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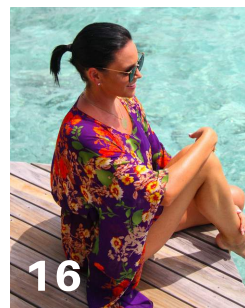
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## *Editor's Note*

Men and women who travel are continually redefining the traditional notion of “sexy” through their passion for exploring the world and their adventurous souls.

These travelers are smart, independent and strong. They navigate unknown cities with a great sense of direction, but also enjoy the spontaneity of getting lost.

They're not searching for money, status or looks, they're searching for knowledge and world experiences.

They may not be the most dolled up, but are certainly the most authentic. Self sufficient human beings who challenge, encourage and inspire you to see, do and be more.

Though it's not even that the following men and women have all of the above mentioned qualities which ultimately makes them sexy.

It's that they have gone against the “norm” to create a lifestyle that they love. It's that they're genuinely happy in life. And happy people are beautiful. They become like a mirror and reflect that happiness back on you.

With these qualities in mind, two years ago we launched an annual "Sexiest Travelers of the Year" series on MappingMegan.com

With over 150 nominations for 2017, this year we have turned the popular series into a magazine.

*Megan Jerrard*

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# SEXIEST FEMALE TRAVELERS 2017

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## Stephanie Be

Stephanie Be is an award-winning writer, photographer and travel expert.

A California girl and UCLA Alumna, she has lived, sometimes on a whim, in Sydney, Rio, Barcelona and New York City.

After living fully nomadic and traveling to over 200 places, the entrepretraveler seeks to motivate you to make your dreams into goals too. You can find her rock-climbing down a crater, dancing on a yacht in Croatia, or speaking at a university near you.

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## Kiersten Rich

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Let's be honest, this wouldn't be a legitimate list without Kiersten on it! A California native, who, not too long ago, left her career in corporate finance to become a world traveler, she has since traveled to 55 + countries, knocking off fairly big bucket list adventures as she goes.

She hopes to inspire others to live a life they love, and settle for nothing less than extraordinary.



## Monique White

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Monique White is an avid traveler who is on a quest to run the world. When she's not traveling and running between countries, you can find her tip toeing through the tulips of Holland where the American lives as an expat with her 2 children.

She blogs about her adventures in solo female travel, family travel and running.



## Catherine Benoit

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Catherine is a Montreal-based blogger with some serious wanderlust. A free spirit bound by a full-time job, she makes the most out of her vacation time, traveling as often as possible to remote destinations for the best in culture, architecture... and beaches!

Recently single, she doesn't want this bump in the road to stop her from exploring the world, from the Caribbean to the Middle East.

Passionate about the far away and the exotic, she has traveled to 50 countries with the intention to keep feeding her insatiable go fever.





## Natalie Deduck

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Addicted to coffee, a beach lover and crazy about cats, Natalie is a Brazilian journalist that in 2014 left home to travel the world. So far, her passport collects over 40 stamps, but the memories she has are countless.

In her 30's, this nomadic girl proves that is never too late to follow your travel dreams and rock on Instagram with hot bikini shots. From paradise beaches in Thailand, passing by the cosmopolitan Istanbul, hiking through the Sahara Desert, and arriving at sunny Barcelona, Natalie knows how to travel deep, discovering the beauty of every culture and place.



## Penny Sadler

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Penny is a professional makeup artist who knows a thing or two about creating beauty. And she's obsessed with finding it - particularly in Italy and California, and when it has to do with travel and fine wine, the twin passions that drive her website.

Penny believes that adventure can mean anything you do with passion and embraces life full on. She's on a mission to visit and document the most beautiful wine regions of the world. Besides travel she loves photography, chocolate, and the color orange.



## Stefania Guglielmi

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Originally from Bologna, Italy, Stefania is an avid traveler who believes a little glamour and sustainable travel can go hand in hand. She loves coffee and is a big fashionista. You'll never see her leave for a trip without a hat and her favourite lipstick!

After quitting her job and wandering around the world for a bit, she decided that the nomadic lifestyle wasn't for her. She's now a full-time blogger happily based in Barcelona, where she can have a wardrobe as big as she likes, but can leave for awesome trips anytime it's possible.





## Nicole LaBarge

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Nicole is a travel-holic based in New Zealand who has been travelling for 20 years. She has lived in four different countries and travels while working full time.

She has learned to make the most of her time off and recently took six months off to travel Africa last year from Cairo to Cape Town. She loves to travel to lesser known countries like Nauru, Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

She is halfway to her goal of visiting all 196 UN Nations and next year she will be taking six months off to explore South America and the Caribbean Islands.



## Francesca Murray

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Francesca is a California girl with an incurable case of the travel bug! She has a childlike curiosity that has seen her delve into deep conversations with strangers, sparked unlikely friendships, and landed her in some pretty cool places across the world.

She always thought that she would follow a straight and narrow path: graduate college, start a career as a publicist, climb the corporate ladder, marry a nice man and by 25 begin raising their children in a cute house by the beach. But in 2009 she studied abroad in Portovenere, Italy and her life has never been the same.



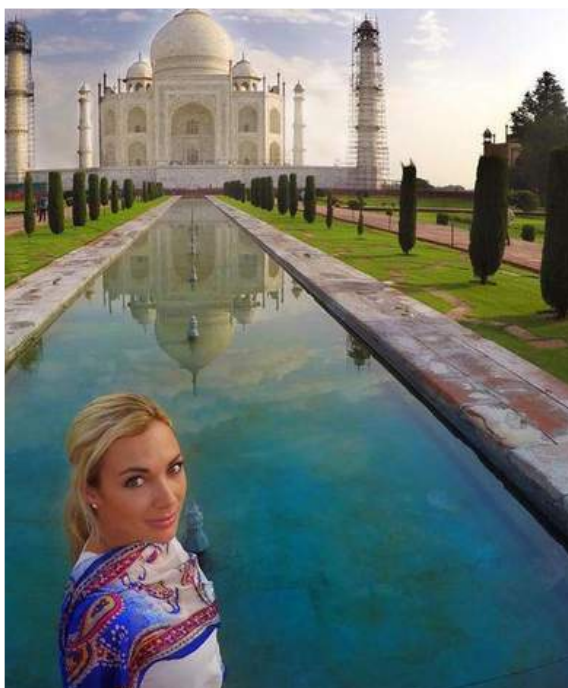
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Steph is a Canadian blogger and PhD student with an affinity for travel, adventure and all things pink! When she's not busy writing or conducting research, she travels as far and often as possible.

Her travels have taken her to 32 countries, most recently to Tanzania where she spent 3 months volunteering. Steph is a solo travel enthusiast, backpacking on her own through most of Europe, India, Tanzania and South Africa. Her next adventure will take her from Mexico to Belize, where she hopes to visit the blue hole and dive with sharks!





# ALYSSA RAMOS

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Alyssa is a full-time travel blogger who specializes in solo travel and adventure. She travels alone mainly because she got tired of waiting for other people to join her!

She has visited 51 countries, and recently finished traveling to the new 7 World Wonders.

In 2017 she hopes to travel to her last two of the 7 Wonders of Nature, and her 7th continent, Antarctica.

Alyssa has also started a charitable organization called [Heartsleeves.org](http://Heartsleeves.org), and a travel savings program for aspiring travelers called The Wanderlust Workers.





# Anna Kate

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Anna is a vibrant solo backpacker who has been exploring the globe full time for the last 6.5 years.

Not only can you catch her rappelling from cliffs in Israel, on safari in Tanzania or eating strange food in Japan, she is also a talented photographer who shares beautiful shots of her adventures for the rest of us to enjoy.

She loves Couchsurfing, chocolate and would rather be caught being completely outrageous than totally boring.

The best thing about Anna, besides that she's single? She's stunning both inside and out!





# Lina Stock

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Lina is a small town Wisconsin girl that lives her life as a professional photographer and writer who gave up a comfy office for a life of adventure. She likes to spend her time hiking, horseback riding and finding those perfect travel shots as she navigates the globe.

Together with her husband, David, they've visited 75 countries on 6 continents since they started traveling in 2001 and have plans to show off some of the World's top adventures in the years to come. From the himalayas, to the jungles and everywhere in between, she tells incredible stories through her photos and articles.



## Richelle Gamlam

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Richelle Gamlam is a serial expat who has been living in China for the past four years! When she's not having misadventures around Asia, she lives in Beijing where she works as a college counselor, helping Chinese high school students apply to American universities.

If you want to win Richelle's heart you'll need to be just as adventurous as her, whether it's scuba diving with sharks in the Philippines, horseback riding in Tibet, or eating bull penis in Sichuan... Yeah, that happened.

Aside from eating strange and exotic foods, Richelle has many other talents. She loves to go out salsa dancing and hopes to become a Divemaster once she quits her job next fall. She also speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and has a freakish ability to consume food hotter than the sun.



## Christina Winkler

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Christina is a passionate solo traveler and digital nomad committed to spreading positive stories from off the beaten path. She creates her own adventures often without having a clue, dies laughing when failing ridiculously, but makes it work in the end.

Wild at heart and with a smile on her lips, Christina believes that dreams are achievable no matter what others might say. She has faced challenges, fears, rejection, gloating, ignorance – but also hospitality, kindness, love, freedom, humanity.

After years of studying, working and growing tired of the view from behind her desk, she's now on a mission to write about the rollercoaster ride that is life on the road; the ups and downs, and hidden gems.



## CATHY MERRIFIELD

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What makes Cathy "Wildcat" special is her passion for life and adventure. When most people meet her they are disarmed by her infectious smile and laugh. She exudes authenticity, and is the ultimate outdoor woman who does it all.

She is an expert hiker, loves kayaking, climbing, skiing, running, biking, and looks amazing while doing it.

Whether she is on the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro or strolling a beach in St. Lucia, everyone always wants to know who that woman with the amazing smile is.

## KIM-LING RICHARDSON

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A self-confessed 'hispanophile' and wannabe mermaid, Kim-Ling is an Australian travel blogger with an eye for photography and love for food.

From her first overseas trip at only 6, she has been addicted to travel and seeing as much of the world as possible. After a 2015 whirlwind adventure in Spain teaching English, learning flamenco and travelling every weekend, her love for Spain became an obsession.

Now back in Australia, she and husband Guy plan to eat, laugh, dance and swim their way around the world, one adventure at a time.

## NELLIE HUANG

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Nellie is a professional travel writer, blogger and mum, with a special interest in unusual destinations.

Her mission is to visit every country in the world and has now seen her travel to 110 countries on all seven continents. Her favorite adventures include waddling with penguins in Antarctica, playing bowling in North Korea, visiting a beer brewery in Palestine and eating with locals in Iran.

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## ZUZANA

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Zuzana inherited her passion for travel from her parents and it has become a drug she cannot live without. Until a few years ago she had been exploring Europe but now she is turning her interest towards more distant parts of the world like Peru, Nepal, and Indonesia.

However, she doesn't forget about Slovakia. She wants to show the world how incredibly beautiful her home country is, and regularly writes blog posts about the places worth visiting.

Besides travelling she loves music, independent movies and is a big eater when it comes to exotic local dishes!"

## MAR PAGES

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Mar is a luxury and out of the ordinary travel blogger / expat that has lived in six countries and travelled to over 90 in the last decade.

She loves the finest things in life, from exploring Bhutan with Amankora to disappearing in the exclusive waters of French Polynesia.

When she is not indulging, she prefers to get lost in the most remote and least visited countries in Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific.

## ELAINE MCARDLE

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Elaine is one half of a travel obsessed couple who gave up their Manhattan lives to take a year long honeymoon, and haven't looked back since!

She has travelled to over 50 countries seeking out luxury adventure, with plans to hit all 196. She's also chasing UNESCO World Heritage Sites, having made it to over 150 so far.

Her next adventure will see her take on the deserts of Namibia, the wildlife of the Okavango Delta in Botswana and the thundering power of the Victoria Falls.

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## ALEXIS TCHUISE

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Alexis is an open-minded adventurer who travels with her 2 adorable preschoolers and sexy hubby Bertaut (who you'll be introduced to shortly!).

Having craved travel and cultural experiences since childhood, she wants her children to see as much of the world as possible. Combining luxury travel with travel hacking, she manages to cross off amazing bucket list items without blowing her family's budget.

Favorite adventures include flying Emirates First Class, Valentine's Day in the Maldives, and discovering the cultural gems of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. She inspires mothers with wanderlust to travel more even with young children- it's not always easy but it's always worth it!

## RONDA CHRISTENSEN

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Ronda is a yoga-loving adventure junkie from the US who is currently teaching in Asia. After 7 years at her desk job, she felt something was missing, so put in her notice, sold her belongings, and moved across the world to South Korea.

Her adventures have included hiking to base camp of Mt. Everest in Nepal, and swimming with whale sharks.

She has strolled through the night markets and bathed in Taiwanese hot springs, star-gazed in Indonesia, and has savored her fair share of unknown mysterious Asian foods.

## EMMA LOMAS

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A 20 year old from Oxford, Emma has already visited 42 countries with no plans to stop. She loves scuba diving, skiing and any other adrenaline activities she can get her hands on!

Before starting to travel she would spend hours on Instagram lost in wanderlust, though now she is the one taking beautiful photos around the world!

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# SKYE GILKESON

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Skye is an award-winning journalist, a former personal trainer, a freelance writer, photographer, intrepid traveller and a passionate advocate for helping others reach optimal health and wellness.

