12 Must-See Destinations & Travel Hacks for 2018



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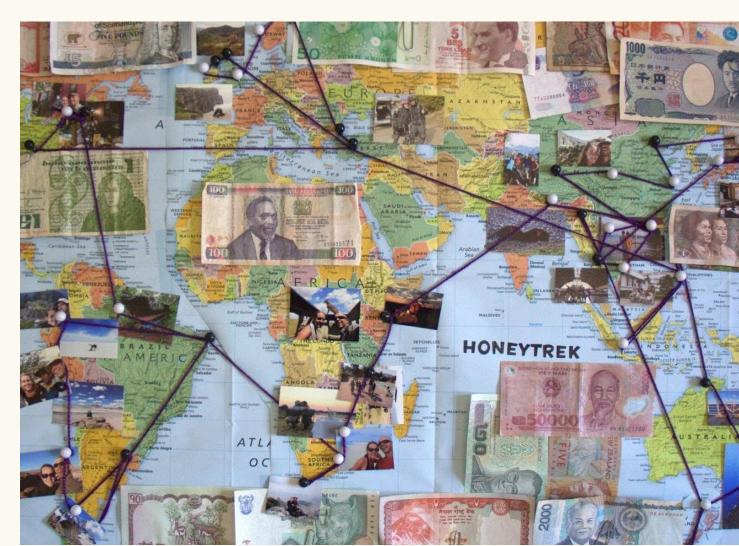
- Who traveled outside North America in 2017?
- Who used frequent flyer miles for a free plane ticket last year?
- Who's ever tried housesitting for free lodging?
- Who has trouble sleeping on a flight?
- Who's heard of Samburu?
- Who would like to travel more in 2018?



Why We Travel the World

- Realized life is Short
- Our Journey Across 7
 continents, 53 countries, and

 500+ regions
- Why and how are we still going?





2018 Travel Trends

- Tracing your roots
- Solo Travel
- Embracing Winter
- Middle East
- Local Immersion
- Glamping
- Sharing Economy



12 Destinations for 2018: HOW WE PICKED



January: ANTARCTICA



Antarctic Highlights

- Kayaking Sea Safari
- Educational Lectures
- Zodiac Cruising to Penguin
 Colonies
- Whalers Bay & Deception
 Island



Antarctica: Making it Happen

- Fly to Ushuaia or Punta Arenas
 + 10-21 day boat trip.
- Find deals by signing up for expedition ship newsletters or get last-minute offers in Ushuaia, AR
- Timing: Nov-March
- Read our Antarctica blogs:
 <u>www.HoneyTrek.com/Antarctica</u>





Tasman, NZ Highlights

- Abel Tasman National
 Park & a Great Walk of
 New Zealand
- The Great Taste Biking
 Trail through artsy
 towns, vineyards, and
 national park
- Farewell Spit Dunes



Tasman, NZ: Making it Happen

- Base camp in Nelson
- Book Adventures with Wilsons Abel Tasman
- RV road trip around the South Island
- Timing: Jan-April or Sept-Nov
- Read our Tasman blog:
 www.HoneyTrek.com/Tasman



Quick Tip: Airline Mini Bag

- · toothbrush/paste, advil
- pen & business card
- · granola bar
- · earphones & charged ipod
- chapstick
- charged cell battery booster
- favorite after-dinner drink
- · rubber band, napkin
- Emergen-C
- ZZZband (<u>get one here</u>)





Niagara Falls: Highlights

- Helicopter over the falls
- Snowshoe with Thirty
 Bench Wine Makers or at
 Schulze Vineyards
- Dine, tour, and take classes the Culinary Institute of America



