

TRAVEL THE WORLD – FOR FREE

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INTRODUCTION

“Travel writing is not only the most glamorous job in the world - it's also the most fun - and it is easy to do!”

So says Raymond DuFoy (a pen name - more on that in a moment), world-renowned travel writer and photographer.

You'll have seen his videos on international TV, probably read his words online and in the newspapers - and now he not only shows you how easy it is for you to travel the world and stay in comfort for free, he also “spills the beans” with the contents of his contacts book.

He shows you how to immediately get legitimate access to the secret twice monthly PDF bulletin which lists the latest hotels, reports, airlines, even whole countries, all of whom want to pay for everything to get you to visit them!

He also supplies the full details of where to place your pictures or story - so you often get famous, too!

He lists places desperate for your reports (paying at least a dollar a word!) and / or pictures (paying \$30 each - and upwards).

Yes, TV stations, newspapers and websites want your travel experiences AND they want your pictures!

You don't need some really expensive camera - almost all of your pictures ("pix" in the jargon) will be published online, so even your camera phone is perfect!

In this fun to read, yet fact-packed edition, Raymond takes you by the hand and shows you not only how easy it is to get to visit the greatest hotels, theme parks, cruise lines, resorts and spas in the world - but also how to get there for free by air - often in First Class.

Why would these places want to do this?

Every country, every hotel, every airline has a massive marketing budget - budgets that are actually increased in times of recession.

Advertising costs a fortune, especially on a national or international basis.

But if you have a simple blog, can write a little about your experience, perhaps add a few pictures, you'll never pay to stay and travel again.

Now, this bit is important.

You do not need to be some fluent, fully trained writer.

You write about what you see, what you do, in normal everyday words.

This is because the resorts etc want “honest, everyday language” - as the public will trust it more - certainly more than any paid TV or Press advertising campaign.

There’s another reason, too.

You will add a link to the hotel, resort, airline etc in your writing - which counts as a “backlink” to the site - it’s a sort of vote, which Google and the other search engines love.

This moves the place you stay with / the company you travel with higher up the listings on Google - which is good for them - and your real opinion is much more trusted than any advertising or travel website!

Remember, you taking an extra seat (or two - take your partner / family in almost all cases) on an aircraft, a room in a hotel or a cabin on a cruise liner costs almost nothing to the supplier - but your comments are like gold dust to them!

Now, we’ll let you into a little extra secret.

Raymond DuFoy is not his real name - he would be ostracized by the other Travel Writers who sail and fly around the world for free if they know who he was!

They love their lifestyles and their secrets - and now you can, too.

But “Raymond” really reveals all - all the extras you can obtain (everything from free top of the range luggage to warm clothes (or swimsuits and sunglasses!) as these companies want publicity for their products too!). These are revealed in the top secret twice-monthly, free, newsletter.

As well as listing the people / departments to contact (emails / names / phone numbers as appropriate), he gives you full access to some private websites which list special “Press Trips”.

These offer you the chance to travel with other website owners and get lots of extra - as well as travel from your local airport, the host meets you at the destination airport (in some countries, they meet you on board the aircraft after it lands - you are sat at the front, so that you can be priority disembarked and whisked, in a minibus or limo from the aircraft steps, through the VIP security section and straight to the resort.

Your bags mysteriously appear in your room before you do (they’re priority disembarked, too!).

Your tickets are marked with a special three letter code (not VIP, in case you were wondering - more important than that!) which

ensures that all the airline staff treat you to the best of everything.

At the resort / hotel/ cruise ship, you are whisked straight to the best facilities - no credit card deposits, nothing to pay for - everything is “comped” (jargon for “made complimentary”).

Often, your local airport will “comp” your parking whilst you’re away - they want to make a good impression, too!

So, whether you want just to travel on your annual holiday with your family or you want to do as Raymond does and explore the planet for one or two weeks every month, get his book right now - you could be travelling next week!

ABOUT RAYMOND DUFOY

Raymond DuFoy

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TRAVEL FOR FREE

“The most fun you can have with your clothes on” is a bit of a cliché, but my exploits around our planet over the last 20 years do justify the phrase.

Here’s just some of the exciting things I’ve recently done - all for free - and there’s no reason why you can’t do the same.

MOROCCO

On a trip to Morocco with a new airline, I was given the front row of the aircraft to myself.

And when I say the whole row, I mean BOTH sides of the aisle!

This was done to ensure I had complete privacy, whilst the airline's top stewards really looked after me with the best food wines and entertainment.

After we landed, I was made buy a delightful lady from the Moroccan tourist board.

She came on board the aircraft, the crew having kept the "class-divider" curtains behind me closed.

She took me down the steps of the aircraft, just the 2 of us, and onto a waiting minibus.

We drove all of 30 yards to the VIP security, where she handed my passport to a very smartly dressed border guard, who saluted me!

He said, with a genuinely welcoming smile 'Welcome to Morocco, Sir!'

So now we went back to the same minibus and onto my five-star hotel. I suddenly asked 'what about my luggage?'

My new friend merely smiled and said "already on board Sir!".

To this day, I don't know how they did it, but somehow my bags were marked at my departure airport "express" or "CIP" and loaded into the minibus before the steps had even reached the aircraft.

That's the sort of service I've now become used to!

(Aside: "CIP. Thought you'd never ask! You've probably heard of VIP, "very important person", yes?

CIP is far more important. This stands for "commercially important person" and is also often seen on your tickets when you're travelling as a travel writer.

This is so the check-in staff can upgrade you to the lounges etc and is also emphasised on the passenger lists. The aircraft crew, including the pilots, get these for each flight.

This system means everyone knows that you are commercially important to the airline).

As you can imagine, this make sure you are always exceptionally well looked after!

I could talk for pages about the country of Morocco, one of my favorites, and how welcoming everybody is.

However that's not the purpose of the book as I want you to explore this and every other country for yourself - but it's a good example of a country that isn't why any means wealthy, but which relies on people like you and I writing about them and encouraging other visitors.

EGYPT

I regularly visit another favorite country Egypt, at the repeated invitations of their tourist board.

One of the things I always like to do, much to the amusement of my local guide (on nearly all of these visits a guide will escort you anywhere and everywhere you want, take you to the fronts of queues at museums, arrange for you to be checked in hotels automatically, no queueing for taxes, no waiting for anything at any time) is just sit and watch the traffic in Cairo, Egypt's capital.

I have been lucky enough to have done the pyramids at Giza three times now, but on my most recent visit, I was taken inside the great Pyramid, deep inside where the tombs were originally held.

One of my favorite museums is the Cairo Museum but this always has long queues.

I've never queued, of course - the armed guards smartly salute me and my guide on every visit and I'm taken straight through, usually not having to even pass through the security and the metal detectors!

If you go to the Cairo Museum as a normal tourist, the only place to eat and drink is a frankly rather scruffy cafe (albeit a very cheap one!) to the front and middle of the Museum.

However if you're there is a VIP guest, a travel writer, you are taken into the private staff restaurant at the back with the food and drink is, frankly astonishing (and free, of course!).

I tend not to do cruises on the Nile - it's just not my thing - but the tourist board will always supply you a small plane to fly you down to the southern cities and see places like the Valley of the Kings or Karnak.

The planes are sometimes a bit like something out of an Indiana Jones movie - but at least you get to sit, often with the pilot.

And, yes I have taken a (very short) go at the controls, whilst following the Nile.

Wonderful. And money couldn't buy this!

I never tire of visiting this area, and have become quite an (unintentional!) expert on hieroglyphics and Egyptian history!