She created The Fit Traveller as both a beautiful online space where readers can feel uplifted but also a place that will inspire them to think differently, move differently and perhaps look at their lives a little differently. Hitting the road to pursue full time travel in 2015, Skye continues to spend most of the year on the road, camera in hand, fuelled by a passion for adventure and authentic storytelling.







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# VIKTORIA URBANEK

Viktoria is an adventurous and spontaneous young Austrian who is easiest to spot outside her home country. Why? Her signature hat with feathers along with her blue and green Dirndl is what she wears when travelling. Her tempting smile, open-mindedness and easy-going way are just some of the reasons why you'll want to meet her.

She's passionate about Latin America, having lived in Mexico and Venezuela, and will be living in Colombia for a while soon. On her adventure travel blog Chronic Wanderlust she shares her stories and provides useful tips when it comes to budgeting for your next trip.

Both on the road and at home she spends a good bunch of her time reading while enjoying a good cup of hot tea. The ocean is sacred to her as she is an avid diver.



# JYOTSNA RAMANI

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Jyotsna is a globetrotter who loves the great outdoors and doesn't miss an opportunity to strap on her backpack and head off to explore new places. Then, she comes back to jot down her adventures on her blog WanderWithJo.com

Her wanderlust was fueled by monthly holidays as a kid, throughout India's various national parks. As such, she developed a love for wildlife and being in the bush.

Her passion for travel continued to grow as she started exploring South East Asia solo. Eventually she ended up spending 11 months as an expat in Bandung, Indonesia. There was no looking back and now she is constantly on the move, traveling full time and exploring everywhere she can go!







## FEMALE TRAVEL TRENDS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IN 2017

**2016 HAS WELL AND TRULY SEEN THE RISE OF THE WANDER WOMAN. WANT TO KNOW THE TRAVEL FORECAST FOR 2017?**

### MORE ACTIVE ADVENTURES

"The average adventure traveler is not a 28-year old male, but a 47-year-old female. And she wears a size 12 dress." – Marybeth Bond

Women are starting to move away from luxury vacations that focus on relaxation and spa treatments and spend their money on more active adventures instead.

Most women are looking to have "experiences" when they travel. They want to spend as much time away from the hotel as the next traveler, and they want to explore and discover destinations which are unusual and new.

According to the Adventure Travel Trade Association, timeless destinations like London, Paris and Rome are starting to lose out to more exotic locales in South America, Asia and India.

### NOT QUITTING A JOB TO TRAVEL THE WORLD

2016 was the year of quitting your job to travel the world. Though women are now realizing that travel doesn't always have to be about leaving everything behind.

Sometimes you might actually like your job, and the stable lifestyle of a 9-5. Sometimes you might actually enjoy the security of having a home base to return to.

While there are many travelers right now realizing their dreams of full time travel, there are many more successfully juggling a full time corporate job.

Women in 2017 are recognizing that it is absolutely possible for to take up travel without sacrificing other elements of their lives.





## BECOMING MORE BI-LINGUAL

Women are becoming increasingly bi-lingual, which is making international travel much safer, easier and a lot more rewarding too.

Being bi-lingual opens up new social and cultural opportunities, meaning you can interact with different people and understand the nuances of another culture.

This means you might have more opportunities to make friends and achieve a more local experience while abroad.



## A FOCUS ON LOCAL TRAVEL

Nowadays, women are looking for a more local, authentic experience when traveling. And their expectations for travel have grown beyond normal travel agents.

Women in 2017 are looking for more intellectual stimulation and "experience" in their travel. They are also looking for these trips without paying the high costs that some of these trips have commanded in the past.

They are a big part of the push towards socially responsible tourism, and using their economic leverage as travelers, women are beginning to throw their support behind the most ethical destinations and organizations, and are sending a message to the rest of the world in doing so.

## STYLISH, COMFORTABLE & VERSATILE FASHION

2016 saw a quest for beauty while traveling. Whether or not that's a good thing, women this year are still aiming to travel in style.



I mean, why travel with a scarf when you can travel with a scarf which has built-in hidden zip pockets to hold and carry your essentials?

Why try and stuff your suitcase with 10 pairs of shoes when one pair of interchangeable sandals will give you shoes for every occasion?

Why travel with a shirt, a skirt, a dress, a scarf, & clothes for some serious partying, when you can travel with one garment which covers it all?

Women in 2017 might be more fashion focused than before, but they're generally only willing to buy something if it's comfortable too. And we'll go ga-ga over almost anything if it's versatile.

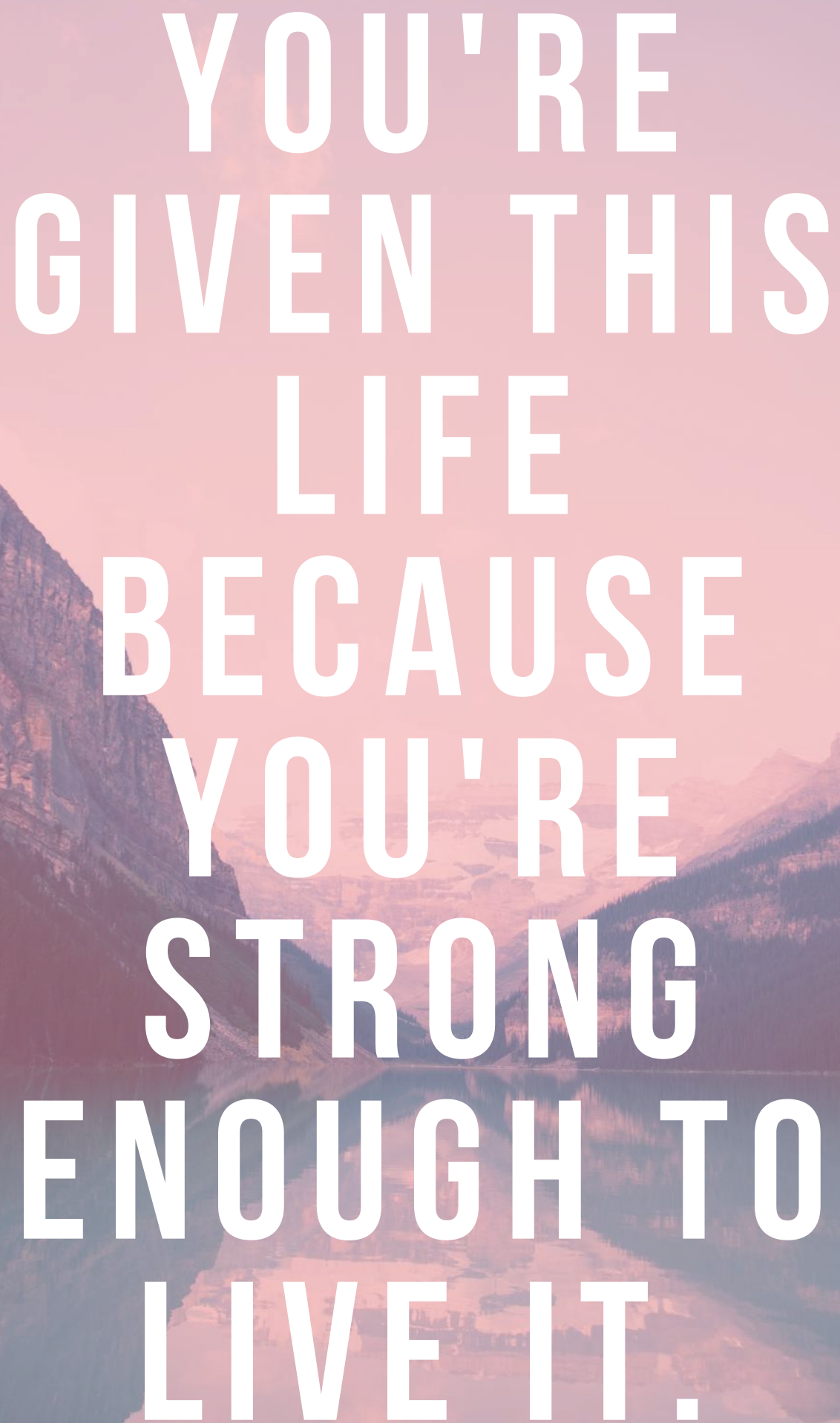
## THERE'S NO AGE LIMIT ON FEMALE TRAVEL

There's no age limit on female travel in 2017, and while travel was once seen as a pastime of the young and responsibility-free, older travelers are more likely to globetrot than the younger generation. And they're more intrepid too!

We're seeing a trend that as people get older they only want to travel more. "Quite often one hears of grannies and grandads cycling across the United States or Canada, or from Helsinki to Gibraltar, or from Mexico to Patagonia."

Senior citizens are now considered one of the fastest growing demographics in travel.



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## Kristen Kellogg

Kristen is a filmmaker, creative director, and social media consultant behind her Creative Agency where she brings brands to life through storytelling in motion.

A former gymnast and competitive cheerleader, Kristen handstands her way around the world exploring rugged to refined. Her favorite travel stories to share through film are those of locals she meets while wandering around small towns and tucked away neighborhoods of a place.

She has lived in Illinois, Louisiana, California, New Zealand and Australia, and currently calls Nantucket, Massachusetts home between adventures abroad.





## Jessie Festa

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After obtaining a Master's Degree in Communication Jessie decided the 9-to-5 wasn't for her, and decided to pursue the world instead. After studying abroad in Sydney, she traveled solo throughout Southeast Asia and fell in love with the ultimate freedom it gave her.

Some of her favorite experiences include hiking through villages in China, skydiving in New Zealand, summiting the active Concepcion Volcano in Nicaragua, and swimming with hammerheads in the Galapagos Islands.

When not on the road, you'll find this native New Yorker in Brooklyn, where you'll find her leading photo tours, hip hop dancing and drinking (probably too much) mescal.



## Christine Ka'aloa

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A solo female travel YouTuber and blogger, Christine believes that a vacation doesn't start until after you survive it. Her travel survival YouTube series takes you inside her fun, quirky and at times, gritty solo travel highlights, food exploits (how about a six course plate of deep fried bugs?), local transportation discoveries and odd cultural insights of a country.

She dares to show others that if she can travel (and film it) solo, you can too! Christine shows solo travelers how to have a blast, "survive their trip" and follow their travel dreams... at any age!



## Lauren Owen

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Teacher by day, traveler by night (or just the rest of the time), Lauren spends her time with partner in crime finding far flung places to explore. With the most epic 2017 ahead of her, she'll be rocking everywhere from the Antarctic to Rio Carnival. Being an Aussie, she's always got her sense of humour and community with her, making sure everyone she meets has at least one friend in the world.

Having grown up in a small Aussie town outside Adelaide, Lauren's found a hunger for adventure and can always be found on snapchat sharing her current one with you. However, let's hope she keeps the school marking at home!





## Kristin Lee

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A 23 year-old traveler and full time mechanical engineer based in Singapore, Kristin is strongly passionate about adventure travel and the sea. She loves water based activities, and hopes to inspire others to explore the incredible world that lies beneath the surface. She tries to schedule as much time as possible for traveling, scuba diving, and other water adventures.

Her love of the oceans and its marine life see her blog about about marine conservation efforts and its importance. Her ultimate dream is to participate in a Liveaboard diving trip for wildlife conservation efforts.



## Anna Phipps

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Anna is a writer, digital nomad, travel blogger and indiaphile who quit her job in the UK in Dec 2012 for an indefinite journey around Australia, South East Asia and India.

She is now based in Goa, India and shares her tips and experiences on her blog to help and inspire others to make travel their lifestyle choice too.



## Sofie Couwenbergh

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Belgium-based Sofie loves to eat her way around the world while learning about local traditions and culture. Dancing with Bulgarians in the middle of the street, eating iguana soup or learning how to blow glass, she's up for it.

Throughout school, university and her two first jobs, travel was an ever-growing passion that made her curious about the world and left her wondering: "Is this it?"

She decided it wasn't, so bit the bullet and quit her stable job at an international publishing house to fully focus on her blog and freelance writing. She hasn't looked back since and loves sharing her experiences around the world with her just as international followers.





## Jessica Lancia

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Jessica is a travel addict as well as an adventure lover! She first fell in love with the world when she left Italy to live a wonderful year in New Zealand. She then continued to travel and before long realized that she couldn't stop!

She travels to discover new places, learn about new cultures and join unforgettable adventures. Her goal is to collect as many great memories as she can, discover unpopular hidden gems and inspire other people to travel.



## Alex Reynolds

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From sneaking into shrines in Iran to ripping bongos with shepherds in Afghanistan, Alex has traveled to all kinds of places your mother would never want you to visit. Armed with backpack, camera, and some local threads, she'll go anywhere with friendly people and a chance of adventure. Bonus points if she can get there overland.

A 25-year-old from the USA, she began 2016 as an expat in the Netherlands, and has since started backpacking around Asia taking in places like Georgia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan.

When not getting completely and utterly lost (in the best of ways, rest assured), she can be found perusing convenience store freezers for cheap ice cream or writing stories for her blog.



## Katherine Cortes

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Katherine is a mid-20s Filipina who loves tropical beaches and off-the-beaten finds. She believes in traveling with a purpose: she joins her friends in organizing outreach activities in far-off communities in the provinces of the Philippines, setting aside time to explore at the same time.

Katherine is a computer programmer by day, who freelances in writing and copy editing on the side. She and her boyfriend have plans to explore Southeast Asia and Europe in the near future.





# Victoria Yore

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Victoria rejects the idea that humans are born to "pay bills and die" and is a proud entrepreneur with a wanderlust spirit. After being let go from her job during a 3-month trip abroad, Victoria said goodbye to her short stint with conventional employment and hello to living a life she truly loves. She aims to inspire others to go for the gusto and do the same, believing that everyone can travel if they put their mind to it, save, and work hard to make that dream come true.