Niagara Falls: Making it Happen

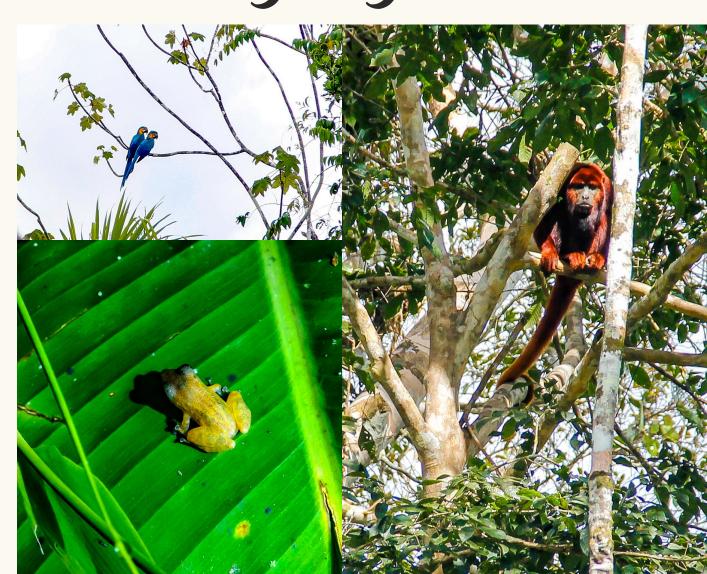
- Don't stay along the falls. Try hotels in Lewiston, NY or Niagara on the Lake
- Go in the first warm spell after frigid cold
- Timing: Jan-March
- Read our Niagara blog: <u>www.HoneyTrek.com/Niagara</u>





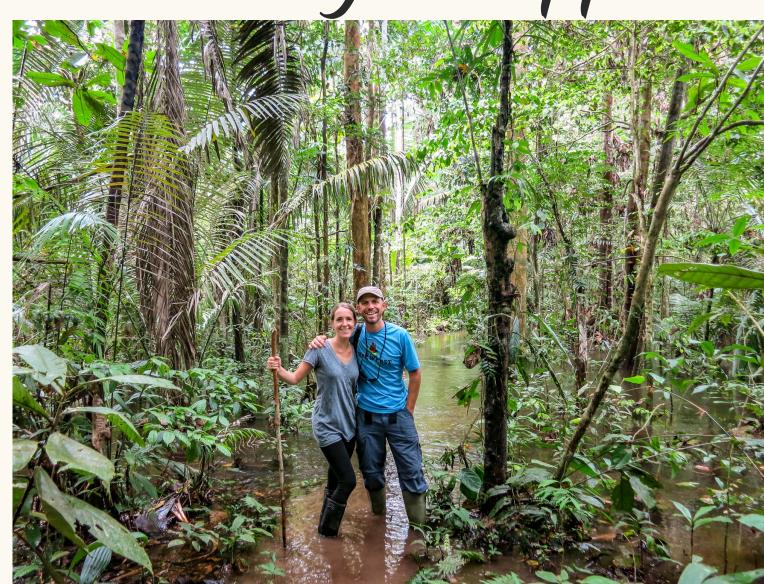
Yasuni, Ecuador: Highlights

- Pañacocha Biological
 Corridor
- Bird-Watch the Parrot Clay Licks
- Kichwa Village Visit

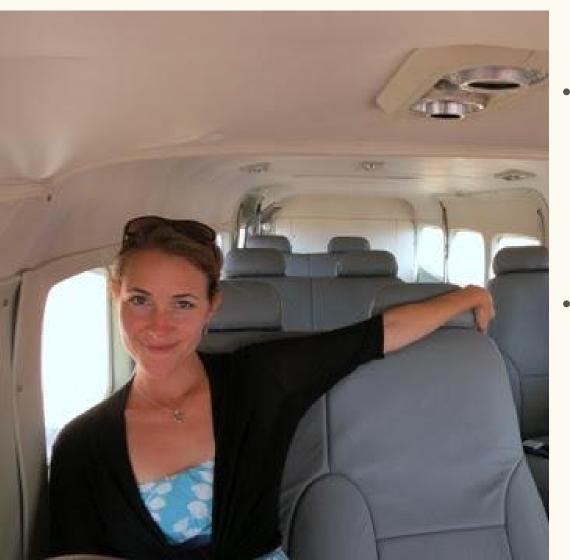


Yasuni, Ecuador: Making it Happen

- Fly into Quito; stay 2-3 days
- Book a good outfitter, like
 Manatee Amazon Explorer.
- Extend trip to Volcano
 Avenue or Galapagos
- Pack layers & rain gear
- Timing: Year-round
- Read our Yasuni blog: www.HoneyTrek.com/Yasuni