JORDAN

I recently spent Christmas in Jordan, a place like not thought of previously visiting, and I had a terrific time.

Again, I was met at the airport (part of which incidentally is actually in Israel!)

My partner and I were whisked in an executive minibus to the town of Petra where we were checked in to (only) a 3 star hotel, but it was still the best in town!

Not only would we get the full “Petra, the Rose Red City, as old as time itself” tour, at our own pace the next day, but we were also supplied with a donkey and cart to save the long walk down the siq into the Treasury area of Petra.

We were told that we would be visiting again that evening, which surprised me as I knew that the siq is closed on a night as it normally has no lighting etc.

What they did for me and a few other people, perhaps 20 others in total (the others had paid over \$120 each for the three-hour tour) was to put sand and candles into brown paper bags for the 3 mile walk, thus lighting our

way into the area outside the Treasury building - which itself had a few candles.

Musicians mysteriously played and appeared all around us in a truly magical, romantic evening.

After a night-time tour were escorted back out again in a private luxury minibus - while the others, who paid all the money, were queueing up for their coaches.

I also toured the capital, Amman, and was allowed into the (closed at the time) museum where the original Dead Sea Scrolls are on display.

I also stood where Pope John Paul stood, overlooking Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Holy land.

The local priest also escorted me around the specially built church, which was officially opened by the Pope on his visit.

BELGIUM

A country I usually describe as ‘the unknown country’ is Belgium, a place I visit at least once a year.

My heart always lifts as I go into the main square and see what excitement they have for me this time!

For example every 4 years the whole square is filled with around 7 million flowers, making vastly intricate patterns on the cobbles.

Remember the buildings around you here are, at their newest, some 400 to 500 years old.

Now, I’m not much of a drinker, but the bars, the amount of beer, the sheer range of beers which are available in Belgium is astonishing.

Fortunately they are also famous for their chocolate, which I love, and for their lace, which I am always given fantastic samples of – and these make great presents for friends and family when I return.

Last time I stayed at the new Charles Forte hotel was given the second-best suite (the top suites are over \$1000 a night and not really what I required!)

All food, wine, everything, was of course freely available to me.

I must say I gave the hotel a great review as everywhere everyone there went out of their way to make me very comfortable.

It's worth pointing out to you, again, that whilst *every* guest in a hotel is important to them, someone who has the facility to publish, to write, to broadcast, to talk about their visit, is considered even more important as hotels and suchlike have such massive advertising budgets ... but we as the public, tend to prefer and trust more in the words of our fellow man, than we do some glossy advert.

And long may that situation last!

SWITZERLAND

I never tire of visiting Switzerland, both in summer and winter.

Indeed, to go to the same area in both the seasons and see just how different they are never ceases to please me.

One of my favorite trips is a railway train up inside a mountain.

Yes! There is a train to the top of the Jungfrau Mountain which goes up inside the Eiger and then stops on its way through the mountains and ends at the highest railway station in all of Europe!

What's great is that the train stops twice on the way up you get off and walk along a narrow corridor carved out of solid rock and see a huge window.

You are then looking out onto the North face of the Eiger - with mountaineers climbing past you!

I often describe my working life as quite surreal, but being dressed quite normally and looking out at Mountaineers climbing such a mighty mountain is very strange...

At the top of the Jungfrau mountain, when you get off the train, is an ice tunnel where all the items are carved from solid ice ... but tend not to melt - you are, after all, thousands of feet up a mountain!

As you travel the world you will find that the best hotel managers tend to be Swiss, they seem to really understand what guests want, they tend to be multilingual, and they really want to make you have an excellent stay at the hotel.

This means that the hotels in Switzerland, which are always manned and staffed by native Swiss, tend to be amongst the best in the world of course.

CRUISES

It's not all hotels of course!

I've done a few cruises, and although they're not really "me", I do find them a relaxing way of seeing lots of countries in one or 2 weeks.

My favorites are those around the Mediterranean where you can visit France, Spain, Italy (including Pompeii and Sicily), Tunisia and Corsica for example.

NORWAY

Last year I was invited to an island off the coast of Norway.

The timings of the flights, however, made it very difficult, so the tourist board actually arrange for me to have a helicopter to do the last 60 miles.

Now, I love helicopters, but have always found them very expensive!

This flight, of course, was free – moreover, the pilot not only gave me headphones to listen into air traffic control (which is always in English, of course!) but, as were over the North Sea, allowed me to spend a few minutes flying the helicopter.

Now, I did try and do a hover which I'm told is the hardest thing to do in a helicopter - and I can now confirm that I couldn't do that ... indeed the pilot went quite pale at one stage!

Because the area was quite cold I was supplied free of charge clothing, boots, jacket, hat, etc, and these of course I got to keep.

THE AMERICAS

Of course, I appreciate that many of the readers of this book will be based in the United States and will want to travel either within the states or up to Canada or down to parts of South America.

The United States public spends more money on travel writers than any other country in the world, and rightly so, and again I show you later how to contact the various states, the various attractions, as well as the hotel groups cruise companies and so on.

And you really should ask a trip on one of the great trains right across this mighty country.

Also, Canada always welcomes visitors and you really should ensure that you get a trip on one of the trains right across the country.

To the south of the United States, most people want to make the excursion of a lifetime to, for example, the Galapagos Islands, as well as the many other places to visit.

I'm a particular fan of Peru, partly because again the tourist board is so welcoming, but even places like Brazil and Uruguay will welcome you with open arms.

AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND

I realize that I've not mentioned some more my favorite countries, Australia and New Zealand - my apologies for that!

Australia is truly an amazing country, with some of the most welcoming people it is possible to find.

The climate, the roads, the food and the standards of the hotels are all world-class and beyond and again my heart always lifts, when I see the fabulous Sydney Harbor Bridge.

I've been invited to do the walk over the top of that and I must admit I will probably do that on my next visit there.

New Zealand seems to me to be quite beautiful, full of sheep it has to be said, and again the people are very nice but one visit was enough for me.

That's the great thing about this job, of course - you can go back as often as you want or try something once and not worry about any expense!

If you love it / like it, go back time and again, as there's always new places to explore, new hotels opening, new beaches having new

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facilities, or just new museums which want you to come and report on the contents.

RUSSIA

In the coming year, I am spending more time travelling around the Russian Federation - this is partly because I had my first visit there last year and really enjoyed the place and, secondly, because my (now) partner is from there!

We actually met in Russia, of course, and she now travels the world with me.

Russia is that rare exception when travelling as so few people speak English, whereas in the rest of the world a reasonable knowledge of English will get you by almost anywhere!

I'm therefore very lucky that the Russian tourist board is more than happy to fly and take me by train around this vast nation, and having my own personal translator by my side makes life very easy for both of us!

At the time of writing this part of the book I have a meeting arranged next week with Russian Railways, who want me to do the whole of the trans-Siberian express from Moscow to Vladivostok with a side trip to Mongolia.

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As you can imagine I am very excited by this
- to me 7 days on a train in total is actually
great.

OTHER ADVENTURES / HOLIDAYS

Similarly spa hotels around the world are a fantastic way to just chill for the week.

I'm certainly no sportsman, nor particularly active, but a nice week in a spa hotel with a few visits to the sauna and relaxing in a pool (and I'll admit it, I can't swim!) is rather nice....

All this makes for a great lifestyle – and, as you can imagine, I have no problem choosing girlfriends to come with me!

I should mention here that it's not all travel.

Although I like to explore towns and cities resorts and so on, I am just as happy lounging around a resort hotel or a golf hotel.