After being told she was too short, too heavy, and didn't have the right look to "make it" as a model, Victoria set out to defy society's ideals of what modeling is and created her own niche industry. She blends her first love, travel, with modeling and has gone on to create a viral photo project and travel blog, work with couture designers, and model in 19 countries in 2016.

Victoria is obsessed with sleeping, chocolate, airports, and freezing her butt off in a dress around the world.



# VICKI LOUISE

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Vicki is a desk-bound nomad who swapped her backpack for an office in 2012, after 4 years on the road. Between 2008 and 2012 she lived in 5 different countries across Europe & the USA, before finally deciding to call Australia home.

Now she juggles life as a lawyer with an aim to visit 5 new countries a year in the hopes of keeping her country count above her age - and with the count at 39, she is well ahead of herself at the moment!

Being restricted to shorter breaks, she is a travel planning ninja who ensures she gets the best of every destination that she visits.

If you work a 9-5 and are looking for ideas to get away from your desk and make the most of your limited time away - MakeTimeToSeeTheWorld is a great source of inspiration.



# Cory Varga

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With a Bachelors with Honours in Law, Cory has a strong background in writing and cultural studies. After graduating, she pursued a career in UX Design which enabled her to acquire the necessary skills to freelance so she could create a location independent career and travel the world.

Throughout the years, Cory became highly focused on SEO, marketing and social media and decided to marry her digital skills with her passion for travel. She created 'You Could Travel', a travel blog geared towards soft adventure seekers and Japan lovers.

Cory is now a full-time travel writer and photographer with a crazy passion for exploring the world. She has an insatiable appetite for knowledge and she is in the process of writing two books, whilst slowly crossing epic destinations off her very long bucket list.

## Lauren West

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With a "grab life by the gonads" mentality and an insatiable appetite for guacamole, Lauren took her UCLA diploma and ran off to live a passionate, global life—considering it the next valuable extension of her life education.

Part Filipina, Dutch, German, British, and Spanish, Lauren's multi-cultural background compels her to always seek a common understanding with different cultures across the world. From the giant life-affirming adventures to the cozy, nourishing meetings, Lauren champions a challenging and authentic life, and hopes to empower others to do the same.

She currently explores (vlogging, blogging and droning) the South Korean Jeju Island with her bearded Jeopardy champion beau, mouth filled with tangerines and hands filled with the chubby cheeks of the Korean children she teaches.



## Sarah Hughes

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Born to wanderlust parents in the UK, traveling has been a passion and priority for Sarah as long as she can remember. Any extra money she had always went to experiences rather than material things and she jokes that she never bought a piece of new furniture until she was in her late 30's. Quite ironic since she ran an interior design business in Vancouver.

When life threw her a series of difficult events she decided it was time to make some changes and follow her passions more fully. She met her partner Nathan, closed her design business, sold everything and set off on a new journey. Sarah is now living her life long dream of becoming a writer and traveling the world.



## MELISSA GIROUX

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Melissa is a 27 years old backpacker from Quebec, Canada. She has been living abroad for more than 2 years now.

She describes herself as a professional photo bomber, a lovely devil-ish angel with a free spirit and she knows how to be silly. She thinks the best way to explore a new country is by getting lost and she won't hesitate to go away from the touristy path.



## HANNAH LUKASZEWICZ

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Featured on our magazine cover, Hannah gave up the "American Dream" to live her dream of traveling the world in 2013. She and husband Adam have been traveling nonstop ever since.

She has a slight obsession for beaches, and is often found floating on her 8-foot unicorn while Adam shoots aerial footage with his drone overhead.

She has visited 6 continents and 65 countries, but the bucket list never ends!



## LEXI J

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Lexi is a twenty something Australian travel vlogger and blogger with a goal to see the most scenic destinations in the world. It was her first trip to India at 21 where she first decided that she wanted to trade her accounting degree for a life of travel, and since then she's travelled to over 20 countries.

After ten years of travel, she decided to mix love and travel to start a blog about couples luxury escapes. She has a particular love for lesser known outdoor attractions, and is really into avocados, her fiancé and dad jokes.





## LAVINA DSOUZA

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An Engineer and an Analyst by day who loves her 9-5 job, Lavina proves that you can always balance a steady career with travel and never settle for mundane. She's done the usual - completing graduate college, starting a career, climbing the corporate ladder ... but believes in breaking shackles and stereotypes too!

A writer and aspiring photographer, her work has been featured in online and print media for publications like The Huffington Post, Elite Daily and Thought Catalog. Experiencing new cultures, making friends, eating glorious local food and memories with a dash of adventure is what she always looks forward to.



## MONICA CHRISTENSEN

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Monica is always ready for new adventures! A part-time traveler from Norway, she has been traveling the world for 5.5 years and has visited 40 countries with her fiancé. She loves seeking new places, new food, new things to do, and is always seeking another adrenaline rush!

She has been sky diving in Australia, diving with sharks, bungee jumped from Vic Falls bridge, and stood eye to eye with a lonely buffalo in the African wilderness. She loves animals, photography, chocolate and an ice-cold coke.



## ANNIKA ZIEHEN

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Annika is a girl with messy hair and a thirsty heart who would rather be anywhere but home. After having lived in New York and South Africa for many years, she is now back in Hamburg, working as a freelance photo producer and blogger.

She writes about her adventures as an avid solo traveler and how to go where the wild things go. She travels between dashing and daring, loves street food and champagne, and is just as happy camping under the stars as she is in a four poster beds.





## BIRTHE VANDERMEEREN

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Birthe is a twenty-something wannabe travel blogger who quit her 9 to 5 job to go on a trip around the world with her boyfriend Brecht. She came to love the relaxing life of being a full time traveler (with a boyfriend who does the planning), found that she loves pushing her boundaries, and crossed eating exotic dishes, bungee jumping, and becoming a certified scuba-diver from her bucket list.

They're back in Belgium now, combining their location-independent jobs with lots of travel.



## SANDY RAO

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Sandy is part of the duo who blog under the name of VOYAGER. She is a Marketing Communications professional who was infected with the travel bug from an early age where she would travel across India with her parents from.

The early love for travel blossomed into a full grown passion and now she travels shoulder to shoulder with her husband Vyjay. Together they have traveled across India, Thailand, Hong Kong & Macau, Singapore, Italy, Switzerland, France and parts of USA. Sandy loves to be close to nature and historical sites where time seems to stand still.



## SILKE ELZNER

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Silke is a 30-something from Germany, a wife, and a busy mother of two, who has been living in Sydney for the last 12 years. She caught the travel bug at an early age, having explored many places around Europe before even hitting puberty.

The stories she shares on Happiness and Things are as much informative as they are inspirational. The idea behind her blog is to inspire people to go out and explore even if they can't spend weeks on the road. Her motto is that every second counts, and every experience is worth experiencing.





## GERI VLADEVA

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Geri began exploring the world as an expat in Ethiopia, and has lived in many different countries since. She shares her travel and expat experience on When Woman Travels; an online space to inspire female travel and offer stylish travel tips.

Some of her favorite destinations are Russia (in winter), Norway (solo), France and Italy (as often as she can), Cuba (always...) and Africa (in general).

Believing that travel offers great knowledge about the world and others in it, she always aims to observe the local way of life. She believes this helps us to be more tolerant and better human beings.



## SALLY ELBASSIR

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Born in Ireland and raised in Southern California, Sally has been a traveler from the start. She boarded her first flight when she was just 10 days old and hasn't stopped traveling since.

Growing up Arab and Muslim in the U.S. has made her no stranger to cultural clashes, and summers spent learning to cook resulted in her deep appreciation for all types of cuisine.

She pursues her dream to travel the world as a digital nomad, working a remote job while running her blog. Sally is a firm believer that local food and travel experiences are the best form of education



## MILLE ALDRICH

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Just because you're chunky doesn't mean you can't be funky! Millie was raised in the sleepy English countryside, always itching for escape.

Now having skydived, surfed, trekked, swum with massive crocodiles, kissed a komodo dragon, camel raced and sipped cocktails in over a dozen countries, it's safe to say that she has seen more than the hamlets of Shakespeare's country!

With 41 countries under her belt, she still has a long way to go before having explored every one!







Leah Walker counts new travel experiences like airline miles and shoes. Though primarily a luxury travel, wine, and food writer, Leah isn't afraid to hike the Alps or indulge in street food, as long as her slippers are set out during turndown service!

## Leah Walker

[WWW.LEAHTRAVELS.COM](http://WWW.LEAHTRAVELS.COM)

This Texan now calls Paris home after being awarded the coveted three-year *Compétences & Talents* visa from France, though her talents don't extend to speaking French. Yet.

Southern Living magazine named Leah a 'Blogger You Should Be Following in 2016.' In 2015, she was named by Yahoo! Travel as an 'Instagram Travel Photographer to Follow' and by Rail Europe as an 'Instagrammer Who Will Make You Want to Flee to Europe.'

She also has contributor and editor roles within The Daily Meal, Bonjour Paris, France Today, Luxe Beat Magazine, Four Seasons magazine, and Forbes Travel Guide.

# SONAL KWATRA PALADINI

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PERSONAL MOTTO: TRAVEL LIKE A HAPPY HIPPIE

*A travel blogger from India, Sonal has the heart of a hippie and the soul of a gypsy! She met Sandro from Germany at a music festival in Thailand and eventually got married. Together they travel the world with their beloved GoPro and tent.*

*When not in their hammocks they can be found dancing at a psytrance music festival, chasing waterfalls, jumping out of airplanes, or volunteering in a local village.*





# VERONIKA HRADILIKOVA

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A Czech Republic native, Veronika (left) enjoys using her beautiful home city of Prague as a base to jump off to other destinations.

Her favorite destinations include Finnish Turku, German Berlin and Chinese Chengdu, having lived in each for long enough to (almost) become a local.

Working full-time in online marketing, her location independent job offers the flexibility to travel whenever she pleases. She enjoys learning languages, and practices regularly, if not only to ensure she doesn't forget the 7 she already speaks!

# ASHLYN GEORGE

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Traveling through 50+ countries across all 7 continents, Ashlyn (right) has pursued some the most extreme adventures possible. She's flown in a military jet with the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, driven a dogsled team of Alaskan Huskies, summited mountains over 6000 metres (cue avalanche and erupting volcano), bungy jumped and sky dived in the same day, and trekked a 120 kilometre trail in the backcountry alone while encountering 6 bears.

This Canadian prairie girl is also a professional-level PADI scuba divemaster and an avid surfer, hiker, runner and lover of the outdoors. In 2015 the Saskatchewan Government hired her to act as their travel adventurer for the year, sharing the best of living, working and playing in her home province.

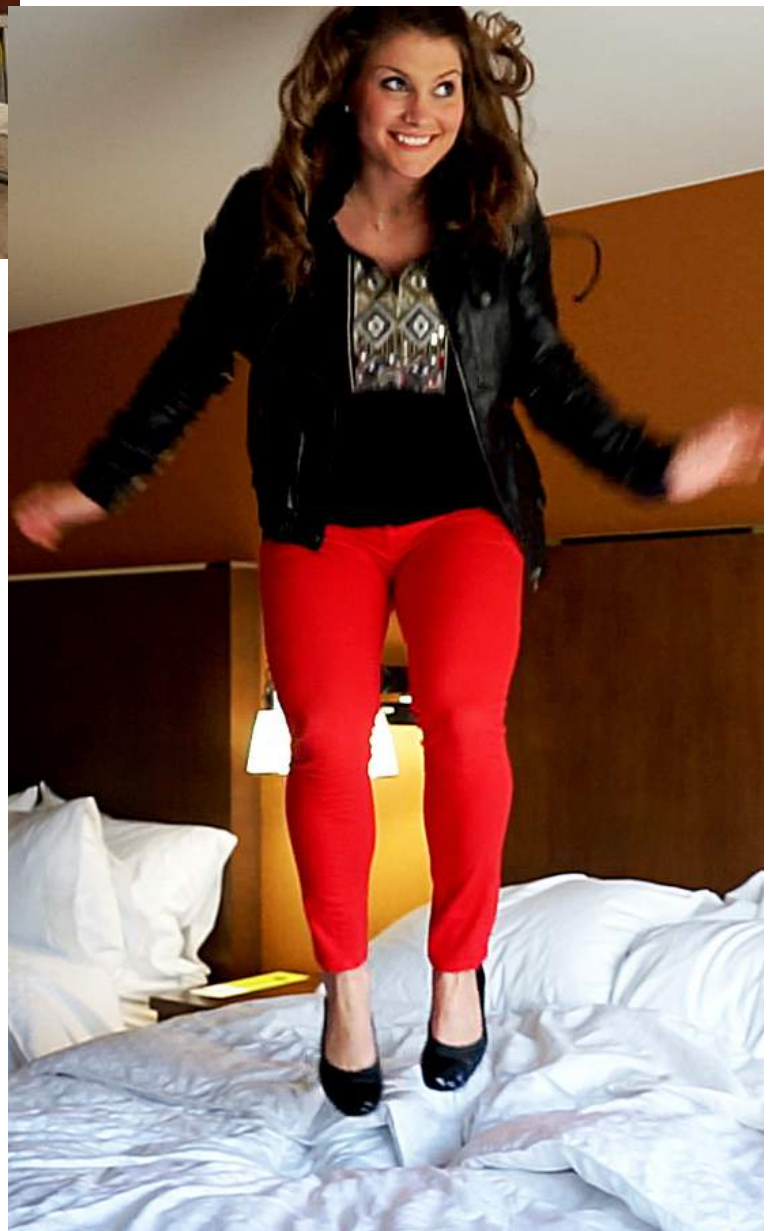






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# HOW TO TRAVEL AS A COUPLE WITHOUT KILLING EACH OTHER

By Meg Jerrard

Traveling as a couple is a lot different than traveling solo. You may share a house, finances, and day to day life, but when it comes to escaping your daily routines for a vacation, that doesn't mean it's going to always be a smooth and romantic ride.

