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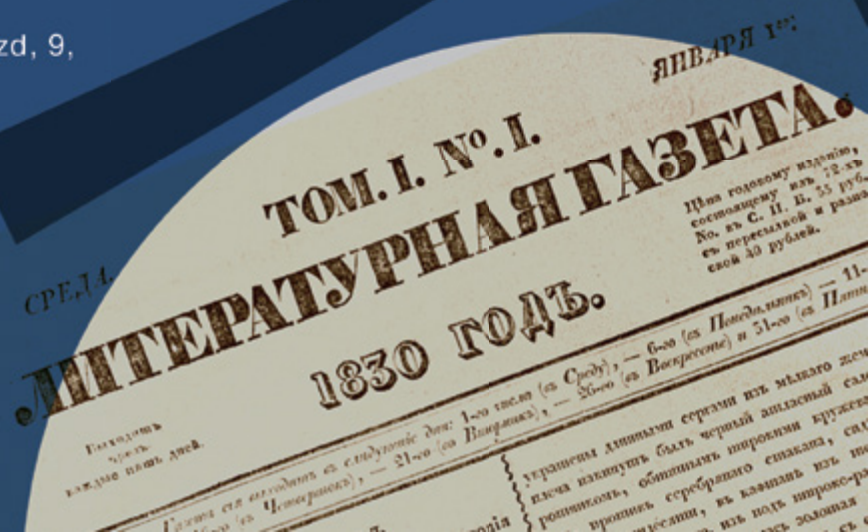
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EDITOR'S LETTER FOR TRAVEL



Summer time is a traditional travel time. Many of us became so much accustomed to it, that we do not even imagine how we can do without travel. Or rather, we did not imagine! As the Coronavirus pandemic unexpectedly reminded us of the “features” of forced home stay, when even walking your beloved dog was strictly limited to a hundred-meter radius. And a regular trip to the Cote d’Azur instantly became a cherished, but a utopian idea.

Airplanes suddenly stopped flying. Borders between the countries closed. And my memory unwillingly revived the image of a snow-covered empty borderline box with a lowered barrier. The passage is prohibited and there is no one to talk to.

But if you dive into literature, you remind yourselves that a ban is normal, but not permissiveness. Our fellows

were always forbidden a lot of things, but they never were restricted in shaking hands, sitting next to each other or hugging a girl. I do not even mention kissing through a mask! Due to such unusually personal prohibitions, many have the impression that their confidence is completely broken. And they are right. Fear is a real state of mind.

The French writer Xavier de Maistre, who became Major General of the Russian Imperial Army, Xaviery Xaverievich Mestre, has a wonderful story with a title that suits us today: “Voyage Around My Room”. The fearless warrior wrote it in 1797 while staying arrested in Turin for participating in a duel. The book was very popular and was published in Russian in 1802. Being already a retired Russian general, he published, as it were, the second part of the story in 1825 under the title: “Night Voyage Around My Room”.

In both volumes, Xaviery Xaverievich pointedly expounds a humane and gentle philosophy of life that is suitable for us today.

Well, who is ready to travel around our rooms?

Victor Loupan

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HIGHLIGHTS

THE COLLAPSE OF ANOTHER UTOPIA

The true essence of human nature manifests itself in constant wandering

VICTOR LOUPAN,
Head of the Editorial Board

The pandemic hurt the ideology of global resettlement. And this ideology reasonably declared loud that the fact of human rooting is not a natural and normal phenomenon, but is a thing of the past.

There are complex intellectual theories presuming that the true essence of human nature manifests itself in constant wandering, but not in metaphorical chaining to a home. All of us, they say, “came from somewhere”, “somehow ended up here”, and, as a result, we arrived “for a while” at the place where we are.

Migration of peoples which are known to us from history, were studied inadequately and in a strange manner. The Barbarian invasion of ancient Rome was unanimously regarded by historians in the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century as a purely negative event that plunged the European civilisation into the “abyss” of the Middle Ages. As a result, Europe had been coming out of it literally over a thousand of years. Until it finally reached the Renaissance, i. e. the Renaissance era. The definition itself implies the idea of liberation from the deadly frenzy of ignorance. The fact that the Renaissance era “coincided” with the outbreak of terrible religious wars, the collapse of Byzantium and other “progressive” events has not been specifically touching anyone up to now.