Indeed, golf hotels are some of the most welcoming as golf itself is so competitive and hotels with golf courses costs a lot of money to maintain and keep to high standards so they're particularly welcoming to people who can write about them.

I'm not a golfer myself, however but that doesn't stop me taking advantage of these resort style hotels which often have areas for the family, so that usually the man can go off

and play golf and the partner and family can go off and, shall we say, enjoy themselves!

I also don't tend to worry too much about making notes whilst I'm 'in resort', as it's called as you always get what is called a press pack during the course of your visit.

I should say that you actually get loads, everything from free books from the museums that you visit to USB sticks, DVDs and so on showing film footage and notes on the area - and this of course cuts down on the amount of work you have to do once you get home!

The facts, figures and details are all there for you!

You need to know that with the invites I get, several each day, I have to turn down over 99% of the invites that I get.

This is irritating at first, but frankly you soon become quite blasé about it!

Indeed the tourist boards often respect you more when you drop a polite note saying that "on this occasion you are busy" doing whatever else and that marks you down as a good travel writer, one who is very much "in demand" and they tend to invite you to more places ... hint!

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMPANIES

This will be a good point to tell you about public relations companies.

Public relations companies will be your new best friend as their job is to charge countries, resorts, airlines etc rather large fees to act as a go-between between the country and travel writers.

Most public relations companies are staffed by young girls who whilst being awfully pleasant tend not to be, on the whole, very bright and indeed often haven't travelled very far.

Don't be put off by this, but don't assume just because you're speaking to some person who have doesn't even understand the country or know where things are - their job is basically to put together you and the country and they charge some quite vast fees, often tens of thousands of pounds per month for doing exactly that.

I've listed some of the PR companies that you will be dealing with along with lists of the countries that they currently deal with.

Do remember that countries / companies change PR companies, often on an annual

basis, and this information can change regularly.

However these companies always proudly show on their websites the country's resorts and so on that they deal with along with the name of the person who handles that particular place.

Don't be afraid to send e-mails to these people - and you will be astonished at the amount of stuff you'll get through the post and e-mail and the sheer number of invites that you will get.

Their whole business is built around knowing travel writers, of course - the more "contacts" they have, the more they can charge the country / cruise / hotel etc client!

ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN

One organization that I want you to join straightaway, today, is the international Travel Writers Alliance, which is worldwide but based in London.

They issue a 40 or 50 page PDF every 2 weeks and this lists the very latest offer's available to you - far too many, all for free, to even consider covering all of them!

I occasionally show friends part of this document and they are totally astonished at the range and depth of opportunities available to me!

This not only lists PR companies and ongoing invites - for example, hotels, resorts airlines, travel companies and so on to whom you are welcome to contact at any time (therefore contact details are in every issue), but also private invites to special events, perhaps a theatre, a new museum in some exotic part of the world, or just a fact-finding trip to some glamorous city or resort.

Although the existence of the Alliance is kept secret, by using the details below you can join immediately, and will be sent the secret PDF every 2 weeks - and will also have access to

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lots of extra information which is held on their website.

Here's the details:

To register with the International Travel Writers Alliance visit:

<http://www.itwalliance.com>

Click to enter the site and click on “Register as a member”.

Another membership (free to you – the fees are paid by the holiday companies!) site to join is

<http://www.TravelWriters.com>

Here are some references from users of this great site:

"I just got back from a fabulous trip to Thailand as a result of one of your listings. In addition to the story assignment that qualified me for this trip, I have gleaned months of story material that I will now savor and share with many new markets. This has opened a door to amazing opportunities for me."

Craig Pulsifer, Writer & Photographer

Your mailings and your website offerings are soooo helpful and supportive. I just got back from writers' trip to Alaska, thanks to your notice. Needless to say, the trip was outstanding, and Alaska will get many great stories from me as a result. Keep up the GREAT WORK!

Naomi K. Shapiro, Independent writer

A short note from a professional travel journalist and photographer based in London. I've subscribed to the service, and it's invaluable. I just want to extend my thanks for

the press trips and press releases and information distributed. Keep up the excellent work, kind thoughts, Yemi Maye.

Just wanted to say I think you are doing a great job. I just came off a press trip and gave your address to several other writers.

Thanks, sue lynn

The site correctly describes itself as “a professional network of travel writers, editors and members of the public relations community.

Travelwriters.com is based on a simple principle: to connect top-tier writers with editors, PR agencies, tourism professionals, CVBs and tour operators, nurturing the important link that so heavily influences the travel media”.

Membership is free and they post a lot of press trips, particularly for the American market.

<http://www.travelwriters.com/presstrips/view/listview.asp>

Even more useful, however, is their bulletin board, where thousands of travel writers gather to discuss ideas, opportunities - and find good contacts.

If you're looking to stay at a particular resort or need a contact at a specific airline, this is the place to ask.

Also see:

<http://www.travelwriters.com/pressreleases/view/listview.asp>

Which has a great list of press releases, which are often very useful - do look here at least weekly, please!

<http://www.mediakitty.com/Default.aspx>

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There's space for your picture, contact details, special interests and other relevant details. Save contacts and postings of interest to "My Kitty" – your online file drawer.

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<http://www.thetravelwriterslife.com/category/sell-stories/>

Is a wonderful site where I get many of my best hints and ideas for when I actually want to sell my stories.

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Other groups which will supply you with loads of places to visit for free, as well as ideas for stories and photo's include:

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International Food, Wine & Travel Writers Association.

A global network of people involved in the hospitality and lifestyle fields - and the people who promote them by informing others about them.

A non-profit organization, run by and for the benefit of members, and has been since it was founded in Paris in 1954.

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American Society of Journalists and Authors.

Helps professional freelance writers advance their writing careers.

North American Travel Journalists.

The “premier professional association of writers, photographers, editors, and tourism professionals dedicated to redefining professional development for the travel industry.”

Society of American Travel Writers.

Now in its 50th year, SATW promotes responsible journalism, supports and develops members, and encourages conservation and preservation of travel resources worldwide.

Travel Media Association of Canada.

“A handful of visionary, Toronto-based travel journalists founded the Travel Media Association of Canada (TMAC) in 1994.

They saw the need to bring the country’s travel media and tourism industry closer together — in effect, the founders struck a professional relationship between the two groups by creating TMAC.”

<http://www.travelmedia.ca/>

British Guild of Travel Writers.

“Founded in 1960, the British Guild of Travel Writers is an association of over 270 writers, editors, photographers, producers, radio and television presenters involved in the world of travel.”

<http://www.bgtw.org/>

Outdoor Writers' Guild (UK).

Founded in 1980 by a group of like-minded writers with a direct interest in equipment and clothing for the outdoors.

Members includes writers, authors, photographers, designers, journalists, artists, illustrators, editors, broadcasters, copywriters, content-providers, lecturers, public speakers, and consultants.

<http://www.owpg.org.uk/>

Australian Society of Travel Writers.

Celebrated its 30th year in 2006! A non-profit organization, “dedicated to reporting on the travel industry and serving the interests of the traveling public, promoting international understanding and good will, and promoting unbiased reporting of information on travel topics.”

National Association of Woman Writers.

Founded in 2001, they have over 3000 members worldwide. NAWW connects and educates members through books, CDs, tele-events, physical chapter events and much more.

A weekly newsletter goes out to over 3,000 women writers, editors, and publishers!

Midwest Travel Writers Association. Is an organization of travel professionals, including writers, photographers, and travel publicists.

“Since we all live in one of the 13 Midwestern states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin), we’re experts in the wide variety of travel opportunities these states offer.”

WEB SITES

You can travel the world for free and put your reports on your own website.