Quick Tip: Stretch Out



 Find the best seat with <u>SeatGuru.com</u> & SeatPlans.com

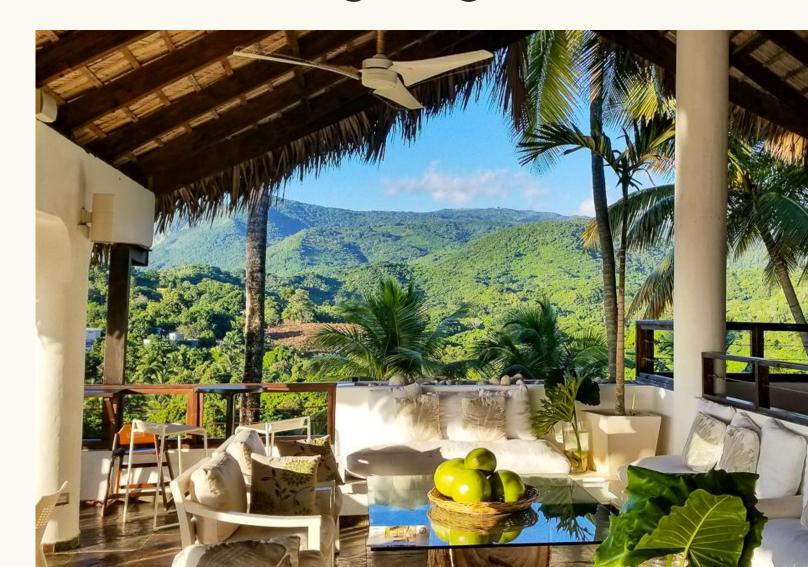
 If traveling as a couple, book aisle and window seat and you'll likely score the middle too.





Southwest, DR: Highlights

- Wildlife watch Laguna de Oviedo & Mosquea turtle nesting beach
- Bahia de las Aguilas &
 Cabo Rojo
- Sierra de Bahoruco



Southwest, DR: Making it Happen

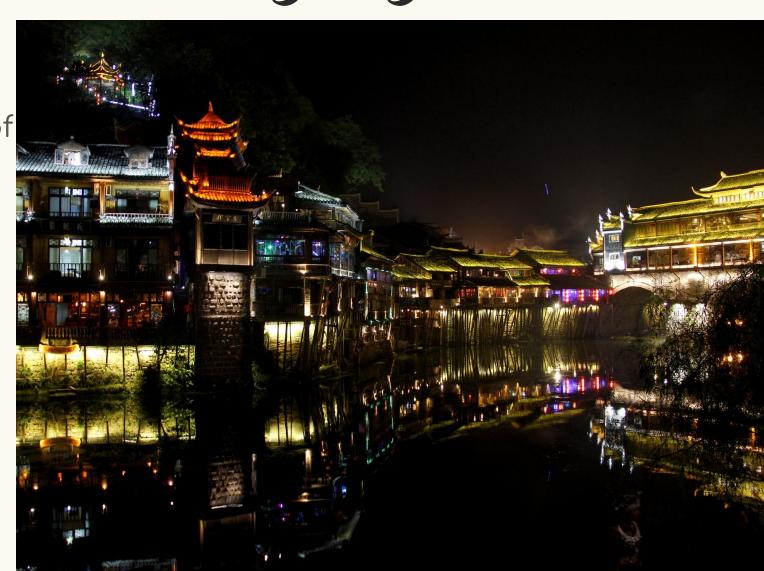
- Fly into Santo Domingo, enjoy for 2-3 days
- Stay at Casa Bonita Tropical Lodge and Eco del Mar beach glamping
- Extend Your Trip to Samaná region
- Timing: Feb-May, & Nov
- Read our feature on Travelocity.com





Hunan, China: Highlights

- Spires & Natural Bridges of Wulingyuan Scenic Area
- Tianmen Mountain's
 Gateway to Heaven
- Fenghuang by Night

