As Columbus tweeted over 500 years ago “it is within sight!! We are under full sail…#SoonToBeInIndia”. With the exception of his hashtag (which was inaccurate for both him and us), those same comments could be made by the RFROC (if any of us knew how to use Twitter).

In less than a week, advance members of RFR will begin arriving at the Embassy Suites – Irvine (ESI) [check the map on the LOCATIONS page of [www.riccifamily.com](http://www.riccifamily.com) if you don’t know where you are going]. Here are a few things you should be thinking about/doing:

***RESERVATIONS:*** If you know that you will be arriving or leaving on dates other than those of your current reservation PLEASE contact ESI (949) 553-8332 now and let them know. This would ensure that you avoid being charged for nights that you will not be there. It is also a courtesy to ESI so that they know that they can sell the rooms to others.

***HOSPITALITY SUITE:*** Due to the amazing negotiating skills of our RFROC member (see earlier references to “The Art of the Meal Deal”), ESI has agreed to provide a Hospitality Suite that RFR can use on Friday and Saturday. For those that may arrive before your room is available (or need some refuge from your travel-stressed kids) you should feel free to use this room as a temporary landing spot. ESI is not able to give us the room # yet so you will have to ask about it at the desk. It should be booked under our Ricci Family Reunion group name.

***PICTURE THIS:*** Pease remember to bring any family photos that you want to share. These should be in the JPG format if at all possible and delivered on a USB drive for ease of loading onto the laptop for projection. See details on the Events page of the website.

***HEDGEHOG HOP:*** Doni continues to request music titles that she can include in the playlist for Saturday night. So unless you want to listen to a couple hours of HER favorite tune(s), PLEASE send her a few titles that you want to hear ASAP. Details for the Hedgehog Hop are also on the Events page of the website.

***AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION***: Embassy Suites provides complimentary John Wayne Airport /Orange County (SNA) shuttle from 5:30am - 11:00pm daily. Call hotel at (949) 553-8332 for airport pickup.

***PICNIC TRANSPORTATION:*** Embassy Suites also provides complimentary shuttle services to locations within 3 miles of the hotel. RFR Saturday picnic at Bill Barber Park is approximately 2 miles from ESI. Please make arrangements with the front desk if you would like to utilize this free service.

As we approach the end of our gig, members of the RFROC have begun registering on LinkedIn and quietly circulating our resumes. We want to thank you all for your participation and support.

*See you in SoCal!!!*