An easy, free, way to start is by going to blogger.com, which is owned by Google.

There are full details on how to easily and quickly do this here:

<http://www.blogger.com>

Not only is this a really easy way to add your words and pictures to a website, but you'll find that Google lists your details within a few hours.

This means that you can send links both to your site and to Google, where editors, publishers and travel companies can see your posts – and offer you more work and more free travel!

These sites, below, are all produced by people just like you, people who decide to travel for free, and who have made a great success of it.

Do have a good read of each, please – and keep an eye on what they do, where they go, what they write and photograph.

1. Down The Road

www.downtheroad.org

Quote: “We are Tim and Cindie Travis, an ordinary American couple who decided to live out our dreams. We saved our money, quit our jobs, sold our possessions, and set off to travel around the world by bicycle. We left our home in Arizona, USA on March 31, 2002 and have been on the road ever since. Our plan is to continue to bicycle tour and travel for the next several years.”

2. Gone Walkabout

www.gonewalkabout.com

Quote: “The term Walkabout comes from the Australian Aboriginal. The idea is that a person can get so caught up in one’s work, obligations and duties that the truly important parts of one’s self become lost. From there it is a downward spiral as one gets farther and farther from the true self. A crisis situation usually develops that awakens the wayward to the absent true self.

It is at this time that one must go on walkabout. All possessions are left behind (except for essential items) and one starts walking.

Metaphorically speaking, the journey goes on until you meet yourself. Once you find yourself, you sit down and have a long talk about what one has learned, felt and done in each other’s absence. One talks until there is nothing left to say — the truly important things cannot be said.

If one is lucky, after everything has been said and unsaid, one looks up and sees only one person instead of the previous two.”

3. Modern Gonzo

www.moderngonzo.com

Quote: "My tiny Modern Gonzo has now become a horde of inspiration from my journeys to over 50 countries (and counting) on 6 continents. I built and maintain the site myself, for I'm certain that within its pages lies a spark that can help others fire up their dreams too. Things appear to happen for a reason after all. You hear about these dream stories, and then one day, you wake up and find yourself living one."

4. Expedition 360

www.expedition360.com

Quote: "I had absolutely no interest in the watery sections of such a proposal, having always failed to be convinced by recreational mariners of the supposed fun to be derived from being cold, wet and seasick all at the same time and for extended periods of time.

But the overland sections sounded intriguing: my head was filled with wildly romantic images of riding bicycles across the steppes of central Asia, trekking through the frozen wilderness of the Himalayas, staring into the flames of a roaring campfire after a hard day hacking our way through the Amazon jungle.

And the 2 years the expedition was projected to take traveling through predominantly warmer climes sounded like a welcome escape from that cold, wet island known to us natives as England."

5. Let Me Stay For A Day

www.letmestayforaday.com

Quote: “My name is Ramon Stoppelenburg . When I was 24 I left my house in The Netherlands, on May 1, 2001, with a backpack filled with clothing, a digital camera, a laptop, and a mobile phone.

From May 2001 to July 2003 I traveled the world without any money, visiting people who invited me over through this website. I crossed distance with my thumb or with help of sponsors and supporters. In return for all support I wrote about this all in my daily reports on this website.”

6. Mark Moxon

www.moxon.net

Quote: “In early 1995 I visited a friend who had just bought a new house. I remember it quite clearly: at the top of the stairs he had a perfectly formed bathroom in which I had what can only be described as a religious experience. The bathroom was one hundred per cent peach. It had a peach-coloured bath, a peach toilet, peach tiles on the wall and a peach basin on which sat a bar of peach-scented soap.

Hanging on the racks were fluffy peach hand towels that neatly matched the peach carpet below, and sitting on the windowsill was a bowl full of peach-coloured potpourri. I realised then and there that if I didn't do something pretty radical, I was going to end up with a peach bathroom all of my own, and the thought filled me with dread.”

7. Where The Hell Is Matt?

www.wherethehellismatt.com

Quote: "Matt is a 29-year-old deadbeat from Connecticut who used to think that all he ever wanted to do in life was make and play videogames. He achieved this goal pretty early and enjoyed it for a while, but eventually realized there might be other stuff he was missing out on. In February of 2003, he quit his job in Brisbane, Australia and used the money he'd saved to wander around the planet until it ran out.

A few months into his trip, a travel buddy gave Matt the idea of dancing everywhere he went and recording it on his camera. This turned out to be a very good idea. Now Matt is quasi-famous as "That guy who dances on the internet. No, not that guy. The other one. No, not him either. I'll send you the link. It's funny."

8. Hitch50

www.hitch50.com

Quote: "Why are we doing this? We both just graduated college and didn't exactly pursue the typical business jobs our classmates were chasing, so we needed something to do. Something fun to do, which involved traveling and meeting people and sharing experiences with them. So... we decided to hitchhike to every state capital, in 50 days or less. This gives us the opportunity to meet fun people and see fun places all over the USA. As much as we're into seeing all the great places we'll visit, we're even more excited to meet the people that will take us to those places. Hitch50 isn't really a project about places; it's about people. Are you one of those people?"

9. Vagabonding

www.vagabonding.com

Quote: "I view travel as life's great educator.

There's no better way to learn about people and nature and your place in the world.

I got hooked on travel during my final semester in college, when I studied literature and theater in London. After school ended, I stayed in Europe for a year, working at pubs, record stores, and Italian restaurants to fund further travel. I managed to get as far south as Morocco and as far east as Turkey. Those dramatic, vivid destinations fueled my appetite for more travel, more experiences, further-flung places. The more you travel, the more you realize how little you've seen.

I came home from Europe penniless and began to write for a newspaper in my hometown. These vagabonding dreams were born at that newspaper. I figured I'd travel around the world and write a column for the paper as I went. Of course, travel is hard to fund on a bottom-rung journalist's salary. I took a job in Chicago a little later, writing copy for web sites. I'd never seen a web page, had never sent an email before that job. It doesn't seem like a day's gone past since I haven't. I bought the vagabonding.com URL while at that job. That was 1998."

10. The Travel Junkie

www.thetraveljunkie.ca

Quote: "My year around-the-world taught me a lot of things: never turn down an invitation, bargain hard and always carry a roll of toilet paper. Most of all, travelling made me globally aware.

I learned about abducted child soldiers in Northern Uganda; the loss of indigenous culture in Tanzania; the construction of the "separation wall," also

dubbed the “apartheid wall,” across the disputed Israeli-Palestinian land. I learned that the Turkish government has been accused of denying the Armenian genocide; that despite the AIDS epidemic in Africa, humanitarian aid money often doesn’t reach the people it is supposed to help. I learned about the persecution of the Falun Gong and saw the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide. I may be a McGill University graduate but travel has been the ultimate education. My trip has given me a deeper understanding of what’s going on in the world and where I fit within it.”

11. The Argonauts

www.theargonauts.com

Quote: “Ask yourself this question, “If you could do anything — anything in the world — what would you do?” You can guess my answer. I feel that life is a gift and that I have only one chance to live. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

And, to be honest, I had more than my fair share of angst and riding around the world was the only option I could see to overcome my malaise and become (or is that prove) to the world who I thought I “should” be.”

12. Goliath Expedition

goliath.mail2web.com

Quote: "Many years ago, when based with the Army in Dover, I would stand on the white cliffs looking out across the English Channel at the distant shores of France in wonder.

I swear, some days I could almost see a ragged figure looking back at me, a spectre from my future. I could not help but wonder what he had seen along the way and who he was now. It was difficult to imagine what he'd given to get to that point. What would he be thinking, looking back across the Channel at that young paratrooper on the other side?

