their name, and you likely will get that property credit twice.

Pam: Did they make you change the room, Alex? That's my question because I always...

Alex: Well, mine wasn't actually back-to-back nights. It was one night for two rooms. So it's a slightly different.

Jess: Okay, but that's helpful for families because we have that going on where we're usually traveling with a mix of four to six people and so we often need two rooms also. So that's a good, that's a good tip for those larger families. I assume if you book the same room type, they would not make you switch rooms.

Alex: I agree. And I would think that you would get the credit because technically it's under someone else's name.

Jess: Yeah. So these bookings, the nice thing about Amex Fine Hotels + Resorts and the Hotel Collection is you usually do qualify for elite credits and benefits. If you're staying, I can only speak to Hyatt, Hilton, Marriott, IHG, but when you check out when you're doing one of these bookings, there is a place to select your hotel loyalty program and enter your loyalty number. And so that

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has been my experience. I stayed at one of these in Cascais when I went to Portugal. I entered my Hilton Diamond member number at checkout, and I also got my Diamond benefits on top of these other benefits. And so that's really nice. Another FAQ is...

Alex: Can I add, can I add something to that? I would also recommend when you're there at check-in. So I did this, I stayed at the Grand Hyatt Deer Valley using my FHR credit, and they, I also gave them my Hyatt number when I checked in at the front desk because I don't know if it just didn't show up. It wasn't showing up in my Hyatt app, and even at checkout, like I or like a week after my stay, I still didn't see my Elite Night post in my Hyatt app. They did give me my Globalist benefits, though. Like, even though breakfast only covered two, they covered all of us. And so I what I did though, was I messaged Hyatt, and I was like, "Hey, I had this stay. Here's my confirmation number." And they're like, and then Hyatt added the Elite Night. So if you do get in a situation like that, you could always reach out to the hotel and get that taken care of.

Jess: Yeah, and also when you add in your member number, it should show up in your app. So like Alex said, hers wasn't showing up in her app. That was a clue like, "Hey, I'm probably not going to get credit for this." Whenever I've done it, it has shown up in my app. And so that's like one thing you can kind of look for.

Okay, the next one is, can I make a reservation for someone else? So say I want to use my Fine Hotels + Resorts credit for my husband and I'm not going to be there. Yes, I can enter his name at checkout, but he has to have an American Express card in his name at check-in. It does not, he happens to have a Business Platinum. It does not have to be a Platinum or a Business Platinum, but it has to be an American Express-branded card.

And so, like I said, I stayed at a Hilton in Portugal using this credit. I actually charged all of my incidentals to my Hilton Aspire card to get, you know, the 14x or whatever you get by charging it to that card. And so he could have done the same thing. So don't put it in someone else's name who doesn't have an Amex card.

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Alex: Yeah. So, like for example, like if you're going and you're staying at a Hyatt, even if you're the one checking in, you wouldn't want to pay for your incidentals on your Hyatt card because then you won't get your benefits.

Jess: Yeah. But you could put it on any Amex card. If you're staying at a Marriott or a Hilton though, you could use your Amex-branded Marriott or Hilton card, and then that's like the best of both worlds because you're getting all your points, but you know, you're still getting your Fine Hotels + Resorts benefits.

Okay, last one, what if you book, you prepay, you get this credit, but then you decide to downgrade or cancel your Platinum card before your stay? So, I think Pam and I are in this situation a lot because like I said, we're on the gravy train. We're getting these cards, but we're not keeping, you know, I'm not keeping three Business Platinum cards. As the annual fee hits, I'm closing that card.

So, the nice thing is if I were to book a stay and in the interim cancel that card, I will most likely be fine, still get the benefits. I've paid with that card, but I will need an Amex in my name. It's like you're booking for someone else. So I'm still going to need an Amex card in my name to present at check-in, but it doesn't necessarily have to be the Amex that I booked the stay on.

Alex: That's a good tip for people who are on like the Amex gravy train. It's like, okay, before I cancel this card, let me quickly go and book a stay at one of these hotels and take advantage of that credit before it's gone.

Pam: Yeah, I mean, it's a great credit. I mean, it substantially lowers your annual fee. And when you've got two a year, it makes it, you know, pretty doable. You just have to use the use the credit.

Alex: Yeah. All right, moving on to The Edit. This is Chase's version of the Amex Fine Hotels + Resorts credit. So very similar idea. It's a collection of luxury hotels and resorts, but you will be booking it through Chase Travel and it's available to Chase Sapphire Reserve® card members, both business and personal. It includes hundreds of high-end properties worldwide and the benefits are very, very similar.

