

Misadventures in the Middle East

Henry Hemming

A young British artist spends a year traveling throughout the Middle East, from the drug-fuelled ski slopes of Iran via secret beaches, palaces, police cells, nightclubs, torture chambers, brothels and studios. Young people reveal an unpredictable Middle East to him that challenges the nightly news. And as the invasion of Iraq intensifies, Hemming must go up to Baghdad--but the trip could cost him his life.

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A year in the world: journeys of a passionate traveller

Frances Mayes

Mayes travels to Spain, Portugal, France, Britain, Turkey, Greece, Italy and North Africa. She cooks in Portugal, gathers ideas in the gardens of England and Scotland and explores the Moroccan city of Fez. In Turkey she sails the coast, hiking to archaeological sites and snorkelling over sunken Byzantine towns.

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Rainbow diary: a journey in the new South Africa

John Malathronas

From the stillness of the Karoo savanna to the warmth of the Indian Ocean, and from the exclusive white neighbourhoods of Pretoria to the destitution of the black townships in Cape Town, Malathronas chronicles a journey in one of the world's most beautiful countries. Whether dancing the night away in a club, mountain-biking on the backpacker's bus or watching animals on a safari, he is full of sharp observations, be they social, historical, political or botanical.

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Lois on the loose

Lois Pryce

Lois packed in her BBC career to ride her motorcycle on her own from the northernmost tip of Alaska to the southernmost tip of South America. Alone. Lois was rather under-prepared for multiple bear sightings, bribing her way through borders, spending a night in a Mexican brothel and crashing her bike in the wilds of Patagonia. Her hilarious travelog will appeal to anyone who's ever dreamt of running away to see the world.

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Mad, bad & dangerous to know

Ranulph Fiennes

Ranulph Fiennes has traveled to the most dangerous and inaccessible places on earth. In the process he nearly died on several occasions, lost nearly half his fingers to frostbite, and raised millions of pounds for charity. He discovered the lost city of Ubar in Oman and attempted to walk solo and unsupported to the South Pole. He was the first man to reach both poles by surface travel and the first to cross the Antarctic Continent unsupported. An elite soldier, an athlete, a mountaineer, and a renowned explorer, Fiennes describes here in his own words his incredible journey through life.

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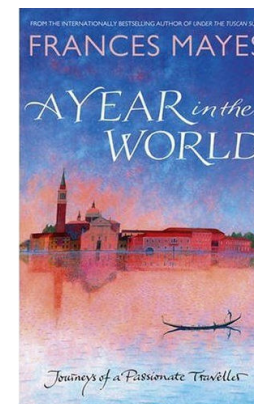
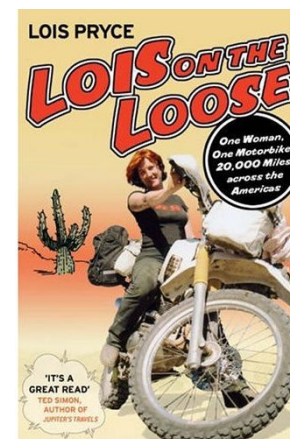
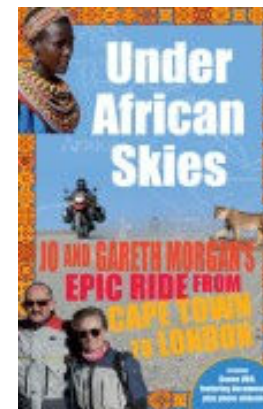
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Travel Biographies



Ghost train to the Eastern Star: on the tracks of the great railway bazaar

Paul Theroux

Thirty years after the epic journey chronicled in his classic work *The Great Railway Bazaar*, the world's most acclaimed travel writer re-creates his 25,000-mile journey through eastern Europe, central Asia, the Indian subcontinent, China, Japan, and Siberia.

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Under African skies: Jo and Gareth Morgan's epic ride from Cape Town to London

Jo & Gareth Morgan

The intrepid bikers' latest exciting adventure takes them through Africa, in an epic ride from the south to the north - Capetown to Paris. A highlight of the journey is visiting the villages fortunate enough to have had water pumps installed, courtesy of the Morgans's charitable donations.

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New Europe

Michael Palin

Cut off for most of his life by Cold Wars and Iron Curtains, Europe's eastern lands are now open for business - and Michael sets off to discover them. Throwing himself into local life with his usual reckless curiosity, he samples pig fat with a brandy chaser, meets Romanian lumberjacks, drives the 8.58 stopping train from Poznan to Wolsztyn, learns about mine-clearing in Bosnia, treads the catwalk at a Budapest fashion show and watches Turkish gents wrestling in olive oil. It's New Europe, but vintage Palin.

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Lost on planet China

J. Maarten Troost

A sharply observed, hilarious account of the author's adventures in China—a complex, fascinating country with enough dangers and delicacies to keep him, and readers, endlessly entertained.

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Stephen Fry in America

Stephen Fry

Fry zig-zags across the US in his London taxicab, talking to its hospitable citizens, listening to its music, visiting its landmarks, viewing small-town life and America's breath-taking landscapes - following wherever his curiosity leads him. He meets a collection of remarkable individuals - American icons and unsung local heroes alike.

On order—please reserve

Narrow dog to Indian River

Terry Darlington

Two British pensioners (and their whippet, Jim) cast off in their narrowboat down the Intracoastal Waterway of the USA - from Virginia to the Gulf of Mexico. Beautifully written, lovingly observed and very funny.

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Four corners: one woman's solo journey into the heart of Papua New Guinea

Kira Salak

Following the route taken by British explorer Ivan Champion in 1927, and amid breathtaking landscapes and wildlife, Salak traveled across this remote Pacific island by dugout canoe and on foot.

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Under the Osakan sun

Hamish Beaton

Arriving to teach English in Japan, Hamish is swept up into a mystifying world. As he tries to make sense of it, he encounters an astonishing cast of characters - young women with clothing fetishes, middle-aged housewives who cook him meals in exchange for English conversation, a bizarre elderly couple who take him on a nerve-racking expedition, fellow teachers with eccentric habits, and - of course - his student, whom he must somehow instruct, despite a total lack of teaching experience.

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A baby in a backpack to Bhutan: an Australian family in the land of the thunder dragon

Bunty Avieson

When novelist and former editor Bunty Avieson's husband found his work led him to India and the remote Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, Bunty decided to take her young baby and travel with him. This resulting travel narrative outlines the joys and horrors of travelling in the developing world with a small child.

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Honeymoon with my brother

Franz Wisner

A columnist and political spokesperson recounts how after being jilted by his fiance, he strengthened his relationship with his brother, Kurt, by sharing a fifty-three-country, two-year vacation that was to have been his honeymoon.

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