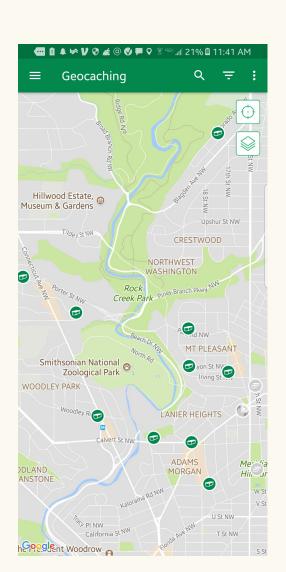


Hunan, China: Making it Happen

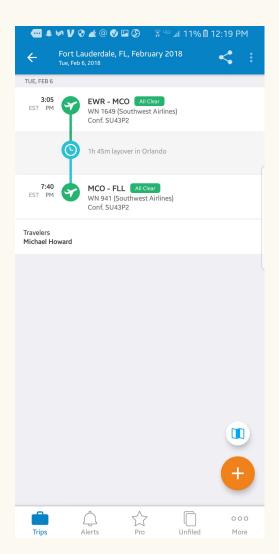
- Fly into Hong Kong: best flight hub & visa office
- Be prepared for a language barrier or get a guide
- Timing: May-June or September-October
- Read our Hunan blogs here:
 <u>Fenghuang</u> & <u>Wulingyuan</u>

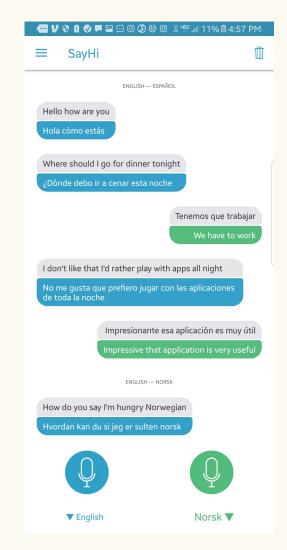


Quick Tip: Best Apps



- SayHi
- Maps.me
- Geocaching
- XE
- Skype
- Triplt
- Rome2Rio
- Happy Cow







Flores, Indonesia: Highlights

- Komodo National Park:
 Scuba Dive + Trek with
 Dragons
- Immerse Yourself in
 Bajawa's Ngada Villages
- Kelimutu Volcano's
 Crater-Changing Lakes



Flores, Indonesia: Making it Happen

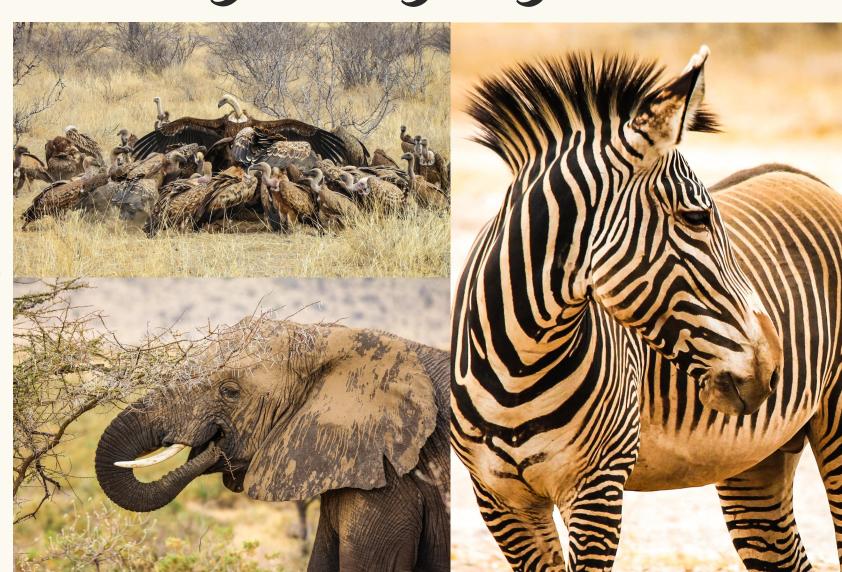
- Fly into Labuan Bajo
- Bus + Motorbike from
 Labuan Bajo >Bajawa>Moni
- Expect basic infrastructure.
 See everything as an adventure!
- Timing: April-July
- Read our Flores blogs here:
 Flores & Komodo Diving