In fact, "it can be a notoriously treacherous experience, fraught with stress, arguments, and differing opinions on hygiene, packing, and how much it's reasonable to pay for cuddling an orangutan." – JR Thorpe.

But there is so much magic in traveling as a couple if you can get through the trip without getting on each others nerves. So we've put together the following tips and advice to increase your chances of a successful trip.



### Financing the Trip

Before getting on the plane make damn sure you and your partner are on the same page about finances. Nothing causes more quarrels than the issue of money.

Make sure you have discussed some kind of a budget which includes the costs for transportation, food, lodging, activities, and souvenirs.

Stick to a set amount and allocate funds for each part of your trip to avoid surprise purchases that may cause a fight.

### Managing Stress

The biggest thing that can ruin a trip is fighting, and many fights are simply caused by the stresses of traveling itself.

## "NOTHING CAUSES MORE QUARRELS THAN THE ISSUE OF MONEY"

Go into every trip with an open mind and realize that most of your best laid plans will probably not go perfectly. Be ready for that plan B. Try to remember back to when you were first dating and were on your best behavior. There is no excuse for not continuing that good behavior.

Make a pact to ditch the blame game. And if you are getting angry, ask yourself if it's because you're tired, hungry, or both. It's inevitable that one of you will screw up at some point along the way, but it's bound to happen, so focus on dealing with the issue instead of making each other feel bad.

### Picking a Destination

When it comes to picking a destination, one of the biggest tips for couples traveling is that coming to a compromise on a place where you both can find enjoyment is key.

That said, our advice is to also remember how you acted at the beginning of your relationship. Did it really matter where you went on a date, or was it simply spending time together which was the mission?

Any destination you chose can be made extraordinary if you try and remember the main fact that you are experiencing that destination with your best friend, or the one you fell in love with.

### Technology

Use of laptops and smart phones can be a wealth of knowledge when it comes to finding nearby attractions while traveling, but remember that your trip together should be an escape from reality, and to limit their use so you can actually enjoy the present moment.

Fight the urge to share your daily happenings while traveling via Facebook, Twitter, and blogs (guilty!). Remember, the more time you spend typing away, the less time you are living your travels, and you're only limiting the stories you will have to share when you get back.



### You Don't Have to be Joined at the Hip

As much as you may love someone, being around them 24/7 is bound to put a strain on your relationship at some stage. But you don't need to do everything together

It's absolutely ok, healthy even, to give each other some space and alone time while away. Whether that means heading out on an activity or tour the other person doesn't want to do, or taking a walk on your own, it's important to give each other space.





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## Renata Pereira

Renata is a former TV personality from Brazil who has worked as an international correspondent in Los Angeles covering Hollywood and then joined FIFA to lead the media relations team in Rio de Janeiro in preparation for the 2014 World Cup. While soccer is still a passion, today she dedicates her time and energy to creating fun and entertaining travel videos, or, better yet, her own TV at RenataPereira.TV.

Thanks to her previous career in communications, she has worked in dozens of countries and speaks 4 languages. The switch from “travel as part of her job” to “travel IS her job” now allows her to focus on the cultural and outdoor experiences she loves so much.

All her videos, blog posts and social media content are both in English and Portuguese as a way to keep up with her life in the USA and at the same time not to forget her Brazilian roots. Renata travels with her husband, Gordon, who also quit his job in the finance world so that together they’d share a life of adventures.





## Stefania van Lieshout

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Stefania considers herself a world citizen. She has an Italian mother, Dutch father, married in England, saw her first child born in Syria and now lives in the south of Spain.

She has a master degree in psychology and a drs degree in Economics. She is a serial expat, travel blogger and photographer who has lived and worked in 7 countries, traveled to 66 and is still counting. With her award winning bi-lingual travel blog, she tries to make the world a better place, one blog at a time.

## Danielle Ditzian

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Danie is a crazy nomad, wandering through life in a seemingly confident way, while usually totally unsure of her next step. She's been on the road for over three years straight, finding new homes as she hitchhikes along.

Danie once hitched 6,000 kilometers in six days, and has been to over 30 countries along with a stick that she found in Peru - it may well be world's most traveled stick! Her biggest dream is to one day cuddle a platypus.

## Heather Hudak

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Heather has had an incurable case of the travel bug since six years old. Summer vacations were filled with adventure on family road trips which took her to nearly every state in the US, and much of Canada.

Fast forward to today, and Heather is a professional writer who has traveled to hundreds of locations in nearly 50 countries. That said, her heart belongs to the sea. With limited time off work, an even more limited budget and a taste for the extravagant, cruising is the perfect escape.

When Heather isn't on a cruise ship, she lives in the mountains with her husband and menagerie of rescue fur babies.





## Sarah Richard

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[WWW.GIRLSTHATSCUBA.COM](http://WWW.GIRLSTHATSCUBA.COM)

Full time traveller, divemaster and digital nomad, Sarah can't go far without a cup of coffee in hand. Her solo travels have landed her places like the Middle East, Asia and South America. While these are known as 'dangerous destinations', she goes to prove the mainstream media wrong.

Based in Hong Kong, though usually searching for sharks or mantas underwater, her blog concentrates on solo travel, while her scuba dive blog aims to encourage more women to dive around the world.



## Sarah Kim

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Sarah loves to eat, cook, discover new produce at markets, and... eat some more! It's by far one of the best ways to get a taste of the local culture!

She also likes to fall off the beaten path, discover mind-blowing street art, and dance all night to deep house, techno, and jam music.

If you want to get into the grit of city life and local finds like this New Yorker living in Amsterdam, check out her travel and lifestyle blog, Tales From a Fork.



## Barbara Wagner

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Barbara is a luxury travel and lifestyle blogger who left Hungary at 17 and traveled the World for the next 7 years as a model. She lived and worked in Paris, Milan, Tokyo, New York, Germany, Vienna and London. Later, she settled in New York and continued to explore the World.

She has visited 68 countries to date, having traveled solo through Asia, South-America and Europe. Her blog describes beautiful jet-set destinations and glamorous events in Monaco, St-Tropez, Miami, Los Angeles, New York, London, Venice and in Paris.





## Rachel Pregunta

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Rachel is a Filipina who has been working in the online digital space since 2012. She started traveling around Asia after meeting her Spanish boyfriend, Ruben, and both are now full time digital nomads.

Rachel and Ruben travel mainly throughout the Philippines and surrounding Asian countries. They will be flying to Spain next summer to start a European trip.

Together they write tactical travel and travel blogging guides to inspire enthusiasts and seasoned travelers towards long term travel and building a career while on the move. (It's always summer somewhere, right?).



## Michela Fantinel

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Michela is an Italian solo travel addict. She started travelling alone at 25, and hasn't been able to stop.

She is the author behind Rocky Travel, a guide for the smart, independent and solo traveller in Australia and beyond. She fell in love in Australia in 2010, and in 2014 published her first book: Your Australia Itinerary.

Her mission is to inspire and help people live a healthy lifestyle and travel in a sustainable way. Despite being +50 she thinks of herself as a baby boomer at birth, with a generation x mind and a millennial spirit!



## Karolina Klesta

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Karolina is a full time traveler and digital nomad who aims to inspire others to make their dreams come true.

She loves discovering new countries, learning new things and exploring the unknown. In her free time she watches Christmas movies (even in the summer!) and spends time with family and friends.

It wasn't easy for her to become a full-time traveler. Born and raised in a small town in Poland, she always wanted to see the world. When she met her husband, they both quit college to start an online business. After 2 years of hard working they finally became location independent.



## Charli Moore

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Charli is an adventurous nomad who lives a life “undefined” – undefined because she puts no time limits or restrictions on her epic journey around the world.

She embraces every opportunity for adventure and has been fortunate enough to experience adrenaline highs in seven different countries to date; scuba diving with sharks, driving an SUV along the Trans Canada Highway, and spending a night in a grass hut on a Hawaiian beach.

Though sorry boys, she’s taken!



## Lauren Yakiwchuk

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Lauren is a sexy female traveler because she incorporates volunteer trips and helping animals to her worldwide adventures – and what’s sexier than that?!

She travels in an eco-friendly and mindful manner that’s kind to the planet and its inhabitants. She writes about responsible wildlife tourism and encourages her fellow travelers to think about how other living creatures are treated to make informed choices.

She consumes a vegan diet and writes about the plant-based food she finds on her travels.



## Hannah Finch

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Hannah is a 24 year old Aussie who travels the world full time with her Brazilian partner, Dan. Running StoryV Travel & Lifestyle as she goes, she most enjoys chasing sunsets, lazing on tropical beaches and getting lost among a myriad of crooked buildings.

When Hannah met Dan her whole world was turned upside down and what she thought was “normal” and “the only way” turned out to be a misconception.

She went from working 2 jobs she wasn’t passionate about, to successfully creating an alternative way of earning an income whilst traveling the world.





# MEGAN INDOE

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Megan is a digital nomad from North America. Until she boarded a plane for South Korea in 2013, she was living a life in a cubicle, climbing ladders by day, Netflix and wine binging at night. Always watching NatGeo's Amazing Planet, she knew there must be more out there. Netflix was literally showing her that there was more!

Since giving up her life in North America to begin a journey which pushes her of her comfort zone, Megan has trekked with the Black Hmong in Northern Vietnam, chased down waterfalls through the back country of Laos, embraced our inner hippies working on an island in Cambodia for two months and so much more.



# La Carmina

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La Carmina blogs about travel, style and subcultures around the world, with a focus on Jpop culture and Harajuku fashion. She wrote 3 books (with Random House and Penguin), and hosts TV shows for Discovery, Food Network, Travel Channel and more.

La Carmina's adventures include dancing with William Shatner in Hong Kong for a NBC travel TV show, taking Andrew Zimmern to a sexy haunted hospital restaurant in Shibuya for Bizarre Foods, and wearing a maid outfit for a cosplay segment on National Geographic's Roam.





# Jolene Ejmont

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Originally from South Africa, now living in Australia, Jolene is a wife and a mother to three beautiful daughters. Together with her wanderlust family, she is embarking on a journey to change her current stress-filled life to one focusing on her dreams and her passion for travel. She loves that travel gives you the opportunity and sense of power to live life at the pace you want, even if only for a short while.

Jolene loves to scout out destinations beyond the tourist hotspots. To travel with purpose where she can learn more about the history, the culture and their way of life in a destination. She gets excited by the fact that trips give you the opportunity to dare yourself to do things that you never thought you would have the guts to do. But most of all she adores the benefits of travel that allow you to connect back in with who you are!

# Shara Johnson

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Shara's passion is world travel, and she's lucky enough to have a home base in the beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

With a deep love for wildlife and nature, and an abiding interest in traditional cultures, she finds herself most fulfilled when discovering the world a few degrees off the beaten track.

As a writer of literary nonfiction, most of her essays revolve around experiences traveling abroad. In 2011, she decided to start a personal narrative travel blog to share more of her experiences in a more casual way with a wider audience.

Since then, her interest in documenting through photography has grown at a rate her checkbook finds alarming. In 2016 she found herself part of a team uncovering witchcraft culture in Namibia for an upcoming documentary film due for release in 2017.



# Tracy Collins

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Tracy has been travelling for over 30 years. At the age of 7, her Grandmother gave her a pack of cards which pictured beautiful destinations around the world, and a life of wanderlust was born.

She has made her way to 40 countries, and lived in 6 different destinations across 3 continents. During her 20's she travelled solo working her way around the globe. Travelling didn't stop with the arrival of her daughter and her 30's became a time of single parent travel with trips to South Africa, Botswana and America.

In her 40's Tracy travelled with her husband and her love of train travel developed. Her impending 50th will be followed by a move to her 7th country and 4th continent - Australia. South-East Asia beckons and she anticipates that her wanderlust will continue into the next 3 decades - at least!



## Nisbah Hussain

[WWW.FIVEADVENTURERS.COM](http://WWW.FIVEADVENTURERS.COM)

Who says mums can't be sexy?! Mother of three, Nisbah is a true nomad at heart. She loves travelling and uses any opportunity she can to travel the globe. From the off beaten paths of Pakistan to the Outback, she loves to wander and explore!

After giving up the corporate career to become a stay at home mum, she never gave up her dream of seeing the world.

With her three little Adventurers in tow, Nisbah strives to show our amazing world to her little adventurers and inspire other mums to go exploring the world!

Nisbah and the rest of her adventurers are in the midst of planning their first family round the world trip. She is a big advocate behind the notion that having children should never stop you travelling!



## Anshula Varma

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Anshula is a perpetual wanderer, professional dreamer, and food lover (but seriously, who isn't?). Indian by birth, Jamaican by childhood, and American by passport, this third-culture-kid never lost her itch to explore to world.

At seventeen she convinced herself she'd see eighteen US states by eighteen. Now at eighteen and a full-time University student, she has surpassed her goal and is living proof that you can juggle a weekday job, a Computer Science degree, and weekend/peak season travel on a stringent student budget.

She enjoys hunting down never-heard-of small towns, sipping hot chocolate (always cheaper than coffee) in hip city cafes, visiting museums because she's practically too nerdy to function, and inspiring other student travelers around the world!