The colonization of America that began as a result of the Renaissance, with the mass extermination of the indigenous population of the “New World” by Europeans, was not perceived as a

barbaric expansion of the European imperialists, but was rather interpreted as a great adventure. As evidenced by many books and films.

A white person is a great traveler who “discovered” America, conquered Africa, developed Asia. Who also established geography, drew a map of the world, wrote the history of “all times and peoples”, due to which the European civilisation being accompanied with its science and, well, early “globalism”, became a canon for the global elite.

Being backgrounded by this expansion, likely naturally, a fundamentally positivist idea of “progress” was created, the essence of which was that the world and people would constantly move forward, gradually freeing themselves from the bonds of ignorance, prejudice and other “afflictions of ignorance” based on science, technology, conciousness, pioneering mindset and other bold features of the European civilisation. The adherents of traditional foundations could not set their principles against “blue-sky thinking” and so they involuntarily became reactionaries. They began calling ordinary people “unenlightened”, then including not only ordinary people, but also those who interpreted the idea of “the light of civilisation” as the ideology of “tabula rasa”.

This entire dialectical scheme full of revolutions and world wars successfully existed until

the end of the 20th century. As a result of the collapse of the Communist ideology and the attached Soviet system, humanity, as it were, “liberated” itself.

Friedrich Engels called the Tsarist Russian Empire the “prison of the peoples”. And since the Soviet Union was a “closed society” free of the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom of movement, and many other freedoms, then the country opposing itself to Tsarist Russia also gained a reputation of the “prison of the peoples” and logically broke up into fifteen separate states.

With the “new globalization” era that erupted after the collapse of Communism, a serious trend towards visa-free resettlement of people and delocalisation of enterprises began, and the world, in fact, became resembling a “global country”.

Now any poor fellow can afford to fly. Low-cost airlines that sell tickets at ridiculous prices have become more profitable than ordinary airlines, although offering their services ten or



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even twenty times cheaper. In general, this is “the best of the worlds” and overall euphoria – may even jump for joy.

And many really jumped. Some of them jumped for joy, but others jumped for horrible fear of the realities of a “world without borders”. It turned out that the majority of people did not become “enlightened”. Vladimir Nabokov called such “earnest people of peasant origin” gloomy. Due to their lack of education, they began to dislike their uncomfortable feeling in their own country, and they started voting for some

Trumps, Le Pens, Orbans and, in general, against any “progress”. To add insult to injury, millions of foreign “beggars” rushed to conquer the “world without borders” on foot. But the “world without borders” did not accept them, and they have been wandering for years across overcrowded refugee camps. And those who did not wander have drowned in the Mediterranean abyss.

Ancient Rome that was unable to defend itself, paid the barbarians a bribe, dreaming of saving itself for gold. But it failed to save! Now Europe is paying

billions of euros to Turkey and other neighbouring countries to restrain the flow of migrants. To forget, in the meantime, its own “light” principle of “free movement of people and goods”, the “world without borders” and other inspiring slogans.

And now, against the backdrop of this absolutely immoral ideological fuss, COVID-19 – a small, nondescript virus – suddenly arrived. But taking into account globalisation and the “world without borders” with its constant movement of millions of people, it suddenly plunged “our enlightened civilisation” into a state of panic prostration, from which it has not been able to get out for the recent six months. Well, it probably never will.

Never mind travels! Never mind movement! Never mind tourism! Europe closed its borders even before Americans. Hundreds of airliners are remaining parked. Airports are empty. Paris that was the most visited city in the world still sees no tourists. There is nobody in the Louvre! Half-empty restaurants fall in depression! The tourism industry faces its historic decline. Never mind discos! Forget about beaches! Because people shy away from each other!

An office utopia can be harmless for the idealistic dreamer. But utopia in power is a terrible thing.