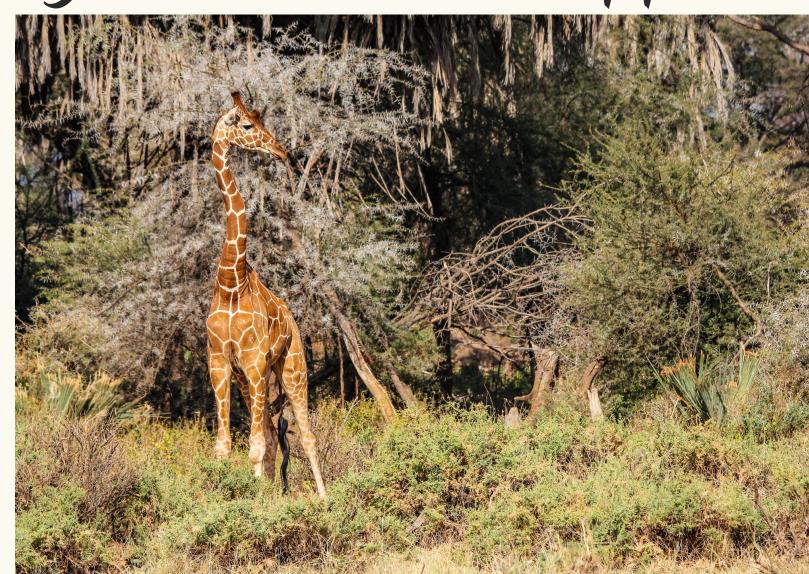
Samburu, Kenya: Highlights

- Game drive
 Samburu, Shaba,
 and Buffalo Springs
- Spot Samburu's Big 5
- Magado Crater
- Sera CommunityRhino Conservancy



Samburu, Kenya: Makin' It Happen

- Fly into Nairobi. Af ive hour drive north.
- Explore Meru & Mt. Kenya on the way
- Stay: Elephant Bedroom
 Camp or Saruni Samburu
- Tlming: June-Oct.
- Read our Samburu blog: <u>www.HoneyTrek.com/Samburu</u>



Quick Tip: Carry On

- 2018 is the year of the Carry On
 - Avoid Fees
 - Save time before and after flights
 - Never lose your luggage
 - Always have your items in transit
 - Easier on your back
 - Packing up between hotels





Georgia: Highlights

- Tbilisi & Abanotubani
 Bathhouses
- Ushguli: UNESCO Mountain
 Towns
- Adjara: Old to New World
 Wine



Georgia: Making it Happen

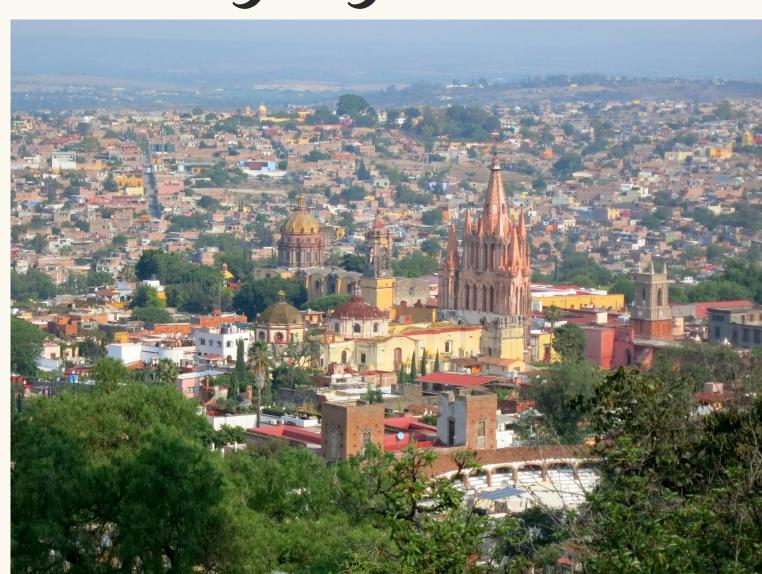
- Fly into Tblisi
- Road Trip to the Black
 Sea
- Mix luxury & local for best of Georgian hospitality
- Timing: July-Sept.





