



THE ESA WELCOMES YOU TO BETA CANUM VENATICORUM-4, CROSSROAD OF THE FRONTIER AND BREADBASKET FOR THE FRENCH ARM.

Whether you're here for business or pleasure, we know that you'll enjoy your stay. Beta Canum (as the locals call it) offers an endless list of opportunities for fun and excitement for those who are vacationing, and limitless places for the weary business traveller to relax after a hard day. In order to acquaint you with the possibilities which face the visitor to Beta Canum, we would like to provide you with the following introduction to the world. This, then, is Beta Canum:

The world was originally settled in the first decade of the 23rd century by French, British, and Bavarian citizens who came to Beta Canum under the auspices of the ESA.

The French Continent

The French settled on the largest of the continents and began work in earnest at making the native soil grow traditional Terran crops such as corn, wheat, and other grains.

Premiere arose as the colony's capitol, and is now one of the most beautiful cities on any world, with tall office buildings, shops which offer the very latest in technological creations and clothing styles, and impressive industries. If you like large cities then Premiere is for you! Or you can explore the colourful Great Northern or Great Southern mountain ranges, where hiking trails lead to gorgeous vistas of lush, green valleys and majestic waterfalls. The French Continent is ripe with opportunities for the sightseer. And, of course, there's the beanstalk, the first of only two in existence. Because of the beanstalk, Beta Canum is said to rival Earth in her importance to the family of Man. On your trip down the beanstalk you can forget your worries for five days of seclusion as you relax in the comfort of your cabin and view the latest in entertainment, dine in the luxury of the capsule's observation deck, under the light of the stars.

The British Continent

The British decided upon the smallest of the three habitable continents for their new home. It had the appeal of exotic jungles, awe-inspiring rocky shorelines, and the greatest variety of weather on Beta Canum. In many ways, the first colonists viewed it as a combination of aspects of their English homeland and of Africa, which their ancestors had worked to tame. The rocky northern coastline and frequent rains mimicked those of Great Britain, while the deep jungle which spreads over the majority of the British Continent reflects the depths of darkest Africa. Indeed, the British Continent

is often affectionately called "New Africa" by her citizens. Visitors to Beta Canum should not miss the opportunity to ride the ultramodern air film train along the jungle's edge and to stay for a night or two in the fascinating city of New Middlesex, capitol of the British Continent. Or, if your time is limited, visit the tourist city of Greenford and bask in the warmth of the native sun on the white beaches of an emerald sea. Also of note are the massive strip mines in the Continent's south, and the fishing village of New Woking on an island just off the continent's southwest coast, where "brindle-fish" are harvested by the use of state-of-the-art technologies.

The German Continent

The German Continent was originally settled by Bavarians, and most of the population is still of that origin, even though the colony is now technically a territory of the German Republic. The German Continent boasts great ranges of prairie in the south, over which cattle roam. If you wish to see what Earth's nations of Argentina and the United States were like in their earliest days, you can't find a better comparison than the southern reaches of the German Continent. The northern half of the continent is less picturesque, but many find an attraction there not only in the rich mineral deposits which are being discovered, but in the magnificent vistas of snow-covered mountains and the glimmering auroras which shine many nights of the year.

The Southern Continent

And then there is the Southern Continent with its international city of Adrian. This is where the first human settlers on Beta Canum chose to make their home. Most of the continent is frozen wasteland, but on the northern tip, nestled within the protecting arms of a low range of mountains, a fairytale city lies dreaming over a sheltered crystal bay. Adrian contains the cream of Mankind's achievements enshrined within her galleries of art, her museums, her spectacular homes, as well as her hospitals and schools. Here there are no nations, no divisive loyalties. Instead, the glories of the mind, the transcendence of mankind's essential unity, are given free rein. A visit to Adrian is a spiritual pilgrimage which leaves few visitors unchanged.

WHATEVER YOUR REASON FOR VISITING BETA CANUM, WE HAVE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

Courtesy of the Offices of the ESA, Adrian.