Your obedient servant has traveled extensively during his life. There is no more return to the world of travels. The world of a pandemic is a world of fear of others. In principle, it excludes the freedom of collective movement and direct communication.

The “world without borders” turned out to be another utopia. Coronavirus only screwed up its eyes, but our leaders, instantly forgetting about the excellent principles, sullenly rushed to close everything, to prohibit everything, to lock doors and windows, to lower barriers, to hang barn locks, to put up armed sentries. Masked!

During the Middle Ages, with its terrible epidemics, our “unenlightened” ancestors did exactly what we, the “enlightened”, are doing today.

Welcome to the World of Reality!

WHO BENEFITS FROM DISORDERS IN THE USA

We have got to feel for those dutiful Americans who are treated now as hostages by extremists and their masters

OLEG OZEROV,
political analyst

The events developing in America over the recent weeks push many foreign citizens to ask at least three questions:

1 Can protests continuously accompanied with violence, looting, arson attacks and assaults on unarmed people, be condoned?

2 Why did many state authorities allow – and sometimes support – destruction of private properties, historical and cultural monuments, and even condone murder from time to time?

3 How long will the federal government be stuck in siege in the US capital waiting until diverse radicals, anarchists and drug addicts get tired from looting and get exhausted?

Each question is quite logical, however, we are unlikely to answer them before we answer another question: “Who benefits from the events in the USA?” This is a key question: once we find an answer to it, we will easily answer any other question.

Of course, we can immediately predict that the Democratic presidential nominee gains all the benefits. Big and small tragedies unwrapping in the streets of America demonstrate to local citizens that the existing president is too weak to deal with disorders, he has neither force nor funds to do so. If he engages the army, Liberals will accuse him of implementation of tyranny and suppression of peaceful demonstrations by tanks.

In most states the police had been demoralised, but where Democrats keep power, police officers are intentionally prevented from performance of their duties.

The current situation may lead to Democratic nominee Joe Biden winning the election by the end of the year due to terror perpetrated by madding crowds. He is controlled by liberal billionaires who would completely change the country when they will become a hidden power.

All efforts taken by the existing president Donald Trump who warned about globalisation and excessive liberalisation dangers, would be then ineffective. Although Trump was correct arguing that relocation of the American production to other countries has weakened the USA. Today the leading Western state does not produce even antibiotic drugs; this single fact evidences that the USA is far from being as strong as its citizens may think. Even though some of his electors suppose that the COVID-19 pandemic and violence work to support weight of the president, development of the circumstances directly strengthens his opponents.

People who voted for Trump made their choice mindfully: they were exactly scared about the current events covering entire America. They had been watching for years how Democrats and their liberal electorate broke the society, set radicals on Republicans, lied, flirt with representa-

tives of radical organisations and instigated them to protest.

Over the recent four years Trump’s opponents held mass meetings calling for violent overthrow of the president, for support of such movements as “Black Lives Matter”, M13 and Antifa. They prepared this explosion. It might happen earlier or later, but they could not avoid it under the overwhelming propaganda carried on by liberal mass media.

Trump’s electorate maintained the idea that after his nomination, patient, honest and hard-working people who pay taxes to assure welfare for millions of lazy freeloaders, would be at least protected from murder, arson attacks, and looting. Unfortunately, they made a hard mistake. All these diseases arrived. Day after day American country people suffer from massive offences increasingly frequently; but when they call the police, it fails to arrive and advices to “address the mayor directly”.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the US justice takes weird forms. Some state attorneys swear to bring 150 rioters mobbing shops and dismantling monuments, to criminal liability. As we can see, they do not talk about many thousands of vandals and robbers, they only mean those who “were successfully identified”. Because law violators wore face masks. It also means, that trial counselors representing criminals will manage to release the majority of arrested suspects playing with justice red tape.

Both prosecutors and the FBI whose management is famous for its anti-Trump sentiments, refuse to recognise that the crimes committed by the “activists” are not only motivated from the political point of view, they are really committed at the instigation of the Democratic Party leaders. Over his entire inning period Trump attempted to fight against a persistently growing monster formed by major corporations controlled by liberals, founders of Trotskyist clubs, educational cartels and mature liars from “democratic mass media”, but, in all appearances, he fails in all respects. It is not surprising, because liars are supported by the FBI as a state authority and a cohort of billionaires.