## ERIN BENDER

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Who says mums can't be sexy? Erin has been travelling the world nomadically for nearly 5 years with her husband and two small kids. She just crossed country number 50 off her list. She is bubbly and full of life, and her magnetic personality can be seen throughout the photos on her blog and YouTube videos.

She has stayed in hostels and 5 star luxury resorts, travelled on scooters and cruise liners, danced with leprechauns and cuddled tigers. Nothing is out of bounds or out of reach for this remarkable fellow Australian sheila.

## SARA THOMAS

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Sara is a graduate from the University of Birmingham who decided to give up living and working in the West Midlands to take a gap year...or three...in an attempt to see as much of the world as she can.

She likes lipstick and holidays to weird and wonderful places, not taking life too seriously, as well as the occasional fossil hunting trip or marathon cake baking session.

## ALEXANDRA KOVACOVA

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Called Saška at home and Alex abroad, Alex spent 25 years looking for her reason in life, and finally found it in travel.

She travels to see new places, adventures, different cultures, local food, music, habits, meet new people and much more. Her blog is about crazy travel, fun adventures and sexy photos.

You'll find her travels include a lot of the spa, swimming, snorkeling, massages, adventures, flying, beaches, hiking, animals, city breaks and other experiences around the world.

# SEXIEST FEMALE TRAVELERS

OF 2017





## ONEIKA RAYMOND

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Oneika is a serial expat and travel junkie in her early thirties who has traveled to over 80 countries. Originally from Canada, she has lived and worked in France, Mexico, and London, UK.

She is a high school teacher by trade, but a traveller at heart, and is proof that you can balance a career with long-term travel.

## BECKI ENRIGHT

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Becki spent her childhood staring at maps, and as a teenager would embark on grand adventures, visiting Russia and Europe on school trips to learn about Cold War history.

At 24 she saved enough money to take off on an independent trip to Vietnam - another destination she had studied enthusiastically in books.

Her aim is to show the world how to travel differently, adventurously, responsibly and with purpose.

## MARINEL DE JESUS

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Marinel aka 'Brown Gal' is a nomad at heart with a passion for mountain trekking. Her non-profit Trails Without Borders and social enterprise, Peak Explorations, LLC both promote local sustainable tourism and trekking in lesser known parts of the world.

Brown Gal promotes diversity and women in the outdoors. Traveling for the past 15 years while working as an attorney in Washington, DC, she has recently made the decision to become an entrepreneur and live a nomadic lifestyle.

She believes that as travelers and mountain nomads, we have the unique ability to be advocates for any cause of our choosing in the betterment of the lives of others and the environment.

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# SEXIEST FEMALE TRAVELERS

OF 2017

## JESSICA VAN DOP DEJESUS

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Jessica is a DC based travel media specialist with a focus on food and attainable luxury travel. She began traveling as a young Marine 20 years ago and has been to 41 countries on and off duty.

Jessica spent most of her post-collegiate years overseas, starting with a tour in Okinawa and most recently spent 6 years in Belgium (with a year in Germany in between).

She comes from a bicultural upbringing as she grew up in Puerto Rico and Western NY State. All of these experiences gives her broad perspective on food and travel.

## NATASHA ALDEN

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After studying film in college, Natasha set out to explore the world for the next year. However, returning to a normal job just wasn't in the cards for her.

Three years later with her boyfriend, Cameron, in tow and she now travels around the world full time. Natasha tenacious and quick to jump at the opportunity to try something new. She's what some would call a "yes" person.

You can find her shooting photographs of people or having a laugh with them afterward. And if you're ever wondering how to spot her just look for the woman doing handstands in the desert.

## TOCCARA BEST

[WWW.FORGETSOMEDAY.COM](http://WWW.FORGETSOMEDAY.COM)

Toccarra has a passion for travel, adventure, and exploring new places and cultures.

She's a phenomenal photographer, loves travel planning, and, above all else, aims to inspire the rest of us to get out and explore this beautiful world we live in!

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## Sarah Osio

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Sarah is a travel addict with passion for underwater world, scrumptious food and (tequila) sunsets.

She is on mission to dive her way around the world with the greatest dive buddy in the world, her husband Olivier.

She has been to Raja Ampat, Indonesia to dive with the mantas, wobbegong sharks, bumphead parrotfish and gazillions of other wonderful marine creatures.

Her bucket list includes diving with the hammerhead sharks in the Galapagos Islands and humpback whales in Tonga.



## Sher She Goes

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Sher is a travel photographer with a serious case of wanderlust and a love of fashion.

Based in NYC, she works full time in corporate finance and travels every spare minute she can, camera in hand.

From diving with penguins in South Africa to watching the sun rise of ancient temples in Indonesia, Sher has a passion to experience and document life's most incredible journeys.



# NIRALI SHAH

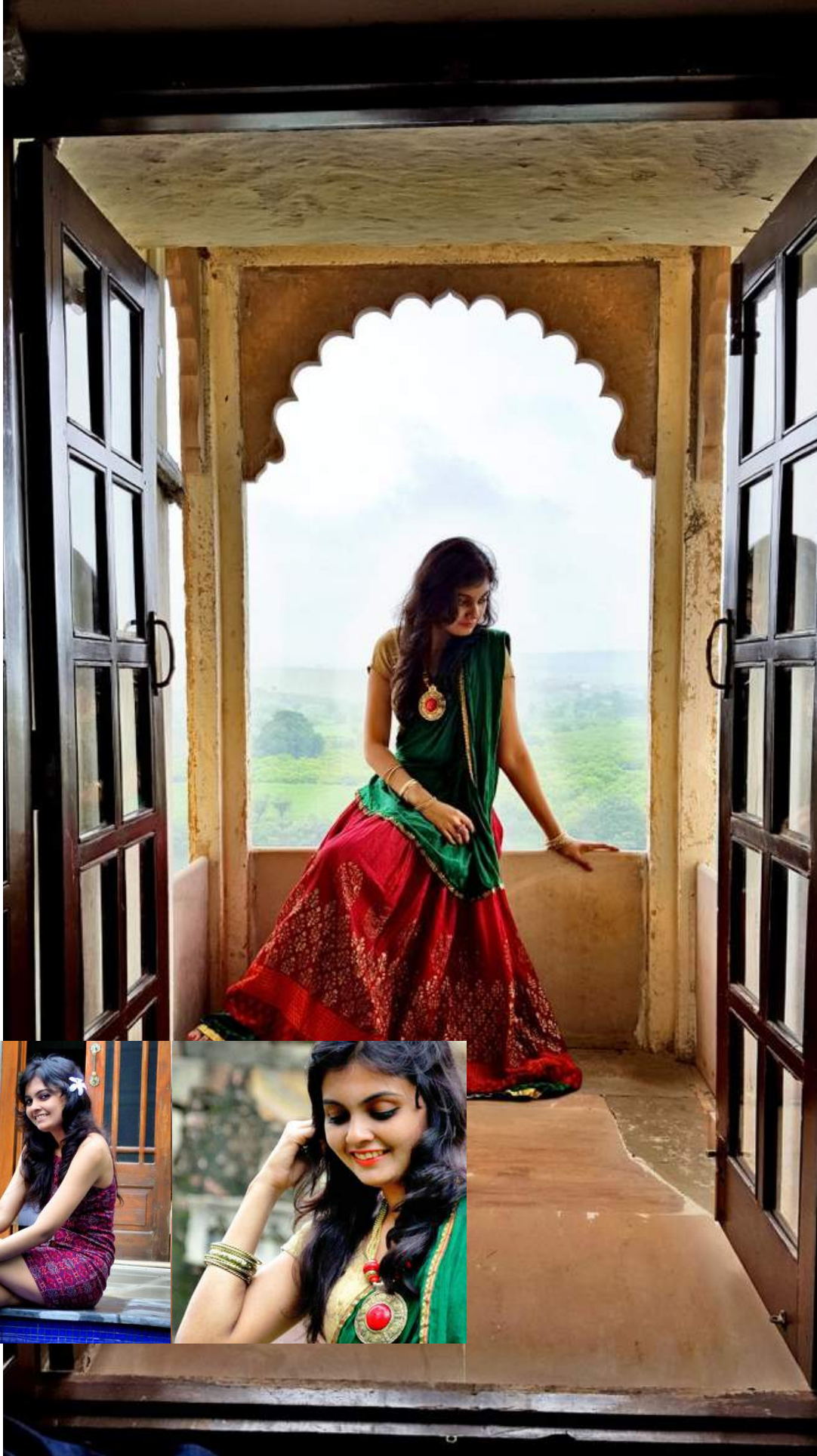
[WWW.GYPSYCOUPLE.COM](http://WWW.GYPSYCOUPLE.COM)

Nirali is a Sagittarian which explains her outlook on life; exciting, adventurous and wild!

A finance professional by education she quickly discovered her calling lay elsewhere and now teaches primary school children when she's not on a trip. She calls herself a "fashionista explorer", a category she's coined for herself given her inability to fit into established structures.

She feels her unique personality (her name literally means unique) is best represented by her sense of fashion coupled with her passion of wild, adventurous travel.

On a new life mission of discovering life together through travel, she's now travels with her husband, Rishabh.





# HOW TO BE A Spontaneous Traveler



## SAVE FOR TRAVEL EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT PLANNING IT

You can't very well wake up and decide to jump on a flight to Paris if you don't have the funds to pull it off. So save for travel even when you're not planning it.

Cut out luxury purchases, make do with your current wardrobe, quit smoking, cut down on coffee, share the car, cook your own meals. I might sound like captain buzz kill, but if I hear about a last minute cruise to Bali, I want to have enough money to go.

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## BY: MEG JERRARD

It's romantic and wildly adventurous; to rock up in a new city with no script, and wing it. To have the freedom to wander where and when you please, to stay longer in a place that truly intrigues you, or choose to move on when you get bored.

There's something dangerously thrilling about traveling without a fixed itinerary, and I've always fantasized about what it would be like.

I envy spontaneous travelers, though OCD means that not having a solid travel plan makes me break out in hives!

But I've vowed to to build more spontaneity into our trips for 2017, and pull back from over planning. So if you too are looking to recover some wildness in your trips, the following tips are how to successfully manage travel without a script.



## **SORT OUT A CHEAP DATA ROAMING SOLUTION**

A smartphone can be the ultimate way to plan on the fly, so sorting out a cheap data roaming solution should be your top priority.

That connection means access to information, money, and methods of communication when you find yourself in a foreign land.

If you're spending a lot of time traveling throughout the same country, it's a great idea to purchase a local sim so you're not paying international data fees (make sure your phone is unlocked).

## **GET A HOTEL ROOM YOU CAN CANCEL**

You're less likely to change your plans on a whim if you've already dropped a couple hundred non refundable dollars on a hotel. So if you want the flexibility to make spontaneous decisions, make sure you've booked a hotel room you can cancel.

Unless it's peak season, most hotels can extend your stay while you're still there, so book a shorter stay, and extend if you need to.

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Nonrefundable bookings will usually offer a cheaper price, but they do tether you down to one location.

## **TALK TO STRANGERS**

Forget what your mother told you about talking to strangers – chatting with locals is a great way to meet amazing people who can teach you about their country and it's culture.

Locals can tell you about the parts of a destination that the guide books don't, and the best part is you can find them everywhere!

They're at the hotel front desk, restaurants, bars, grocery stores – anywhere you come into contact with folks who are working, shopping for mundane items and going about daily life, strike up a conversation with them!

## **REMEMBER THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO GO FAR**

Far too many people operate under the mistaken belief that travel doesn't count unless you've packed a 20 kg bag and jumped on a long haul flight. On the contrary, you can capture the same feeling discovering something new without having to go too far.

It's highly likely there's at least one street you've never walked, or a trail you haven't hiked nearby, and it's equally as spontaneous to jump in the car instead of jumping on a flight!

# FEATURED ARTICLE

HOW TO BE A  
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**WE'RE NOT  
BORN TO  
JUST PAY  
BILLS & DIE**





A photograph of a man and a woman in a romantic embrace, lying on a dark, shaggy rug on a light-colored carpet. The man is shirtless, wearing blue jeans and a white fedora-style hat. The woman is wearing denim shorts and has her arms around his neck. A white shirt is crumpled on the rug to the left. In the background, a red cushion and a wooden chair are partially visible.

INSIDE  
SCOOP

# SEX & TRAVEL

**BY MIKE JERRARD**

Most all of us are driven by the urge to hook up. It's in our DNA, and it's the key to the ongoing survival of our species.

Whatever the science behind it though, most of us could care less; today sex is largely about the excitement and enjoyment.

And travel is very similar in that it presents an overload of excitement with new sights, sounds, and tastes. Whether you're a single backpacker or in a marriage of 20 years, travel has a

tendency to spark romance, and in turn bring on the urge to drop our guard, our stress/worries ... and our pants!

Of course sex is never something that should be taken lightly, as the result can severely alter your life.

So if you are planning on getting hot and heavy on your next holiday, make sure the necessary precautions are in place so that you're only returning home with fond lasting memories.

**EVERYTHING  
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WHO THEY'RE  
DOING IT WITH,  
AND WHERE!**





## SEX & SOLO BACKPACKING

What do you get when you put young twenty year olds together with exotic European cities, communal hostels, sexy foreign accents, and alcohol?

Although backpacking isn't about simply traveling to hook up with exotic strangers, it IS about finding yourself and gaining a better understanding of the world.

Travel, and more so solo backpacking, makes you feel free and courageous to try and experience new things. You are at the age where you are focused on living in the moment and not so much worried about what the future may hold.

You easily find yourself attracted to new exciting people with exotic looks and back stories that are different and interesting.