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You've got your daily breakfast for two, \$100 property credit, room upgrade if available, early check-in, late checkout. There is no guarantee on the late checkout. I do have seen, though, some hotels do guarantee it. So it really, I think it's by property, but it's not something that's like across the board every hotel that's available through The Edit is going to give you a 4 o'clock late checkout. But some of them might say on their thing, late checkout 4 p.m. guaranteed. And then the really great complimentary Wi-Fi. You guys, I haven't been to a hotel that hasn't had complimentary Wi-Fi. Like, I've never paid for Wi-Fi.

Jess: Yeah, I'm like, why are they still advertising this?

Alex: Yeah, I'm like, is this like insane speeds? I don't get it. It's weird.

Anyway, the different, the main difference here is it requires a two-night stay instead of a one-night stay. To me, that really makes it significantly less valuable than the FHR credit because with Fine Hotels + Resorts, you're getting a \$300 off a one-night stay. For The Edit, you're getting \$250 off a two-night stay. So it's, it's still a good credit. You can find some really good options there, but I think overall Fine Hotels + Resorts wins this in this area by being able to book one-night stays.

So, how this credit works is you get a \$500 annual credit. It used to be like the same with Amex where you get one from January to June and then July to December, but they changed it for this year where now you get \$500 and you can use that how you would like. There's no timing. You have the whole year, but they are \$250 credits. So you could book, you could use both \$250 credits and book a back-to-back stay for like a four-night stay.

So it's nice, but I think we were all thinking when this came out, like, "Oh, this is great. I can just use my \$500 off a two-night stay." And that's not the case. So kind of a bummer. It is still nice that you can use it back-to-back if you did want to use it on a four-night stay.

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Okay, and just a few quick other little things about this credit. Like the FHR credit, you can earn your Elite Nights. There's a spot there where you can add that in. Another interesting thing with this credit is you can apply points to it.

So, let's say you book a stay. It's a \$400 a night hotel. You apply your \$250, that knocks the price down. But let's say you're like, "Well, I don't want to pay anything out of pocket for this." You can apply your Ultimate Rewards points to bring your price down to zero, which is pretty nice. And these hotels are part of Points Boost, so they're usually a better rate than like one cent per point. It's actually like usually a pretty decent use of your points if you want to bring that cost down. So that's a really nice option.

And then they also for this year have an additional \$250 hotel credit where you can use that at select hotel groups, like IHG, I think, Omni Hotels. There's a couple others, but IHG is the one that really stands out and how we all are using ours. So basically, with this credit, you can stack it with your Edit credit. So you could do your \$250 Edit credit and then your \$250 IHG credit. So you're effectively getting \$500 off a two-night stay, which is pretty cool. I'm going to talk later on. I think my mom is too. That's actually how we used our Edit credits this year.

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All right, let's talk about why you might book The Edit or Fine Hotels + Resorts and which program might make the most sense for you depending on your situation.

So the biggest thing that I already mentioned in the intro is this effectively gives you status without having to have status. I know, you know, all three of us have Hyatt Globalist status. I know that is not realistic for a lot of families out there to stay or to stay 60 nights a year at a Hyatt or to be able to spend the amount of money you have to spend to earn those Elite Nights.

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So, being able to get upgrades, breakfast, resort credits, early check-in, late checkout without having to achieve status with a program is the biggest reason, in my opinion, to book these, along with, you know, getting the \$300 or \$250 off, which is, you know, an added perk.

Which program is best? So The Edit might be better if, you know, if you have the Chase Sapphire Reserve personal or business card, you don't have the Amex Platinum or business Platinum, The Edit's going to be the best choice for you because you don't have access to the other benefits. If you are booking through the Chase portal and you want to use points to cover the remaining costs, like Alex was talking about, possibly through Points Boost, you could get 1.65 cents to 2 cents. We've even seen some properties recently that you can get up to two and a half cents per point through Points Boost.

The Edit is probably going to make more sense for you or if you want to stay two nights or more. If you're looking at a one-night stay, it's harder to justify using The Edit. Though, I think Alex and I both have used The Edit for a one-night stay. We've we booked two nights and we're just going to, you know, only stay the first night because even factoring that in, it was cheaper for us to go through The Edit and get that \$250 off.

Alex: Yeah, and I think in both of our cases, my the hotel I'm using mine at does have a guaranteed 4 p.m. checkout. And so it's the plan is, oh, we'll still have access to the room all day. If you're taking a later flight or something like that, the two nights can still make sense.

Jess: Yeah. On the other hand, Fine Hotels + Resorts might be best if you do want that guaranteed late checkout. Like Alex said, with The Edit, it tends to vary more by property. If you have an Amex Platinum or a Business Platinum, but you don't have a Chase Sapphire Reserve® or Reserve Business<sup>SM</sup>, then Fine Hotels + Resorts is going to be your best bet.