Well now my life is all about closing that loop. It's about standing in France looking across the Channel at the White Cliffs of Dover. Maybe I'll be able to spot that young man so eager to prove himself, prove that he could hold his own and go the distance. Prove it to himself more than anyone else...

One day I will stand on the coast of France, closing the loop and you will be there with me."

PRESS TRIPS

Press trips, also known in the USA as “fam (short for familiarization), trips” are wonderful.

You get everything paid for, are usually upgraded and given lounge access, are taken direct from the plane to the hotel etc.

There can be some long days, but you're taken past queues and lines at events, museums, etc, restaurants lay on special meals, you get to meet the Ambassadors or top representatives of the area you're staying in - and generally have a really good time

Do's:

Do make sure PR firms, tourism offices and other travel industry people that represent places you cover know of your existence and your outlets. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways such as introducing yourself in an email, by mentioning them on Twitter or befriending them on Facebook.

Do RSVP. The minute a press invitation comes in, check your availability and respond as soon as you can. All too often people delay and end up responding too late. A lot opportunity!

Do carry business cards. It's very simple. You want people to know how to reach you. Keep it professional - scribbling your information on a napkin is a no-no.

Do make a point of meeting the host wherever you go. Sounds really elementary, but many members of the media simply skip this critical step.

Presumably, one of the reasons you're at the event is to make contacts.

Don't miss the opportunity.

Do take notes. While most information presented at a press event or on trips can be found "in the release" or "on the flash drive," jotting down notes can help jog your memory. Also, it sends a message to the organizer that you're engaged in what's happening.

Do follow up. When you do write a story that's a direct result of a press conference or trip, be sure to let the organizers of the trip know about it. While you can do this via mentions on Twitter, it's really best to let them know direct via e-mail. Cultivate the personal relationship.

Don'ts:

Don't be a no-show to press events. That will surely fast-track you to the black list. Even if

you have to cancel at the last hour, it's better to shoot the organizer an e-mail letting them know you cannot make it.

Don't huddle in cliques. While you may love talking shop with colleagues and visiting with old co-workers, it's rude to other people and often leaves the host and others who are paying for the event standing around on their own.

Don't text or talk on the phone when at events. In fact, don't even take your mobile device out. It's rude and - though widely practiced - is unacceptable behavior under any circumstances.

Don't take pictures of everything you eat. The trend of showing what you ate and posting it on social media outlets, which is suddenly so popular these days, is best left to those amateurs who are tickled to be eating in certain restaurants or eager to let everyone know they are flying off somewhere exotic.

Don't perpetuate the starving writer syndrome. While you may think your laid-back style of dressing is reflective of your creative genius, it's not appropriate to show up at a 4- or 5-star hotel dressed as if you're a street musician.

Don't blabber on about your personal life to the PR folks and hosts of the events. While a

certain amount of small talk and exchanging of niceties is in order when meeting people at media events, no one needs to know that your boyfriend of three years just cheated on you or that you haven't made more than \$5000 this month.

Don't skip events on the itinerary because you have to work on another article. We all have deadlines. Before accepting an invitation, make sure you're free and clear to go.

Don't take a trip and not write about it.

We've all been victims of assignments that fell through. Magazines close, editors get fired, editors take stories in "different directions." That doesn't excuse you from writing about the destination or hotel you visited. Look for other outlets and opportunities.

Resell, recycle, syndicate...get as much ink, bits and pixels as you can out of a trip.

Make the PR firm that sent you to their client proud.

Keep in mind that someone is investing in you and your reach.

Behind every press trip is a business or a destination that is trying to encourage visitors.

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While you may view it as an island escape in the middle of winter, your hosts have expectations. Don't forget that.

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You just need to contact the people in this book, once you've found the resort, tour, hotel, press trip etc that you want to go on.

Give them your name and contact details and where your story or pictures will hopefully appear.

If the trip is abroad, supply your passport details as they will need these for your air tickets.

For press trips, you'll get a full itinerary about a week before you leave.

If you're visiting an area / country independently, they will always arrange hotels, meals, tours, visits, entries to museums etc for you – just say what you'd like to see – or ask them to make suggestions.

ABOUT SELLING YOUR PHOTOS

In order to increase your chances of selling an image, it's important to know the differences between stock, editorial, and fine art images.

And, at the same time, it's important to know that many images will sell well to more than one market.

Although “stock” images technically include all images that are NOT photographed for a specific client or use (that is, photos you haven't been commissioned to create), the term “stock” is commonly used to describe images that are in the collections of stock photography agencies.

These images are often purchased from stock photo houses by a variety of clients - from companies looking to create new ad campaigns or websites ... to state tourism departments for use in a vacation guide ... to magazines and newspapers looking to illustrate an article... to high-school students looking for images to illustrate a book report.

Because competition among agencies is stiff, stock houses often accept only images that are technically perfect and require that photographers provide the appropriate model (and where necessary) property releases.

And, because images need to be technically perfect, it's often the photographers with more expensive equipment that make the most money.

Their images can be sold in larger formats (which cost more and therefore bring in higher commissions) and higher-end cameras often do a better job at creating technically perfect images in low light and extreme lighting conditions.

Editorial images, on the other hand, are the kind you submit together with a travel article or magazine story idea.

They're used to help illustrate a story.

And, they're typically reviewed as one piece of the whole.

As a result, they don't typically need to tell a story independently.

They can be combined to tell a story and they're usually accompanied by a caption of what they depict.

Most camera types (from cellphones to SLR models) are able to produce the type and size of digital files required by magazines (8x12 TIFFs @ 300 dpi is a common request).

And, releases are not usually required.

Editorial images are in this sense easier to license, since releases are often difficult to obtain.

Of the different types of photographs I license, the best-selling for me is the editorial type.

Here are a few tips to help you increase your sales of these images:

Shoot locally:

Let's face it, everyone photographs icons, and you should, too, because they sell.

The trick is to photograph icons in unique or different ways.

Living close to a particular icon will give you an advantage most other photographers don't have.

I have an image of the Statue of Liberty, under heavy snow, which I have sold many times to magazines and tourism publications.

After a huge snowstorm, I snow-shoed to the perfect overlook and took a variety of images in unique (snowy) conditions.

“Shoot with a shotgun first, a rifle later”. Especially when starting out, your image collection will need, well, everything.

Remember that icon near your house?

Photograph it vertically, horizontally, at an angle, with people, without people, in winter, in summer, its details, you name it.

Make sure you take these pictures in nice light and that your compositions are strong.

Repeat with the next subject.

Let local publications know you exist.

Once you have enough images of area subjects, send a selection of 20 images or so to the local magazines, state tourism department, and other local publications that might have a need for tourism-related images.

Let them know that you are a local photographer with fresh images and that you would appreciate being on their photographers' mailing list.

Once you get on a handful of these lists, you will be on your way to licensing your images.

Keep Shooting: Things change.

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The picture you have of the local shopping scene with everyone wearing bell-bottoms and long hair is now an “historic” photograph (and you should keep it for later).

Keep your collection fresh by re-photographing the same or similar subjects on a regular basis.

WHERE TO MAKE GOOD MONEY

AFAR

Format: Print

Website: <http://www.afar.com>

Although AFAR does have a website, all of its content appears in its magazine, which is published six times a year.

AFAR emphasizes “real,” “authentic” travel.

Think “discover” and “understand”, rather than “escape” and “relax.”

Types of pieces published vary considerably, from short, destination or service-based lists in the front of book departments, to first person narrative features in the middle of the book.

Do not pitch Spin the Globe, Where Travel Takes Me, Curious Planet, or Good Trips, as those are handled or assigned in-house.