Connections and sparks come easily but what you choose to do about it can alter your life for the good or bad.

Afterall, connections don't equate to trust and known history of a person both of which we would probably find important when it comes to choosing who we sleep with in our normal lives.

I'm not saying that backpackers shouldn't partake in spicing up their travels with a one or two night stand, but just be sure to take the necessary steps to make sure you don't come home with an STD as a souvenir, or bring unplanned new life into the world.

Having two parents from different countries can prove to be a logistical nightmare when it comes to immigration should you choose to raise the child. And although many countries have the option

of abortion the decision could impact your life psychologically for quite some time.

So make sure you're equipped with condoms and birth control regardless of whether sex is in the plans.

You never know what could happen when you're swept up by the romance of another country. And note that it may not be easy to come across either protection in certain countries so add it to your packing list before you fly out.

## COUPLES & TRAVEL SEX

Nothing brings back that spark in a relationship quite like travel. New surroundings along with breaking your daily routine is exciting, adventurous, and leaves you feeling the same.

You have endless uninterrupted time with your loved one, and you become more of a team as you only have each other as you explore a new destination.

Traveling allows you the opportunity to carry out those little romantic acts that fade over time at home. You tend to eat out more, take in shows or attractions, and share adventures together much like when you were dating.

Of course with the logistics of travel can come moments of stress. (be sure to read our article on page 37 & 38 about how to travel as a couple without killing each other). And it's highly likely that at some stage you and your partner will quarrel.

But hopefully that will only lead to incredible make-up sex once you settle into your comfortable hotel room.





## PROSTITUTION & PAID SEX ABROAD

For many women, and to a much lesser extent men, it is their choice to make prostitution their career.

Some may not enjoy the work but see it as their only choice, where others do actually enjoy the industry.

Many a male traveler will find themselves succumbing to the temptation of paid sex while on holiday. Las Vegas comes to mind.

Walking the strip you are bombarded by cards and flyers offering whatever female sexual companionship you desire.

Many countries have legalized prostitution. Of course the Netherlands is famous for its red light district, but many countries may surprise you like New Zealand, Austria, and Greece, where it is not only accepted, but many benefits are in place as with traditional careers. It is regulated in the way of mandatory health checkups to promote safety.

Whether paid sex is legal is one thing, the moral issue is another. What a person chooses to do with their body may be their own business so long as they are not affecting others ie by passing on STDs.

Prostitution and pornography however may have other more hidden effects such as the disrespect of women or false ideas of what healthy sex looks or feels like.

It is a choice you yourself need to make while traveling whether you head into that "gentleman's club" or hire special "room service," but keep in mind that in many countries it's not so much a personal choice

women make, but rather many sex workers are forced into their situations much like slavery.

The awful sex trade exists in full force across many countries and it is these countries where you will find underage and sometimes kidnapped girls. And these countries most likely have zero regulations to ensure you don't contract a disease.

Just keep in mind that the movie *Pretty Woman* does not accurately depict the prostitution industry.

## SEX IN RETURN FOR FREE TRAVEL

With the advent of the internet and dating sites, a new breed of matchmaking websites have sprung up which match young women with a desire to travel with wealthy men who are eager to make their vagabond dreams come true.

Many women claim that they have been able to travel the world staying in 5 star hotels drinking the finest champagne all free of charge. They simply provide the companionship the men seek while abroad. Many of these women say they were never forced into having sex but that doesn't confirm they didn't actually have sex.

Many of these cases may be innocent and simply that men want some arm candy while traveling the world but many cases no doubt involve sex whether it is consensual or not.

I won't mention any of these sites by name as I don't honestly believe they offer a healthy way to travel and do not wish to promote them in any way.







Travel is about personal freedom, finding yourself, and engaging in honest fulfilling experiences that will give you lasting memories.

You will find that staying at a cheap run down hostel as a free solo traveler will be more rewarding than staying in a Ritz where you're forced to spend your time with a stranger who you may feel pressured to please due to guilt of receiving free travel and gifts.

### **CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

Sex is something that can be incredibly beautiful, though it also has the potential to be down right traumatizing.

You should not only ask yourself if you are willing to get down and dirty but whether that is the best thing for the other person.

Sex is a two person activity where both sides should not only be consenting, but also one where both parties walk away without regret.

While traveling try to keep your morals regarding sex in line with your every day way of life. If you're not into one night stands because they leave you feeling empty afterwards, understand that it won't feel any differently doing it abroad.



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# SEXIEST MALE TRAVELERS 2017

PHOTO: WHAT SHOULD BAZ DO







## Sebastian aka "Baz"

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When Sebastian - or "Baz" as he is better known - says, "I can be anything you want me to be," he means it literally! This ruggedly handsome Australian/German hybrid is a high school Science, PE, & Maths teacher by profession, but carries another entire deck of cards hidden up his sleeve.

He's built tunnels under Brisbane; gets nude for life drawing classes (and for charity); models underwear; and travels the world supporting important causes. He will #GoAnywhere, #BeAnything, & #DoWhatever it takes to tackle any life goals people put to him through his site.

Right now, Baz is travelling through Brazil - the way his followers instructed - attempting to get 12 articles published about environmental issues, while learning Portuguese and the Brazilian Martial Art of Capoeira.

If you fancy bringing him home to mum sooner rather than later - just think up some unique, inspiring, and charitable thing you want him to do in your hometown and send your idea into the website.

We were curious why attendance rates had spiked at high schools in recent years... Now we understand!





# Nathan Allen

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I think many girls have dreamed of this! As a young child, Nathan dreamed of a life full of adventure, wonder, and most importantly, freedom. As such, he now runs an incredibly popular travel blog about beauty, food, culture, and adventure.

Seeking the “good life”, one that minimizes stress and maximizes smile, he booked travel with no return ticket, and now jumps between some of the world’s most fascinating cultures and stunning locations.





# Matthew Karsten

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Matt is a full-time adventure travel blogger & photographer who's been exploring the world for over 6 years, with no plans to stop anytime soon.

Why Travel For So Long? He's curious about our planet. He likes to take risks, meet interesting people, challenge himself, see amazing things, explore the world, and learn as much as he can. Not to mention have a bit of fun along the way!

He believes that travel doesn't have to be expensive, that adventure is worthwhile, and that the world isn't as dangerous as you think. And that maybe he can show you something you've never seen.





## Terrence J. Drysdale

[WWW.FOLLOWMEAWAY.COM](http://WWW.FOLLOWMEAWAY.COM)

It wasn't until Terrence moved to Florida that he realized there was a world of nature outside of the concrete jungle of NYC. As a photographer, he instantly knew it was in his blood to chase beautiful light and stunning landscapes.

On a mission to broaden the scope of travel photography, he enjoys the challenge of photographing landscapes that millions of others have shot all while putting his own personal stamp on his work. A romantic, graceful, and understated style has become the hallmark of his work.

In 2016, Terrence took his project to 19 countries and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon. He is currently taking epic landscape suggestions from around the world.



## Jamie Richardson

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An electrical engineer turned nomad, Jay packed his bags in 2013 and hasn't looked back since. Today he travels and works in as many different places as he can before he finally chooses a place to call home.

You will most likely find him half way up a mountain or wandering backcountry in search of unique scenery and even better wildlife. He has a strong Liverpooldian accent and a cracking sense of humour with an infectious smile that is always sure to light up the room.

He plans to spend 2017 exploring the depths of Canada on foot, mountain bike and hopefully by kayak too.



## Tom Stevenson

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From the North of England, Tom fell in love with travel after his working holiday to Australia. In fact, he loved it so much that after he finished his year working and travelling down under, he decided to do it all again in New Zealand!

Determined not to conform to the norms of society, Tom currently teaches English in the Mediterranean city of Barcelona. From here he still maintains his passion for travelling and experiencing new things!





## Dave Murray

[WWW.THEWHOLEWORLDISAPLAYGROUND.COM](http://WWW.THEWHOLEWORLDISAPLAYGROUND.COM)

Dave makes up the other half of The Whole World is a Playground, a travel loving couple who have a goal to tour the world in style.

He is photography obsessed and is happy to forgo sleep and food in pursuit of an awesome shot! From African safaris to Norwegian landscapes he's happiest at sunrise and sunset with a camera or a drone in hand.

Marathon running and beer tasting are his other great loves alongside his significant other Elaine!



## Steve Jackson

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Steve is an Australian with a passion for travel photography. He's constantly seeking out beautiful locations to shoot, whether that's an incredible landscape or an unusual skyline.

Having traveled to 20+ countries, some of his favorites so far are Mexico, Switzerland and Japan, with Iceland and Iran resting high on his bucket list.

When not travelling, Steve likes to unwind by playing the guitar and entertaining the young Chinese children he teaches in a small city near Shanghai.



## Mike Still

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Mike took off from America 3 years ago to explore Asia after growing bored of the mundane suburbs where he grew up. A 4th grade teacher, he loves travel and has a thirst for outdoor adventure. He's a sucker for sunsets (or sunrises) and beautiful landscapes, and can often be seen dangling off a cliff to snap the perfect photo.

2017 will kick off Mike's biggest adventure yet starting with Holi Hai & the Rickshaw Run in India. After driving almost 3000km across the country he'll embark on an open ended backpacking journey throughout Asia!



## Will Hatton

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A devout adventure seeker, Will has been on the road for nearly a decade and seems to spend most of his time trekking through steaming jungle and up the sides of very steep mountains.

Most recently, he has been hitchhiking through the Middle East, and his adventures took an unexpected twist when he met a girl in Iran and promptly converted to Islam so he could marry her.

Will spends most of his time deep within lesser visited lands and is running Pakistan's first ever adventure backpacking tour next year - get excited!



## Skye Class

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Born in Beverly Hills, Skye now considers himself a Citizen of Earth. Exploring 35 countries in his first year of travel alone, he's on a journey to visit every country and find the wildest adventures. Hiking, swimming, yoga and food are some of his favorite passions. He wants everyone to follow their dreams, especially if that dream is to travel.

When he's not on the road, Skye can be found cooking, teaching, giving Thai massages or reading a good book. For him, it's all about speed. The faster, the better!



## Alex Harker

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Alex started travelling at 21 with his husband Dante (sorry ladies!). 10 years later he has visited 45 countries, lived on a desert island in Indonesia, taught diving in Borneo, and fallen down a volcano.

As a trained pastry chef, the brief stints back in the UK are spent baking amazing cakes (genuinely, so sorry ladies!!!!) and planning for the next trip.

A qualified diving instructor Alex's main passion after cakes is spending time below the waves. His next trip will see him diving with tiger sharks in Mozambique before heading out to track tigers in India.





# CHRIS STEVENS

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Chris is a surfer, photographer, travel blogger and ocean lover originally from the UK. Whether he's road tripping in South Africa, island hopping in the Philippines, surfing in Indonesia, exploring the East Coast of Australia or scuba diving in Fiji you won't find him too far from the beach!

He's been on the road since 2009 providing reviews, advice and budget breakdowns to help others plan their own adventures.

As well as this he's launched online travel agencies [RTWBackpackers.com](http://RTWBackpackers.com) and [EpicGapYear.com](http://EpicGapYear.com) to help connect travellers with incredible experiences all over the world.





# Craig Armit

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That's one fine piece of lean Scottish beef! Craig has just recovered from being dragged around 16 countries in 17 months by his ever doting wife (sorry ladies), during their career breaks to travel the Americas and Europe. He is mad for music, and highlights of his round the world career break include attending South By Southwest in Austin, twice, and eloping after it (just the once).

Keen to hit the slopes, Craig is missing life in B.C where he hopes to return one day on a more permanent basis. Top tip for 2017 - don't miss Colombia!





# BERTAUT TCHUISE

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Bertaut is a native of Cameroon with a sexy French accent and a six-pack that you could use to wash your laundry. Feel free to drool ladies, but sorry he's taken!

He is an IT expert and proud father of two adorable children who love to travel with him. He has become a pro at travel hacking allowing for some extravagant luxury vacations for a fraction of the cost. He flew Lufthansa First Class to Europe for only \$39 this year!



# JEREMY SCOTT FOSTER

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One year out of college, Jeremy gave up the ordinary life in search of something slightly more unusual. He quit his job, booked a flight to the other side of the world, and never looked back.

That was six years ago, and it was the best decision of his life. He has been working his way around the world as a blogger and cocktail bartender, and through his blog has created a lifestyle for himself which suits his strengths while offering the creativity and freedom to do and roam as he pleases. His intention is to inspire you to do the very same.





# Dane Faurschou

[WWW.HOLIDAYFROMWHERE.COM](http://WWW.HOLIDAYFROMWHERE.COM)

Dane grew up surfing on the east coast of Australia, travelling long distances with his friends to find the best waves they could. This naturally turned into wanting to find the best waves he had seen in videos and movies, which led him to a host of different tropical destinations at an early age. His passion for travelling grew from there and he has now been to 65 countries since 2003.

Dane's father gave him a film camera on a trip to Copenhagen in 2002, and finding something more real and refreshing about the look and feel of film, he has never made the upgrade to digital. He also says that it has meant he has been far more present in the moment while travelling rather than trying to take 50 photos of the same place trying to get it exactly perfect.

He has spent less than 50% of the last 10 years in his home country. Almost constantly on the road, he is primarily in search of a surfable stretch of coast, mountains to hike, or waterfalls to flip off.



# Aiden Higgins

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Hailing from some obscure province in the North of England, Aiden has been breaking hearts the world over for the past 2 years with his John Snow accent, rock star swagger and abs of steel.