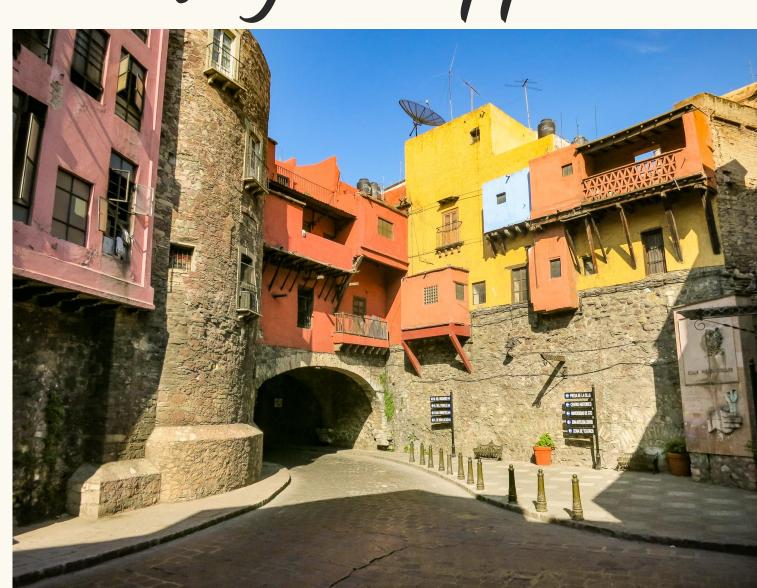
Guanajuato: Highlights

- La Valenciana Mines
- Diego Rivera's House
- Cervantino Festival
- Juarez Theater
 - Performance
- Mexico Street Food Tours



Guanajuato: Making it Happen

- Fly into Mexico City & stay
- Day trips to San Miguel de Allende & Teotihuacan ruins
- Support Mexico when down
- Timing: Year-round.
 October for festival
- No Guanajuato blog...yet...
 All the goodies in the book
 www.HoneyTrek.com/UJFT



Quick Tip: SteriPEN

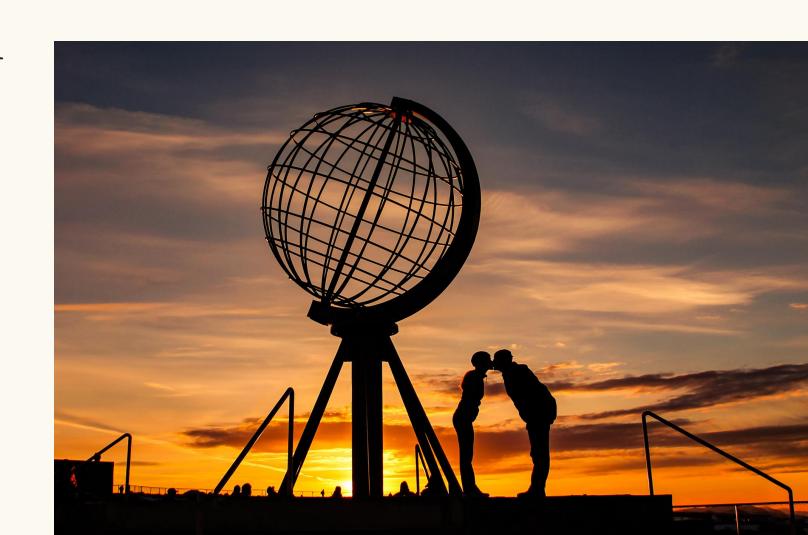
- 8+ million people travel EVERY day
 - o millions of plastic bottles get consumed
- What to do to alleviate plastic waste?
 - Bring a Nalgene on your flight
 - Use water fountains & purify abroad
 - Get a SteriPEN (\$55.99 Amazon Prime)
 HoneyTrek stats:
 - 2,140 days without a plastic bottle
 - 2 people x 2 bottles/day = 8,560 bottles saved from landfills