As with any publication, you should read the magazine to familiarize yourself with the departments and style of AFAR prior to pitching.

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Submission guidelines: Email pitches to info@afar.com

Pay: starts at \$1/word

Editor: Varies by department; consult magazine masthead for information

Contact: As above

American Way

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.americanwaymag.com/>

American Way is the in-flight magazine of American Airlines.

Unlike most other in-flight magazines, it's published quite frequently: twice a month.

Most of the print content transfers to the online platform, so there are limited opportunities to publish online.

Editors are looking for pieces from established writers and insist that queries demonstrate knowledge of the magazine and whether a topic has been covered in a previous issue.

Submission guidelines:

<http://www.americanwaymag.com/AW/ContactUs.aspx>

Pay: \$1/word

Editors: Adam Pitluk

Contact: editor@americanwaymag.com

Backpacker

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.backpacker.com/>

The purpose of this magazine is to provide both service/destination information and inspiring stories to readers who enjoy the outdoors (and backpacking in particular).

The primary geographical focus is North America.

Submission guidelines:
<http://www.backpacker.com/guidelines/>

Pay: 60 cents - \$1+/word

Editor: Varies by department; see contacts below

Contact: Features & People: Dennis Lewon,
Deputy Editor, dlewon-at-backpacker.com

Destinations: Shannon Davis, Senior Editor,
sdavis-at-backpacker.com

Skills: Kristin Bjornsen, Associate Editor,
kbjornsen-at-aimmedia.com

Gear: Kristin Hostetter, Gear Editor,
khostetter1-at-gmail.com

BETA Magazine

Format: Print

Website:

<http://matadornetwork.com/betamag/>

This print-on-demand magazine is the print platform of MatadorNetwork; however, all content in BETA is original to the print magazine.

No service pieces, just straight-up non-fiction narrative that somehow involves or considers motion, journey, and/or place.

Be sure to check the editorial calendar for each issue's themes.

The magazine is distributed quarterly.

Submission guidelines:

<http://matadornetwork.com/betamag/writers-guidelines/>

Pay: 50 cents/word

Editor: David Page

Contact: editorial@betamag.net

Bike

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.bikemag.com/>

A magazine about mountain biking with a “destinations” department.

Submission guidelines:

<http://www.bikemag.com/contact/>

Pay: Varies

Editor: Brice Minnigh

Contact: bikemag@sorc.com

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Budget Travel

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://budgettravel.com/>

Budget Travel is, obviously, a magazine targeting the budget traveler; however, pitches should not scream, well, “budget travel.”

The magazine is heavy on service and destination features, as well as lists and sidebars.

Submission guidelines: Send a copy of published work as a sample, your pitch (not a completed article) and a cover letter to Submissions, Budget Travel, 530 Seventh Ave., 2nd Fl.,

New York, NY 10018; or e-mail it to Letters@BudgetTravel.com

Pay: \$1/word

Managing Editor: Varies by department

Contact: Letters@BudgetTravel.com

Travel The World – For Free

Canoe and Kayak

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.canoekayak.com/>

A magazine about canoeing and kayaking.

Pay: Varies

Editor: Editorial team

Contact: letters@canoekayak.com

Climbing Magazine

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://climbing.com/>

This magazine about climbing is very open to working with writers with limited publication credits, but strong subject knowledge is a must.

Submission guidelines:

<http://www.climbing.com/contribute/contribute/write/>

Pay: Varies

Editor: Editorial team

Contact: contribute@climbing.com

COLORS

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.colors magazine.com/>

COLORS is definitely not a travel magazine, but it is wholly a place-based magazine.

In fact, its tagline is “the magazine about the rest of the world.”

Each issue is based around a specific theme, such as money, dance, superheroes, etc.

Recently, the magazine proposed an innovative new way of accepting submissions. See below for details.

Submission guidelines: Writers, musicians, filmmakers, photographers, and artists are invited to upload submissions consistent with upcoming themes to the COLORS website.

Editors review every submission and select what they deem the best for inclusion in the printed edition and the online edition.

Upload material here:
<http://lab.colors magazine.com/about>

Pay: Varies

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Editor: Jonah Goodman

Contact: Submit material as per submission
guidelines above

Edible

Format: Print and online

Website:

<http://www.ediblecommunities.com/content/>

Edible is a collection of food magazines that are specific to cities across the US and Canada; as of this writing, there are 60 different local Edible magazines.

The focus of every Edible magazine is on local food, so every article has a definite grounding in a particular place.

Submission guidelines: Submission guidelines vary by city, so check the website of the city you want to pitch:

<http://www.ediblecommunities.com/content/edible-publications/>

Pay: Varies

Editor: Varies by city

Contact: As above; check the site for the city you want to pitch

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Elite Traveler

Format: Print and online

Website: <http://www.elitetraveler.com/>

A magazine for, well, elite travelers.

Pitch upscale destinations/ideas.

Submission guidelines:

Email pitches/queries to editor listed below

Pay: Varies

Editor: Mike Espindle, managing editor

Contact: mike.espindle@elitetraveler.com

enRoute

Format: Print

Website: <http://enroute.aircanada.com/>

Air Canada's in-flight magazine.

Not solely about destinations, however, so read guidelines carefully.

Submission guidelines:

<http://enroute.aircanada.com/en/articles/writers-guidelines/>

Pay: Varies

Editor: Editorial team

Contact: info@enroutemag.net

The Expeditioner

Format: Online

Website: <http://www.theexpeditioner.com/>

TheExpeditioner.com is an online travel magazine based in Brooklyn, New York, featuring travel articles and video for the young and avid traveler.

Articles are often first-person narratives and the goal is to inform and inspire other future travelers.

The publication is open to writers with limited or no previous publication credits.

Submission guidelines:

<http://www.theexpeditioner.com/submissions>

Pay: Commensurate with experience

Editor: Matthew Stabile

Contact: matt.stabile@TheExpeditioner.com

Geographical

Format: Print and online

Website:

<http://www.geographical.co.uk/Home/index.html>

The magazine of the UK's Royal Geographical Society, Geographical is much like the US' National Geographic, covering stories that fit within the subject areas of "culture, wildlife, exploration and adventure."

Submission guidelines:

http://www.geographical.co.uk/Home/About_us/Contributors.html

<http://www.travelthruhistory.com/html/submissions.html>

Pay: Varies

Editor: Editorial team

Contact: proposals@geographical.co.uk

get lost!

Format: Print and online Website:
<http://www.getlostmag.com/>

Australia-based get lost! is a travel magazine that aims to inspire travelers “to explore the world and take incredible holidays that won't be found in tourist brochures and advertorial driven publications.”

Submission guidelines:

<http://www.getlostmag.com/uploads/About/guidelines/>

M5437_GL_Guidelines2010.pdf

Pay: Varies

Editor: Luke Wright

Contact: submissions@getlostmag.com

BETA Magazine(online)

<http://www.matadornetwork.com/betamag>

The flagship publication of the award-winning Matador Network, BETA is the coming together of all that's essential and real about travel - place, motion, gravity, surprise, people, culture, risk, humor, sensory overload.

Submission Guidelines:

<http://matadornetwork.com/betamag/art/>

Pay: Negotiable

Editor: David Page, Editor-in-chief

Contact: images@betamag.net

Wanderlust

<http://www.wanderlust.co.uk/>

Wanderlust is the UK's largest and most popular travel magazine and photographers have a 1 in 800 chance of getting published in this highly competitive magazine.

Adding this magazine to your byline is worth the work.