Although he does lose man points for travelling with a hair dryer and he goes all soppy for street cats...

Aiden's writing is engaging, philosophical, honest and uninhibited. He has been robbed in Venezuela, drugged in Colombia and trekked Nepal's Annapurna circuit in what has to be a world record time.

## THE NOMADIC BOYS

WWW.NOMADICBOYS.COM

Stefan Arestis and Sebastien Chaneac are a gay couple from Europe who are traveling the world together. Stefan is Greek from London and Sebastien is from Lyon in France.

After spending 2 years in Asia, the boys are now parading their way around Latin America where they've led a luxury gay cruise to the Galapagos Islands and spoken at gay travel conferences in Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

The boys love the water: particularly scuba diving, snorkeling and of course, showing off their speedos whenever the opportunity arises!!

## BEN JUSTER

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Dark, bearded, and handsome, this 25-year-old UCLA grad has brains to boot! A champion on the iconic American trivia show Jeopardy, Ben took his winnings to a life of travel and exploration.

With a passion for languages, Ben can speak Spanish, German, and Korean, and taught English to some very sassy Korean children. But this bearded babe has some edge too! A headbanging metalhead at heart, Ben now applies the same intensity to navigating the world with Lauren West, his partner in crime who can be found on page 29.

## GREG BABALICK

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Greg is a cheerful adventure traveler from Poland, a video producer, and a scuba-diving enthusiast. At the age of 19, he decided to study abroad and went to university in the gorgeous land of Wales full of green hills and white sheep.

When people ask Greg where he's from, he doesn't know what to say anymore. After a two month backpacking trip, he and his partner decided not to come back, making their dreams of full time travel come true.

# SEXIEST TRAVELERS: MALE EDITION

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## SEBASTIAAN RIJNTJES

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Sebastiaan is a self-proclaimed masterful inactivist currently exploring India. He's put off adulting in favor of backpacking adventures several times, the current of which has taken him through the Caucasus, Middle East, and Central and South Asia.

A Dutchie by birth, he has lived in Curacao, Thailand and Vietnam, and has a weak spot for old buildings. He loves exploring random side streets, away from the tourist beat. Misunderstood and unusual destinations are his calling.

## DANNY FLOOD

WWW.OPENWORLD MAG.COM

Danny has traveled to over 30 countries on four continents and done and seen many of the things that he wanted to.

He has crossed half of Southeast Asia on a motorcycle. He's rafted down the Amazon and climbed the tallest mountains of South America. He's rappelled off waterfalls in the jungle and sailed across the South China Sea. And he works out with the Grand Canyon as his view!

## CHRISTOPHER RUDDER

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As if his long dread locks, broad shoulders and rugged cuteness were not enough to get your attention, his deep, sexy voice will captivate you!

Christopher's Portuguese ancestry makes him a curious explorer. His last name makes him a natural navigator and his first name makes him the saint of safe travel.

A Toronto native of Barbados decent, Chris holds a diploma in Early Childhood Education and Intervention and takes pride in helping parents and teachers include children with special and behavioural needs in their programs. He feels he makes a difference in the lives of the children, families and teachers in the community he serves, so he conscientiously chose to travel part time.



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## FRANK PARROTT

WWW.ROARLOUD.NET

Frank is the tall (6'5") and strong half of RoarLoud, a photographer, web master and a travel writer - he does it all!

He has become an accomplished hiker completing all of New Hampshire's 4,000 foot mountains, and most recently summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, and Mt. Pico - the highest mountain in the Azores.

When he isn't hiking he finds adventure kayaking, geocaching or seeking out street art in cities around the world. He is always eager to try something new and face any fear.

## BRECHT VANDERSMISSEN

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Brecht is a Belgian twenty-something who left his job to start his own internet business 4 years ago and hasn't looked back. With no office, travel is always an option and he has recently returned from a year long RTW trip with his girlfriend Birthe.

When not working or traveling there's a good chance you'll find him cooking delicious meals, playing football (that's soccer, for you Americans) or exploring the spectacular underwater world while scuba-diving.

## JAMES KELLEY

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James is an avid traveler, jungle explorer, beach bum, scuba diver, wildlife seeker and digital nomad.

He left the American dream (nightmare) behind to explore more of the world we all live on but rarely see much of!

# SEXIEST TRAVELERS: MALE EDITION

OF 2017







# Tim van der Linden

[WWW.ANNUALADVENTURE.COM](http://WWW.ANNUALADVENTURE.COM)

Tim's thirst for adventure and excitement has led him to all 7 continents in the last 5 years. After putting off travel for years, he finally dove in head first and began organizing elaborate, off the beaten path trips all while holding a full time job. From hiking through rural Chinese villages to camping in a hole in the ground in Antarctica, Tim has documented all of his journeys with stunning photos and exciting stories.

Traveling the world has imbued Tim with both a feeling of perspective and purpose. Seeing what life has to offer outside of his home town has inspired him to creatively pack travel into his schedule whenever he can while remaining extremely thankful for his ability to do so. When he's not out on the road, Tim spends his days working in the film and television industry as a lighting console programmer and walking his pet mini cow down the streets of L.A.



# Gunnar Garfors

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One of the very few who can claim he's been to every country in the world, Gunnar is also a multiple travel world record holder, for i.e. having visited five continents in a single day!

He has also written "How I Ran Out of Countries" - a best-selling book about his adventures.





# Stuart Jameson

[WWW.LOOKINGFORSTU.COM](http://WWW.LOOKINGFORSTU.COM)

Stuart used to be an actor, but after it all got too much he decided to quit his job and sell everything he owned. He booked a one-way ticket to San Francisco, and has since been to 57 countries in five years on the road – traveling like a snail.

He is currently close to completing his charity hitchhike from Germany to India – a challenge he began in 2012. Along the way he has been writing probably one of the most entertaining and brutally honest travel journals which you can find online at [lookingforstu](http://lookingforstu). He doesn't consider himself sexy in the slightest, but apparently has a “nice back.”

Having a crisis of identity with connections to England and Scotland, Stuart enjoys terrorizing the world wearing his kilt; a garment he has misplaced in this photo. Once completing the hitch to India, his dream is to take the Trans-Siberian Railway back into Europe, eventually finishing his days in Croatia – his favourite country in the world. Check out his charity page for Macmillan Cancer Support here: [justgiving.com/fundraising/lookingforstu](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/lookingforstu)

# THE BEST PLACES TO TRAVEL AU NATUREL



**WITH MORE THAN A FEW OF OUR SEXIEST MALE'S THIS YEAR HAVING SUBMITTED PHOTOS 'AU NATUREL', THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BEST PLACES TO GO WITHOUT YOUR CLOTHES!!**

## **GARDEN OF EDEN-PANAMA**

The best part of the Garden of Eden is that you not only go natural yourself, but the resort itself takes on a natural state.

They collect fresh rainwater for guest use, generate their own electricity via solar and diesel generators, have no air conditioning, and no T.V.

It really is all about stripping down to the basics and living life how we were originally intended to.

You are truly off the grid here, however they do offer the modern convenience of wifi. Accommodation is very limited and you can even rent out the entire island should you wish your own private escape.

## **HAULOVER BEACH-MIAMI, FLORIDA**

Hailed by many as one of the best nude beaches on the globe, here you have nudists of all ages sunning themselves upon pure white sand beaches.

The northern part of the beach is reserved for those who want to leave their clothes behind, but remember to keep it classy.

Sexual acts are not allowed on Haulover which is a pretty standard rule across nude beaches. Go nude but don't make it lewd!

Article: Mike Jerrard

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## SAUNAS-FINLAND

While most destinations on this list are sunny beach destinations (for good reason of course!), Finland is a great country for relaxing in your birthday suit.

Saunas are a part of Finnish culture with children experiencing their first at only a few months old.

Many travelers have quite the eye opening experience when staying at an Airbnb style accommodation. Families here in Finland are very open to enjoying a sauna together and you can find yourself in a very personal situation with your host.

Many say however that the awkwardness quickly fades and you forget that you are in the flesh.

## ES CAVALLET-IBIZA, SPAIN

Of course Ibiza would make this list. With a lively party scene and all around gorgeous people why wouldn't you drop your guard and your trousers?!

With picturesque beach views and an incredible scenic drive, Es Cavallet is the perfect place to get lost in a natural state. It's a nice natural break from pulling all nighters at the clubs.

An official nudist beach, it is also very gay friendly, having beach side restaurants such as Chiringay that cater to an almost exclusive gay crowd.

## COUPLES TOWER ISLE-JAMAICA

As the name suggests, Couples Tower Isle is perfect for those couples looking to have a romantic getaway. Although not a nudist resort, it does allow topless

sunbathing, and for those wanting to go all the way, there is an actual nude beach located on a private island which the resort will transport you to via boat.

When you decide to get dressed again there are incredible activities to partake in such as ziplining, horseback riding, glass bottom boat tours, and swimming with dolphins.

## KAUAPEA BEACH-KAUAI, HAWAII

Also known as Secret Beach, Kauapea has been attracting nudists for years. You could not ask for a more incredible destination to go in the buff.

Kauai with its stunning greenery, lagoons, and waterfalls has made it an ideal filming location for blockbuster movies such as Avatar, Jurassic Park, and Pirates of the Caribbean.

Although public nudity is illegal in Hawaii, this secluded beach is very rarely patrolled and you are not likely to receive any harsh penalties even if you are caught with your pants down.

## CLUB ORIENT-SAINT MARTIN, CARIBBEAN

A nudist beach resort, Club Orient sets itself apart for it being very family friendly. You will find guests all with the same mindset when it comes to nudity and the resort mostly caters to older couples and families with kids.

Throughout the resort is clothing optional and you will find there is a great deal of maturity regarding being naked at a resort such as this. It's a great way to dive into the realm of naturism.

**TOP PHOTO: EXPERT VAGABOND**



**WORKING HARD  
FOR SOMETHING  
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT  
IS CALLED STRESS.**

**WORKING HARD FOR  
SOMETHING WE LOVE IS  
CALLED PASSION.**

**-SIMON SINEK**





# Tom Rogers

[WWW.ADVENTUREINYOU.COM](http://WWW.ADVENTUREINYOU.COM)

Right after completing a degree in Aerospace Engineering, Tom left the UK to travel the world. Four continents and three years later, he has turned his travel blog to a tech startup company, developing an app called GetStoked while still working on their website.

While Tom isn't busy making strides in the business world, you can find him riding motorbikes, diving, hiking, and eating his way around the world. A lover of the outdoors and anything adventurous, he is passionate about inspiring everyone to do more.



# Yannick Westphal

WWW.LUXURYBACKPACKING.NET

After finishing high school, Yannick traded Germany for Thailand and spent four months pursuing his dream of discovering foreign parts of the world. In that time he met the girl of his dreams, and together they now run luxurybackpacking.net.

He has a passion for photography and can turn anything into an incredible shot, but the view behind the camera is pretty decent too!

His travel style is luxury on a backpackers budget, and his knowledge of travel hacking certainly helps in this regard.

Currently based in Sydney, he's making plans to circumnavigate Australia in a car and then head on to Asia the following year.



# Jarrad Lee

WWW.HASHTAGLJOJLO.COM

An Australian school teacher converted traveller; Jarrad is a typical laid back Aussie exploring the world in his unique way. Travelling alongside his girlfriend, Lauren, who is also a teacher by trade they hope to educate those stepping into the realm of travel.

Whether it is exploring the winter wonderland that is Antarctica, watching any sport known to man, or relaxing on a tropical beach, Jarrad can be found lapping up the culture and unique experiences.

However, it must be noted he can't spend too much time in the sun; otherwise, his adorable pale skin turns bright red, and he resembles a lobster.



# MIKE JERRARD

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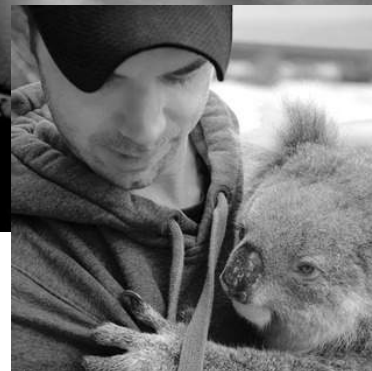
With a passion for wildlife and hiking the great outdoors, Mike has just about seen it all when it comes to Earth's natural wonders. Having studied and photographed the flora and fauna of six continents, he will have set foot on all seven continents when he visits the great southern continent of Antarctica this year.

When he's not scaling mountains you can find him rescuing baby polar bears from the melting arctic sea ice.....ok that may be a stretch but he does look to bring awareness to this world's natural treasures and hopes to encourage others to get outdoors and see the real wild world for themselves.

He is founder of the newly released Eco Travel Blog "Waking up Wild" in which he shares his stories and photography from around the world.

His sense of adventure has allowed him to uncover mammoths and relics from past civilizations as well as hold and photograph some of the most dangerous creatures on this planet.

This American born turned Aussie traveler never seems to stay in one place for long so we can be assured to see more of his exciting adventures and stories in the years to come.





## Robson Cadore

[WWW.LOVEANDROAD.COM](http://WWW.LOVEANDROAD.COM)

This Brazilian traveler is not only a handsome blogger, but a fabulous photographer, and great cook too!

After 15 years working in the shipping industry, he packed his bag and set off to explore the world. 3 years later and there are no plans to stop! Rob is a sports enthusiast, from surfing to triathlon, from snowboarding to running, which all help to keep his six packs.

He challenges himself by combining Ironman triathlon competitions with his nomadic lifestyle. And yes, he is taken, and his wife Natalie is our cover girl for sexiest female travelers of this year!