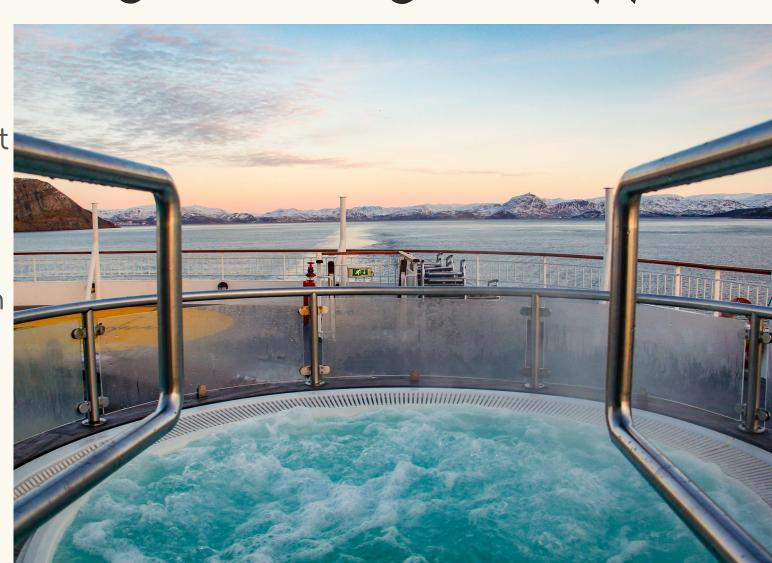
Arctic Circle, Norway: Highlights

- Tromsø City Walking Tour
- Zodiac the Lofoten
 Archipelago
- Lyngsfjord Adventures:
 Dogsledding, reindeer, +
 Sami Culture



Arctic Circle, Norway: Making it Happen

- Check Norwegian Air deals
- Take Hurtigruten Cruise out of Bergen or Tromsø
- Get aurora forecast on Northern-Lights.com
- Timing: November or March for auroras + daylight
- Read our blog about the Arctic Circle, Norway





Jordan: Highlights

- Jordan Trail. Hike Dana to
 Petra or farther
- Petra UNESCO Site
- Staying in bedouin camp in
 Wadi Rum
- Snorkel Red Sea



Jordan: Making it Happen

- Get Jordan Pass for visa and park discounts
- Take community-based tours of Petra/Wadi Musa with Piece of Jordan
- Research Your Bedouin
 Camps
- Timing: September- December or March-May
- Read our blog on Jordan:
- Read our <u>our Petra blog</u>



The Good in the World

• If you sometimes doubt the kindness of strangers and the good in the world, watch this video from our time hitchhiking with a group of Jordanian women in Wadi Rum.



Facing Travel Fears



- Not speaking the language
- Sick from food and water
- Personal safety, accidents
- Obligations at home (pet care, work, family)
- Cost of travel



Travel Safety



- Picking the right places. Check Travel.State.gov
- Taking Precautions
 - Street Smarts
 - Get Travel Insurance (<u>Allianz</u>
 for short -term and
 multi-trip. <u>World Nomads</u> for
 long-term travel)
- Travel with open heart & mind



Make Travel Less Expensive



- Use credit cards and mileage offerings to your advantage
 - Be creative with <u>lodging</u>
 Lodging
- Follow the deals
- Make travel a priority in your savings strategy



Set Up Your Finances for Success





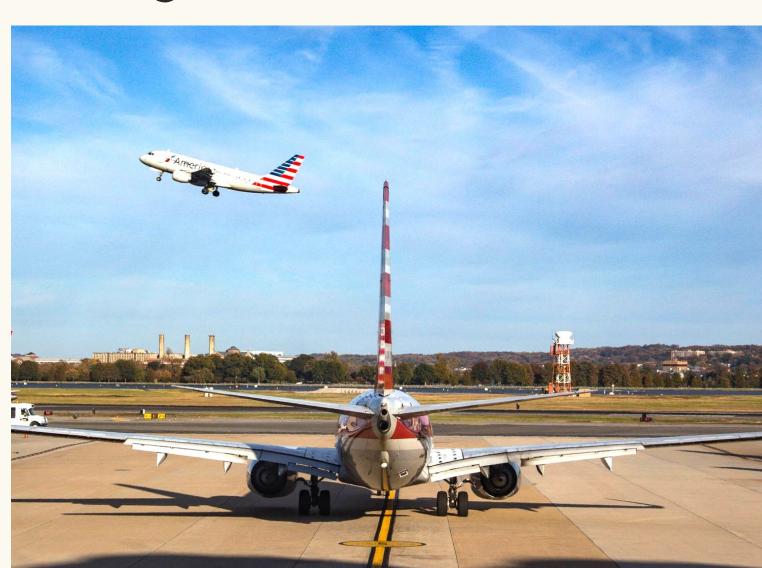
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- Set Up a "Travel Fund"
- Always be ready to travel
- Choose the right Credit & Debit cards
- Favorite cards, credit tips and mileage tricks: <u>HoneyTrek.com/FrequentFlye</u> <u>rTips</u>