Submission Guidelines:

http://www.wanderlust.co.uk/article.php?page_id=2036

Pay: Negotiable

Editor: Graham Berridge, Art Director

Contact: info@wanderlust.co.uk

Unearthing Asia

<http://unearthingasia.com/>

Our simple mission is to unveil genuine faces of Asia, presenting quality writings and information that you can rely on.

We touch on the various ways of life unique to each country, uncovering interesting facts unknown to many, and open doors to fascinating sights.

Submission Guidelines:

<http://unearthingasia.com/contributors-and-friends/>

Pay: \$5-30 per photo

Editor: Nikolas Tjhin

Contact: nik@unearthingasia.com

SUN Magazine

<http://www.thesunmagazine.org>

"The Sun is an independent, ad-free monthly magazine that for more than thirty years has used words and photographs to invoke the splendor and heartache of being human."

This is one of a few magazines which pays top dollar for photographs without sending photographers on assignments.

Submission Guidelines:

http://www.thesunmagazine.org/about/submission_guidelines/photography

Pay: \$100-\$300 in magazine, \$500 for cover photo, \$500-\$1000 for photo essays

Editor: Robert Graham, Art Director

Contact: 107 N. Roberson St., Chapel Hill, NC 27516

National Geographic Adventure

<http://adventure.nationalgeographic.com/>

If you're into high adventure, this National Geographic outlet is for you.

"Adventure covers the world of adventure, from exciting travel destinations and outdoor pursuits to accounts of cutting-edge expeditions and profiles of modern-day explorers. Adventure's primary focus is to enable its readers to travel to, experience, and understand the natural world for themselves."

Submission Guidelines:

<http://adventure.nationalgeographic.com/2009/01/about/photographers-text>

Pay: Negotiable

Editor: Sabine Meyer and Caroline Hirsch

Contact: 104 West 40th Street, 19th Floor,
New York, NY 10018.

Outside

<http://outside.away.com>

"Outside is a monthly national magazine dedicated to covering the people, sports and activities, politics, art, literature, and hardware of the outdoors."

They are open to contributing photographers but your work must be innovative and must "creatively reflect the essence of the magazine."

Submission Guidelines:

<http://outside.away.com/system/guidelines.html>

Pay: Negotiable

Editor: Assistant Photo Editor

Contact: Outside magazine, 400 Market St.,
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501

JPG Magazine

<http://www.jpgmag.com>

The JPG magazine community is a vibrant network of amateur photographers.

Photographs are posted under various "themes" and photographers can also share photo essays online.

Each magazine print edition then compiles and publishes a selection of the best submitted photography.

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.jpgmag.com/about/photos>

Pay: \$100 upon publication

Editor: <http://www.jpgmag.com/about>

Contact: <http://www.jpgmag.com/>

Outdoor Photographer

<http://www.outdoorphotographer.com>

If you love sweeping landscape travel photography, then Outdoor Photographer is your outlet.

Published 11 times per year, this magazine is geared towards "enthusiasts with a special passion for nature, travel and outdoor sports."

It offers a fresh approach by encouraging photography "as part of a lifestyle associated with outdoor recreation."

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/submissions.html>

Pay: Negotiable

Editor:
editor@outdoorphotographer.com (Editorial questions only)

Contact:
<http://www.outdoorphotographer.com/>

Travel & Leisure

<http://www.travelandleisure.com>

One of the top travel glossy magazines on the market.

T+L is published monthly and reaches close to 1,000,000 subscribers and buyers.

Keep in mind, Travel & Leisure accepts photography portfolios in book form exclusively.

Its website states "no transparencies, loose prints, nor scans on cd, disk or email."

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/contact/>

Pay: Negotiable

Editor: Meghan Lamb

Contact: Travel + Leisure Magazine, Photo Department, 1120 Avenue of the Americas, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10036

Amateur Photographer

This UK-based magazine caters to amateurs, semi-professional photographers, and hobbyists.

The magazine also runs an annual Amateur Photographer of the Year contest and a slew of other competitions.

<http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk/competitions/>

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk/>

Pay: £50/gallery submission, £50/page

Editor:

amateurphotographer@ipcmedia.com

Contact: Amateur Photographer, Blue Fin Building, 110 Southwark Street, London SE1 0SU

World Hum

<http://www.worldhum.com>

Known more for publishing powerful narrative travel writing and other travel-related prose, World Hum also publishes photo essays. Its audio and photo slideshows explore travel through the use of photographs, sound bites, and narration.

Budding photographers can break into this online publication by submitting photo essays that not only evoke a sense of place, but show how travel transforms and changes the world around us.

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.worldhum.com/info/submissions/>

Pay: \$100 and higher

Editors: Jim Benning, Mike Yessis, and Eva Holland

Contact: dispatches@worldhum.com

Matador Trips

<http://www.matadortrips.com>

Part of the Matador Network, Matador Trips was created to take travelers "straight to the honey holes, off the tourist trail and beyond the pages of the guidebook."

With stunning photo essays such as Papua New Guinea, Boi Bumbá – The Beat of the Amazon and The Most Alien Landscapes on Earth, Matador Trips is always on the lookout for fresh destination and offbeat essays.

<http://matadortrips.com/category/photo-essay>.

Submission Guidelines:
<http://matadornetwork.com/contributors/>

Pay: \$25

Editors: Hal Amen and Carlo Alcos

Contact:
hal@matadornetwork.com,
carlo@matadornetwork.com

Transitions Abroad

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com>

Though Transitions Abroad is geared towards 'non-touring' travelers and is a comprehensive resource for people looking to study, work, or live abroad, it is always on the lookout for fresh new travel photography to grace the covers of its Webzines -

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/tazine/index.shtml>.

Transitions Abroad prefers portrait photography and "subjects of photos should be seen in the context of their normal lives, not as interesting curiosities for tourists."

Submission Guidelines:

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com/information/writers/photo.shtml>

Pay: Negotiable

Editors: Gregory Hubbs

Contact:
webeditorial@transitionsabroad.com

inTravel Magazine

<http://www.intravelmag.com/>

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RECOMMENDED TOP HOTELS

These are some of my favorite hotels – and will usually welcome you, freely.

Geejam, Port Antonio, Jamaica

geejamhotel.com

Originally founded by music producer Jon Baker as a recording hideaway, seven-room hotel Geejam combines ultra-modern technology and the laid-back Jamaican vibe; the signature suite incorporates a state-of-the-art recording studio which has played host to the likes of Gwen Stefani, Gorillaz and U2.

Located on six acres of the verdant San San Estate, the property extends from the foothills of the mountains to the Caribbean beachfront. Guests can chill out in the treetop Bushbar or stroll to Geejam's private beach where they can snorkel, swim, kayak and take in some of the most natural reefs on the island.

The Caves, Negril, Jamaica

islandoutpost.com

A luxurious hideaway located close to Negril's stunning seven-mile beachfront and endless azure waters is The Caves, a boutique adults only all-inclusive property belonging Chris Blackwell's Island Outpost collection.

An oceanfront sanctuary set atop the limestone cliffs of Negril, The Caves features 12 exclusive Cliffside accommodations, private cave dining, a cave rum & cigar bar and serene sea view Aveda Amenity Spa.

Water rafts, kayaks and snorkelling equipment is available and guided snorkelling tours allow further exploration of the numerous caves and grottos.

Strawberry Hill, Blue Mountains, Jamaica

islandoutpost.com

Nestled in the Blue Mountains 3,100 feet above sea level boasting sweeping views of the majestic mountains and Caribbean Sea, lies the blissful Jamaican mountain top retreat Strawberry Hill. Set in 50 acres, the newly refurbished boutique resort comprises 12 Georgian-style plantation cottages.