## Adam Lukaszewicz

[WWW.GETTINGSTAMPED.COM](http://WWW.GETTINGSTAMPED.COM)

Adam has been traveling the world full-time since 2013 after realizing his life was "too normal." He traded in his job as a mechanical engineer for a nomadic lifestyle.

He's visited 65 countries to date, with 131 left to go! He is addicted to photography and rarely found without his camera; if he isn't taking photos on the ground he's flying one of two drones or diving with underwater camera gear that takes up half of his checked bag!

Sorry ladies but he's married and has the "perfect" model for his photos. Adam shot our magazine cover.



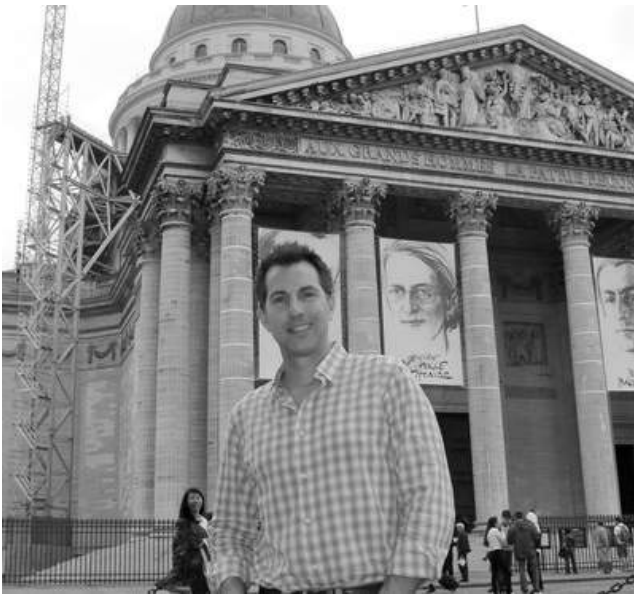
## Matt Gibson

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Matt is the President of the Professional Travel Bloggers Association, a nonprofit organization that works to help travel industry and brands meet and work together. He's also an adventure travel writer and photographer, award winning blogger, and CEO of Xpat.Media, an agency that helps travel companies develop their blogging and social media marketing strategies and work with travel bloggers.

Matt regularly gives seminars and moderates panels about blogging, social media, and inbound marketing. His writing and photography has been featured by publications like Business Insider, Yahoo, AFAR, The Huffington Post, and many more.





## Mike Shubic

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Mike is an award-winning travel writer and seasoned road trip video blogger. Publishing MikesRoadTrip.com for nearly seven years, he has worked with the Travel Channel, USA Today, Yahoo Travel, TripFilms and is also part of the Travelocity Gnationall Gnomad team.

He also has his own ROKU channel and his videos will soon appear on DirecTV as they roll out a new streaming technology.

Mike does the exploring so you can have an adventure. The road is his page. The experiences are the ink. Next chapter begins in 300 miles. BTW ladies...Mike is single and looking for a fellow traveler!!



## Anwar Y

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Anwar is a 30 something travel blogger who travels the world in search of interesting destinations, people, and cuisines. He is originally from the USA, and having explored more than 50 countries to date, most of his time is spent abroad!

He is always on the look out for the unique and somehow manages to attract interesting stories wherever he goes. He is currently focusing on the middle east where he is based for the time being, taking incredible photos of the people and scenes that these regions offer.



## Vyjay Rao

[WWW.IMVOYAGER.COM](http://WWW.IMVOYAGER.COM)

Vyjay is part of the duo who blog under the name of VOYAGER. He is a Management Professional who spent years in Marketing which only served to increase his passion for travel.

For Vyjay travel is not just ticking off names from a bucket list, but more of an immersive experience. He loves to live each experience moment by moment, and then relive it in his travel writings.

Together with his wife Sandy, he has been traveling for over 10 years to destinations in Switzerland, France, Italy, Thailand, Hong Kong & Macau, Singapore, and the length and breadth of India.





# Nathan Sado

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[WWW.LIVEDREAMDISCOVER.COM](http://WWW.LIVEDREAMDISCOVER.COM)

Nathan is a fitness professional born and raised in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Being surrounded by nature was a perfect fit for him growing up. He was always in search of the next adventure and spent his free time hiking, climbing and kayaking around Washington state.

After meeting his partner, Sarah, he decided to take his adventure seeking and active lifestyle global. Together they travel slowly around the world while running four websites and doing freelance work to keep the dream alive.



A man with short brown hair and a mustache is sitting on a stone ledge, looking off to the side. He is wearing a black t-shirt and dark pants. Behind him is a traditional Chinese building with a large, ornate green tiled dome and a green tiled roof. The scene is brightly lit, casting a shadow of the man onto the wall behind him.

# DANE ELLEVSEN

## @THEHEALTHYTRADIE

An Aussie tradie based in Bondi. Dane aims to inspire through healthy living, not just in food but most importantly, the mind.





## Will Tang

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Will is an electrical engineer turned business consultant and now full time blogger.

A fan of adventure, luxury and just flat out epic experiences, his travels have included everything from trekking to the hilltribes in Chiang Mai, to enjoying luxury digs at the Conrad Maldives.

If anyone was to play him in a movie it would have to be Bilbo Baggins. "Unexpected adventures is the explanation point of my life so who better to play that role than the one who decides to leave the comforts of Shire and go on an epic that becomes The Hobbit!!"



## Ted Nelson

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Ted has a passion for outdoor adventure, with a focus on cross country skiing, canoeing, and hiking / backpacking. Based in Chicago, many of his adventures take place in nearby Wisconsin, but he also enjoys travel to Canada, and overseas.

At 46, Ted stays very active. He has run the Chicago Marathon twice, and this year he will be skiing his 5th American Birkebeiner Cross-country Ski Marathon, with the Canada Ski Marathon in Feb. This is an endurance challenge where he will ski two consecutive days of 80 km through the frozen wilds of Quebec; while capturing his exploits with trusty GoPro in hand!



## Patryk Klesta

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Patryk was born and raised in a small town in Poland. Even though his family was quite average, he always had big dreams. He wanted to become an entrepreneur and explore the world.

When he met his wife, Karolina in college, he thought it's the right time to start following his heart. After a year of having started an online business, it became successful enough to allow them to feel free and contented.

He now blogs to help others to make their dreams come true (and writes about their awesome adventures too!).





## Chris Walker-Bush

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Rocking a full ginger beard, Chris has absolutely zero interest in ever holding down a down 9 to 5 job, raising 2.5 rug rats, and having a mortgage. Instead, he daydreams about a life of scuba diving, beaches, drinking, video gaming, and new adventures.

In the seven years since this wide-eyed and naive country boy stepped on the plane from Sydney to Seoul, he has lived and taught English in two countries, visited a further thirteen, written a Chinese sitcom, been on safari, fallen in love a few times, been aimed at by a sniper, fallen asleep on distant beaches, drank a lot of beer, and loved every minute of it!



## Johnny Ward

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[WWW.GIVEBACKGIVEAWAY.COM](http://WWW.GIVEBACKGIVEAWAY.COM)

Johnny is an Irishman on a mission to visit every country in the world, and he's nearly there (194/197!)

He has made over \$1m+ blogging and has gone on to found his own charity at GiveBackGiveAway.com! But sorry ladies...looks like this incredibly sexy Irishman is already taken!



## Anthony Jury

[WWW.FAIRDINKUMTRAVELLER.COM](http://WWW.FAIRDINKUMTRAVELLER.COM)

Anthony Jury is a coal miner, turned travel blogger, who loves to explore his own backyard in Australia.

He tours amazing Australian cities and the great Aussie Outback, from his base in the South-West of Western Australia. His heart however, yearns for Asia and its stunning culture, food and fascinating locals, that warm his heart every time.

This irresistible Fair Dinkum Traveller will have all the women taking their sunnies off and having a second look, before chucking them back on, seeing that his fair weathered skin is in fact brighter than the sun. Their lust however, will only end in tears to learn that he is already hitched.



# WHAT NOT TO PACK

**ARTICLE: MEG JERRARD**

## **ITEMS YOU'LL NEVER NEED OVERSEAS**

There's no greater burden to a traveler than having too much luggage.

It's awkward on public transport, inconvenient to drag across town, and airlines will hit you with extra fees.

You're less likely to travel off the beaten path with all that weight, and it's difficult to

find your things when and as you need.

Many people think that if you want to travel light it's what you pack that matters. But on the contrary, it's largely about what you don't pack.

If your resolution for 2017 is to pack lighter, none of the following should be in your bag.

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## TOWELS & EXTRA TOILETRIES

I totally get it – you like a particular brand of shampoo. But the best way to travel light is to pack basic toiletries which will get you through the start of your trip, and leave the rest at home.

If you're staying in hotels, the majority of the time they provide the essential toiletries for you. Though in a worst case scenario, foreign countries sell shampoo!

You'll find that picking up toiletries on the road is super easy, and often cheaper than if you were to buy them at home.

99% of hotels provide towels. If they don't, you can usually rent them for a small fee. Microfibre travel towels are amazing as they are super absorbent and dry fast, but carrying a full towel is bulky, and never seems to be quite dry when it's time to pack it up. Mmmmm musty luggage.



## HOLIDAY READING & GUIDEBOOKS

Reading is one of the best ways to pass the time during long hours in transit. But books are heavy. Period. And they take up a LOT of unnecessary space in your bag.

Ideally, the best way to approach holiday reading is to download a couple of titles onto your kindle or e-reader. This goes for guidebooks too.



## YOUR WHOLE WARDROBE

The hardest part of packing is being ruthless with your clothes. But it has to be done. We all love having options, but in the end you

fall into a routine of wearing the same few things anyway, regardless of how many different shirts you've packed.

Go for tried and tested favorites, and don't pack more clothes than you need. A very wise traveler once said "You can change your outfit every day, or just change your city!"

## VALUABLES & JEWELRY

If you can't afford to lose it, don't travel with it abroad. Even if your hotel room has a safe, and even if you're super vigilant when walking through town, there are still ample opportunities to lose or misplace your valuables, and it's not worth bringing them along.

These make you a walking target for pick-pockets and thieves, and are usually unnecessary anyway.

## MONEY BELT

Leaving aside the fact that wearing a money belt is a major violation of universal fashion laws, wearing one screams to the world that you are a tourist, and this attracts pickpockets.

It's usually visible under your clothes, and very obvious when you're reaching into it, so please do yourself a favor and leave it at home.

Use a handbag or a wallet just as you would if you were at home, and blend in more as a local.

## TRAVELERS CHECKS

Welcome to 2017. You don't need traveler's checks. These are incredibly expensive and super difficult to redeem. Most banks aren't even willing to cash them anymore.



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[WWW.DIVERGENTTRAVELERS.COM](http://WWW.DIVERGENTTRAVELERS.COM)

## David Stock

David thought that his wife was absolutely insane when she came to him with the dream of leaving their comfortable American life for a life of travel. While it took some convincing, he eventually gave in and hasn't looked back since. They've now been full-time travelers for 3 years, and counting!

Responsible for creating the video and managing most of the social media accounts, David lives for the adventure and is a true outdoorsman. He likes to live on the edge and never turns down a challenge to jump off of something, as long as it's into the water. Tag along as David and Lina as they take on some of the World's best adventures in the years to come.





## Cameron Seagle

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Cameron is a writer, photographer, and amazing website designer. He is from North Carolina, but doesn't have one of those sweet "southern" accents. He grew up outdoors and loves using his hands and getting involved in labor-intensive projects. Cameron has traveled to 39 countries and has big dreams to travel to every single one someday.

He left with his girlfriend, Natasha, after college on a one-way ticket to Europe. Since then the two have traveled all around Europe, Asia, and Africa together. They just recently bought a Land Cruiser in Cape Town and have plans to drive it through Africa.





## Jmayel El-haj

[WWW.8MILESFROMHOME.COM](http://WWW.8MILESFROMHOME.COM)

Jmayel is a professional photographer, part Burmese, African, Arabic & Scottish and was born in raised in London. He caught the Travel Bug from now wife Sacha when she decided she wanted to embark on a Round the World trip in 2005-2006.

When he returned a normal life didn't satisfy the relentless need for more adventure and they set about finding a way to travel on a more permanent basis. In April 2012 that dream became reality when they set off on the first leg of their adventure to Thailand and began the Cinematic Travel Vlog known as 8 Miles from Home.

He loves an eating competition and seems to have a bottomless stomach. He has a soft toy seal called 'Wife' (Don't Ask) that accompanies him on each journey. He celebrated his 21st birthday on the Great Wall of China.



## William Patino

[WWW.WILLIAMPATINO.COM](http://WWW.WILLIAMPATINO.COM)

He takes some of the most incredible travel photography you'll ever see, but the view of the man behind the camera is pretty alright too!

Will lives in Wollongong, on the South Coast of NSW Australia with his beautiful wife Renee, their young son Judah and chocolate Labrador Milo. He first picked up a camera in 2012 and hasn't been the same since.

Looking at life through a lens has really opened his eyes and mind to the vast, intricate beauty of the world we live in. Through photography he has developed a deep appreciation for nature and learned to understand and admire life's simplicity. Photography isn't just about the images but also the moments that surround them.



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# NOMINATIONS FOR 2018



## *NOMINATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 2017*

Nominations for 2018 will open at the start of November 2017.

Forward your best photo or photos (high res - share via dropbox if necessary) along with your name, website, and a short 100 - 200 word bio in third person. We are not ageist -

- boomers submit too!

To be promoted in the magazine you must own the rights to the photo you submit, and confirm that we may use it for commercial purposes, for which we will forward a photo release.

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