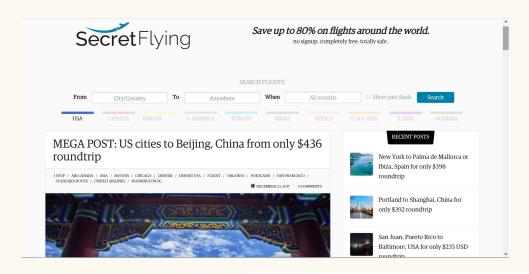
Frequent Flyer Miles

- Mileage Misconceptions
- Mythbusters
- Benefits of Mileage
- No Free Lunch & Pitfalls
- Ways to Earn
- Diversify
- Southwest Companion
- Prevent Mile Expiration



Cheap Flight Sites

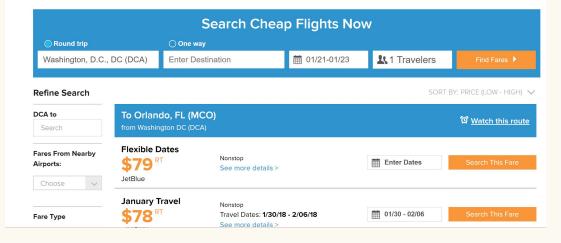
- Secret Flying
- Skiplagged
- TheFlightDeal.com
- Google Flights



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Today's Flight Deals from Washington DC (DCA)

Watch this city: get alerts when prices drop from Washington DC (DCA)



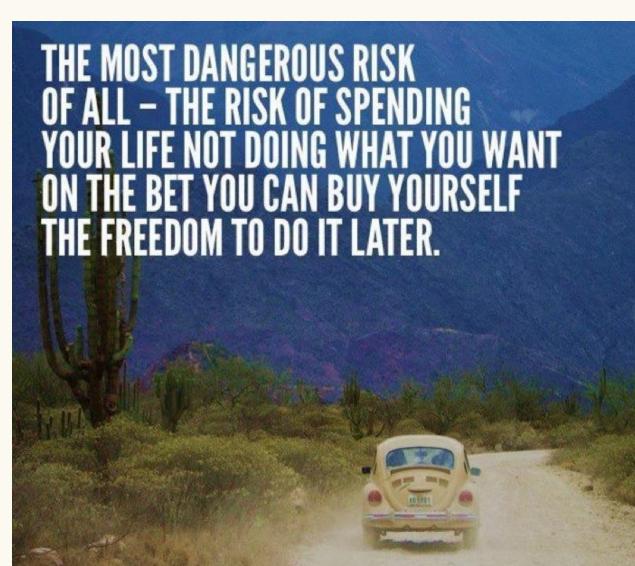
Local Lodging & Immersion

- WorkAway, cool
 opportunities to
 work for room and
 board
- AirBnB. Book a
 private room in a
 shared house
- Housesitting.
 Explore the world &
 get petsitters



Planning for a Life of Travel

- The world is big & life is short
- Prioritize your bucket list & re-order it by level of difficulty
- Start a travel fund (5%/month)
- Rack up your frequent flyer miles
- Affirm your plans by publicly telling your friends & family
- Travel is an investment in yourself. Don't skimp.



QUESTIONS?

Thanks for joining us. If you have questions, just reach out!!

Happy travels,

Mike & Anne Howard

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