You want a larger selection of luxury hotels. I do think that Fine Hotels + Resorts has a bigger footprint, or if you're just doing a one-night stay. Obviously that is probably going to make the Fine Hotels + Resorts is probably going to make more sense.

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I will also say we pretty much never encourage people to book hotels through the Amex portal using points because they are only worth, I think, 0.7 cents per point. Like, they have a terrible valuation redeeming points through Amex. And so that is one edge that The Edit does have over Amex, the more how much more valuable your points are when putting them towards hotels.

So I really feel like Fine Hotels + Resorts is like, you want to get your \$300 credit, but you're okay paying cash for the rest because I don't think applying points to that booking is a good, I mean, you do you, but you're not going to get very good value for your Amex points by applying them to a hotel booking.

All right, so let's talk about some times that we have used Fine Hotels + Resorts or The Edit. We are actually using Fine Hotels + Resorts a couple of times later this year. So we are going to Peru in October. There are so many Fine Hotels + Resorts properties in Peru. We're going to Machu Picchu. I feel like that's probably where most people go when they go to Peru. There are actually a ton of Fine Hotels + Resorts properties there and they are reasonably priced.

And so I booked one room. We need two rooms. We're a family of four. We need two rooms, unfortunately. I booked one room with Marriott 50K free night certificates, and then I needed to book a second room and so I booked that using Ted's Fine Hotels + Resorts. I think it was like \$700 for two nights, and then I got \$300 back and I'll get free breakfast for those two in that room. I'll get \$150 credit for the spa.

Alex: Was this from the Hotel Collection then or the Fine Hotels + Resorts, and you just booked two nights?

Jess: No, this is actually Fine Hotels + Resorts. I booked two nights together, but now after doing this episode, I'm kind of like, maybe I should cancel that and book one night.

Alex: One with yours and one with his, maybe?

Jess: Well, I don't know if I should book one with mine because it's like if the free night certificate rooms are already under my name, is but I could book, he has

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two Business Platinums, so I could book one night under one Business Platinum, the second night under his second Business Platinum. And I don't care if we get the \$150 twice. So I think I'm actually going to switch that up.

Alex: I think you should do that.

Jess: I mean, that then it's like a hundred, under \$200 out of pocket for that stay for that two-night stay, which is great.

As far as The Edit goes, I actually recently booked. So my friend and I are going to London in September to see Leslie Odom Jr. in Hamilton because Alex influenced me, and we are staying in London for four nights, and she has a Sapphire Reserve also. And so I booked the first two nights using my \$250 Edit credit plus my \$250 hotel credit that they're offering this year.

We're staying at the Kimpton, which is an IHG property. So I got \$500 off, and then I made up the rest using points because Points Boost was at 2 cents per point. Made up the rest using points, and then she did the exact same thing, used her \$250 Edit credit, her \$250 IHG credit, and then made up the rest with points with Points Boost. And so in that situation, you know, The Edit and the hotel credit came in clutch for us. We basically got \$1000 off our stay.

Alex: Yeah, that's really cool. All right, so for me, I have used my Fine Hotels Resort credit at the Grand Hyatt Deer Valley. That is the one where I mentioned before where we booked two rooms. I used my credit and Mitch used his credit. It was really cool because we did get the \$100 twice. So I used part of mine to pay for parking, and then that left us with \$150. And so we literally like, we got there kind of later so we didn't have dinner there. We just like picked it up on the way. We had our free breakfast, and that was really good. And they, like I said before, they stacked the Globalist benefits.

So maybe I did get my free parking from my Globalist. But I'm not sure. I don't know if they put the free parking under, no, we had two cars. That's right, because Mitch had to meet me up there. So I got free parking with my Globalist. We used part of his credit to pay for his car. And then we had like all this extra

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money that I mean, we were only there for 24 hours. And so it wasn't like I'm going to go to the spa and be like, "Bye, family, see you later."

So we went to the gift shop and we had a great day at the gift shop. The boys loved it. Yeah, I bought, like we didn't need \$150 or whatever worth of treats, you know what I mean? But the kids all did like we got some Gatorades, they got some popsicles, we got, I bought like a spray for my house, like a room spray. And I bought some bath bombs. Like it was, it was, it was actually pretty fun. The kids were like, wait, we can get whatever we want. Because you know gift shops, like everything's way overpriced in gift shops as it is.

So anyway, that was a really fun use of that and that is something that I think I will probably try to do again in the future. The problem is obviously during like ski season, the Grand Hyatt Deer Valley is going to be very, very expensive. And so we went in the fall when it was, you know, much cheaper. I think I paid maybe \$50 per room, around that, maybe \$60.