Part of the Island Outpost collection, it has been a favourite Jamaican spot frequented by many musicians, royalty, and A-listers over the years.

The restaurant at Strawberry Hill serves up Jamaican culinary favourites using local and organic produce sourced from the property's own gardens and Blackwell's personal farm, Pantrepant.

Guests can enhance their stay with nature walks, visits of the nearby coffee plantations, go on bird watching trails or enjoy the hotel's Aveda Concept Spa.

Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort, Antigua

jumbybayresort.com

Jumby Bay is a private island retreat just two miles off the coast of Antigua; a world-class all-inclusive luxury resort with just 40 guestrooms and suites as well as Villas and Estate Homes available for holiday rental.

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Jumby Bay has been noted as one of the best resorts in the Caribbean and caters wonderfully for all ages.

Rosewood Little Dix Bay, BVI

littledixbay.com

Located on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands, Little Dix Bay is a true haven ideally located for stunning vistas of the region's natural beauty.

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bespokehotels.com/mounthartmanbay

Luxurious Caribbean boutique retreat Mount Hartman Bay Estate is an exclusive eight suite Grenadian hideaway set on its own peninsular with a private beach and hidden in verdant grounds.

The boutique hotel's award-winning unique design looks rather 'Tracy Island' and incorporates a restaurant and all-day bar, infinity pool, Jacuzzi spa, a gym complete with personal trainer on request, and fully stocked library.

The hotel also has its own sea-scooter and superboat for off-shore exploration.

Wining and Dining is a highlight at Mount Hartman Bay Estate with the best cuisine on the island created by Chef Roger, who utilises all the freshest local ingredients to create culinary delights for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks in-between.

The Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate,
Tregorrick, South Cornwall

www.thecornwall.com

The Cornwall Hotel Spa & Estate is set in 43 acres of Victorian woodland and parkland yet is just 2 miles from the golden-sanded Porthpean beach, a short drive from the Eden Project and Lost Garden of Heligan, and the picturesque traditional fishing villages of Mevagissey and Charlestown.

The hotel incorporates a beautifully restored 19th Century manor house, two fantastic restaurants, an award-winning spa, plus 22 two - and three - bedroom self-catered luxury Woodland Homes which enjoy access to all of the hotel amenities.

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The Park Hyatt Ningbo Resort and Spa in the eastern coastal city of Ningbo, China has opened.

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Located on the banks of Dong Qian Lake, one of the most scenic areas in the region, the Park Hyatt Ningbo Resort and Spa is surrounded by tea plantations, ancient Buddhist temples, caves and stone carvings, and working fishing villages— a landscape that is reminiscent of a classical Chinese painting.

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Generator Hostels

European hostel chain, Generator Hostels, has a hostel in Hamburg, Germany - the 6th in its portfolio.

The company has invested 30 million euro in the renovation of the building providing free Wi-Fi in all communal areas, a coffee shop and outdoor terrace and bar.

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Andaz 5th Avenue, New York

Andaz 5th Avenue has added artist Claudia Gold, known as Claw Money, to its art initiative.

The hotel now has four artists; Claw Money, John Hung Ha, Mister Cartoon, and M.Dreeland, and each has painted their “View of New York – Today” on the doors leading to the bar downstairs, located on the Fifth Avenue.

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International press trips to Birmingham, UK

The city of Birmingham is looking to work with to generate awareness of the city as a UK weekend break.

Birmingham has been named as one of the top 20 places to visit in 2012 by the New York Times.

Alliance members who write for an international outlet in Europe or the USA and would like to be considered for a media visit.

Those visiting the city will enjoy Birmingham for a weekend of fine dining, arts, performance and relaxation stay at Staying Cool, the city's 5* apartments in the Rotunda, an iconic building with panoramic views, enjoy the newly opened rooftop champagne bar at the Cube, visit the Jewellery Quarter, which produces more jewellery than anywhere else in Britain, dine at some of the city's top Michelin-starred restaurants, the city with more Michelin stars than any other English regional city, and take a short trip away from historic centres of Stratford upon Avon, Kenilworth and Warwick

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The hotel was opened in December 2011 following a multi-million pound investment by the North-East based Cairn Hotel Group.

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Moevenpick Hotel, Gammarth, Tunis

Moevenpick Hotel Gammarth Tunis a boutique Luxury 5 star hotel and is the unique and modern location.

Located in a exclusive residential area this hotel overlooks the beautiful bays of the Mediterranean and the hills of Sidi Bou Said, the hotel can be easily reached by car from the Airport.

It is only a few minutes away from La Marsa and Carthage, has two restaurants overlooking the sea and a Moroccan restaurant that offers an oriental atmosphere.

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New for 2012 are Oxford's Olympic History and the Plaques of Oxford tours.

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Rabbie's Small Group Tours

Following almost 20 years of success in Scotland, independent small-group tour operator, Rabbie's Small Group Tours, has turned its sights to London by launching its first range of tours departing from the Capital in May 2012.

Rabbie's offers London's visitors the opportunity to explore some of the country's most iconic and spectacular scenery with two to five day tours including Oxford, Snowdonia, Dartmoor, Bath, the Cotswolds, Devon and Cornwall.

Travelling in Mercedes mini-coaches with a maximum of just 16 passengers, the new tours will take guests off the beaten track to experience the real England, its people, history, legends and culture.

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Alacati, Turkey

The historical town of Alacati on Turkey's Aegean coast with its old Ottoman houses and cobbled streets lined with pavements cafes, and virtually unknown by foreign holidaymakers, is now included in Green Island Holidays' portfolio.

Many of the town's old Ottoman houses have been converted into boutique hotels including the newly opened Beyevi and the Morro, built recently in a style sympathetic to its historical setting in the centre of town.

Others include the converted pasha's palace Nars Ilica; Alacati's first ever boutique hotel, Tas; the larger Solto Alacati and Cadde 75, a modern hotel.

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The Chamorro Cultural Theme Park, Guam

Guam is the largest of the Mariana Islands located in the western Pacific Ocean.

Guam's first Chamorro cultural theme park recreates Chamorro life 500 years ago.

Chamorros are Guam's first inhabitants. Lina'la' Park rests on an actual Chamorro village, dating over 1,000 years ago.

Latte stones, pottery, and other artifacts reveal that villagers lived there until the beginning of the Spanish era in the 17th century.

The park features a visitor center displaying cultural artifacts and a brief film about the Chamorro creation belief.

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Meliá Hotels in Mallorca

Meliá Hotels International's comprehensive regeneration project in Magalluf, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Mallorca, will open in June 2012.

The Calvià Beach Resort by Sol Hotels will encompass the Sol Antillas, Sol Barbados, the Royal Beach and Mallorca Beach.

The project will also see the regeneration of the beachfront area.

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The Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh,
UK

The Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh has won Silver in the Small Hotel of the Year category at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

The Manor House Hotel is located in Moreton-in-Marsh, the largest town in the North Cotswolds.

A gateway to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Moreton provides a great base from which to explore Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, the picturesque local towns of Chipping Campden and Stow-on-the-Wold, as well as surrounding villages.

The four-star Manor House Hotel is housed in an historic 16th century building and has just 35 rooms.

Highlights include The Mulberry Restaurant with its two AA Rosettes, The Beagle Bar & Brasserie and the sheltered gardens, where Apple Cottage, a luxurious suite with its own sitting room is located.

The Manor House is run by Cotswold Inns & Hotels, which is an independent collection of properties housed in historic buildings that have been refurbished with contemporary touches.

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