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Travel Writing: All You Need To Know

By Ryan Bombard

Travel literature is a coherent narrative of people, events, sights, feelings, adventure and

exploration by an author touring a foreign locale. Travel writings related to essay, guidebook, travelogue or itinerary have overlapping boundaries, so are grouped together as travel literature. This article focuses on travel literature that is more of interest to a tourist.

History of Travel Writing Petrarch ascended Mount Ventoux in 1336 and wrote about this pleasant travel to see the top of the mountain. He made an allegorical comparison between climbing the mountain and his own moral progress in life. After him many travelers noted their travel impressions. In 1589 Richard Hakluyt published his travel voyages, which remain the foundational text of the travel literature. Robert Louis Stevenson is pioneer of tourism literature.

Types of Travelogues Some great travel specialists, travel worldwide and make their living by writing about it. Paul Theroux, Jan Morris (travel historian), Eric Newby and William LH Moon are a few of them. Some author's travel writing intersects essay writing e.g. V.S. Naipaul's "India, A wounded civilization and Rebecca West's 'Black lamb and grey falcon.' Travel and nature writing tends to merge in many works. Gerald Durrell and Ivan Sanderson are such naturalist authors. Charles Darwin's famous account of journey on HMS Beagle intersects science, natural history and travel.

Literary travel writings based on authors' experiences are also very popular. Some authors are Samuel Johnson, Charles Dickens, Robert L Stevenson, D.H.Lawrence, John Steinbeck and Evelyn Waugh.

Homer's Odyssey, allegorical journeys of Dante's Divine Comedy, Voltaire's Candide or Jonathan Swifts Gulliver's Travels are the fictional travelogues of the mythical journeys.

Unpublished literary writings are available as online travel journals or travelogues written on the move while being constantly updated.

Travel Guides These are a series of publishing's dealing with a particular country, city or region. They provide useful information on hotels, restaurants, sight seeing and other travel tips. These are particularly handy for first time travelers and are mostly compiled by specialists.

Travel Writing The two basic objectives of travel writing are to inform readers of facts and create an interest in them by way of impressions. The travel writer should do preliminary research of the place, make actual notes and be perceptive of people, customs and atmosphere along with landmarks and scenery. Photographs are an essential part to create visual impact of the article. A sophisticated writing style that includes imagery and has narrative dialogues or other fictive technique makes for interesting reading.

A travel article written in a pleasing style will attract the reader and arouse his curiosity about the places described in the piece.

Ryan Bombard writes about various travel writing topics. For more information visit:

<http://www.travel-writers-tips.info>

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Travel Wallet Checklist

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A travel wallet can be pretty handy when you're on the move, especially on international trips. It keeps all your travel documents and currency in one place for easy access. Following is a checklist of items you may want to keep in your travel wallet.

Passport

Photo ID

Airline, Cruise and Train Tickets

Boarding Pass

Insurance Cards (medical and car)

Itinerary with important telephone numbers and addresses (hotels, airlines, etc.)

Travel Coupons or Certificates

Some one-dollar bills for tipping

Credit Cards

Travelers Checks

Foreign Currency

Calling Card

William Manor is the owner of U.S. Passport Service Guide, a very useful and comprehensive resource for U.S. citizens who travel internationally.

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