The downside of this property is the standard rooms have two double beds, which I'm like, why can we not get queens? Why are we putting double beds in new hotels? So it's kind of annoying, but we had one room, but the nice thing is if there's upgrades, they're going to give them to you. I actually booked this hotel the day before we went. It was a very, it was the morning of, actually, it was a very last-minute decision. And they were able to upgrade us to a room with a king bed and a sofa bed. So that was really nice. And then we were like, we don't care if the other room gets upgraded. We'd rather have them next to each other. And so we, the double room, like my husband and one of the kids stayed in that. So that was fine.

So that was the nice thing about that, because if we had booked that through Hyatt directly, we would have had a two double room, and then even with a sweet upgrade at that property, you get a king bed with a couch, but it's not even a sofa bed. And so it makes it a harder property for families if you're just planning on getting one room. The rooms are just small, small beds. So that was really nice to be able to know we're getting the upgrade.

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And then as far as The Edit, I booked mine and did the same thing Jess did where I stacked the, the \$250 hotel credit with IHG. And I'm staying at the Kimpton de Witt this summer in Amsterdam with some friends. So I, we're only going to be there one night because we're actually going to London for the same reason as Jess, but just different days. We're going to see Leslie Odom Jr.

And so anyways, I booked, we need two rooms, but I'm the only one who has this card. And so I booked a room for two nights using my Edit credit and my IHG credit. I then applied points to the stay because I had to book two nights and I think I paid \$50 out of pocket and I think 25,000 points. But for myself, like, yeah, that's kind of a lot, \$500 off plus 25,000 points. But I for me, sometimes these credits, I have to find ways to use them and this was one where it's like, okay, I'm just looking at this as I paid 25,000 points for two nights at the Kimpton, and I didn't quote unquote "waste" my credit. I actually found something to at least make this more affordable. Then for the second room, we just booked one night using our Delta stays credit and I am getting, I just booked one night so then at 4 o'clock, everybody can move over to my room. So that's how I'm using my credits.

Pam: Nice. Well, I already told you about that I used the Fine Hotel and Resorts credit at the Four Seasons in Sydney. I also used it. This was the first time that I ever used it. It was pretty early in my points and miles journey. There is a nice hotel in Denver called the Art Hotel. It has a lot of art displayed and it's so we just did a staycation for an anniversary. And it probably ran for pretty close to, you know, the credit, but then I was able to get the breakfast for two. We had \$100 credit for dinner. So it really seemed pretty amazing that our anniversary was paid for. So I remember that was that was really nice.

I had booked Park Hyatt Beaver Creek for my birthday for, um, two nights. I had used two Fine Hotel and Resort credits and that was, my birthday is next week. Spoiler alert, I came, I have traveled so much. I was complaining, we just got back two nights ago, I got back, from Istanbul and Budapest, and I thought, I don't want to stay in a hotel for my birthday. I just want to be home.

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And so I looked to see about canceling it and I had two days that I could still cancel it for free without any problems. And I thought, okay, make a decision, Pam. I hurried up and canceled it, knowing that I can rebook it later. I really want to stay in this hotel. It's near Aspen. It's a great, I know it's going to be a great hotel.

Again, it's kind of like Alex said, you know, some places that are ski resorts go very reasonable when you get into the summer months. And so I plan to do it, but for now I've canceled it, have to, and, you know, know that's fine. I have to I've got to go back and look and see if they clawed back that \$300 or the credit and stuff. So we'll check that out.

I did recently, one of my trips that kind of put me over the edge this year was the Kimpton Roatan. I used The Edit credit along with the IHG credit, the hotel credit, and it we used it for an IHG hotel, the \$250, and then I did the Points Boost. So very similar to what Jess did. Ended up staying at the Kimpton Roatan edit for about 20,000 points a night, which is really a good deal because that usually runs for at least 70K and we had all the perks. I had booked the two nights. They did only give me the \$100 credit once, but, you know, that was great.

And then I also have booked for the summer, the Seabird Resort with The Edit and I've, um, booking that for using several. I've used it for two with two Edit credits. And so that my sister and my stepmother and I can go there because that's a it's a favorite stay.

Jess: I will also link in the show notes. So you know, Crime Dog has a link. It is not, we did not create it. I found it on Reddit, but it is it is like a map where you can put in where you're going, the city where you're going, and it will display The Edit properties, and you can also click a box to show properties that you can use The Edit and the hotel credit at, like the overlapping ones. I found it really useful when I was trying to find a use for my credits. So I will put a link to that in the show notes, too.

Pam: So, needless to say, we love these credits. They let us stay in really fancy hotels. Now we do have status, but for those of you that don't have hotel status,

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