Photo: Clay Banks

This process has another aspect which is dangerous for American people. People make sure again and again that fairness, good conscience and the truth are chimaeras, and those are frequent winners who lie,

palter, and demonise honest people. Liberals and mass media controlled by them turn the USA into the country where corruption is cultivated by establishment – the establishment which commonly accuses China, Russia and some other countries in massive corruption.

Ordinary Americans scratch head over the fact that liberals and Democratic members of Congress forcefully defend the supporters of the movement “Black Lives Matter”. The slogan itself is absurd for Christians: every human life matters regardless of skin colour, because Master created all people equal.

Many Trump’s supporters turned their backs on him when he failed – or did not want – to protect them from a mad mob, vandals, robbers, and rapists. Why did it happen? Republicans say, he got



Photo: Clay Banks

tired of a three-year-long struggle for his honour and dignity. We would rather agree, that the “Russia’s electoral intervention case” was the most carefully designed and artistically orchestrated political fake in the history of the USA. Trump’s inner circle included not only those who were almost ineffective for his defense; instead, at least three of his high ranking assistants turned traitors, with the FBI and the US Department of Justice maintaining a block with his enemies for a long time.

Trump never was too enthusiastic about Russia, however Russia, in fact like the rest part of the world, was monitoring in surprise how Trump, similar to a wild animal, was getting surrounded by head-shrinkers. Coronavirus spreading helped his enemies a lot in creating of a powerful common front combined of his opponents.

The current situation in the US politics is much more complicated and dramatic. Because everything that happens in the country during the presidential election year relates to election. There is no exception of this rule. Washington is a city of political experts, who exactly rule this city. Even if mass media declares that a Russian submarine is detected in the Bermuda Triangle, the political analysts make assumptions on its influence on the electoral outcome.



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Naturally, immediately after the Coronavirus quarantine restrictions implementation in the USA, the Democratic Party started contemplating the use of this circumstance for their political moves. Churches

and cafes were closed, but offices of radicals, liberals, and anarchists as well as abortion clinics were open as before at full load. All the societies and institutions supporting the Democratic Party conducted their

policy in a similar vein, cynically and outrageously.

When George Floyd, a criminal noted by justice for his five previous offences, including the robbery and the attack on a pregnant woman, died after being caught by the police, the events started developing such stormily, that the majority of US citizens decided that the country was a mess. But the mess was controllable: it developed based on a premeditated script of mass disorders which might again bring an important political tool to Democrats: the initiative to attack Trump and his electorate. As we know, law enforcement bodies became the first target chosen for this attack. Mind you, the common front managed by liberals was selective here. The activists avoided to touch the FBI. They also avoided engagement of the local police in several states, because Democratic mayors

instructed them to restrain themselves from involvement in action. The rest people were demonised, outraged, beaten, and even hurled with Molotov cocktails.

The protest movement was organised in the name of struggle against racism and social inequality. However, again liberals instructed their foot soldiers to be selective and avoid touching such digital giants as Apple and Amazon, which was logical, because these companies supported the movement “Black Lives Matter”. The protest movement was declared to defend Christian values, but vandals desecrated churches and monuments. Some groups did it in the name of Islam, however, no one reminded them that both president Jefferson and Prophet Mohammed also owned slaves. The “crusaders against racialism” include Columbus who discovered America, Founding Fathers and

even modern farmers who supposedly use slave labour by hiring seasonal workers, into the list of their enemies.

After the evaluation of the above mentioned, the following conclusion can be made: the events developing in America over the recent weeks were not raised due to death of George Floyd or police brutality. This is a process of assumption of local power by extremists which is happening not under the passive eye, but with the evident support of liberals and their masters. Once we understand and assess it, we will easily answer any question relating to the current US situation.

We have got to feel for those dutiful Americans who are completely confused and scared now about further horrible ordeals. Because they are treated now as hostages by extremists and their masters throwing them a bone.



Americans declared war to their history: another statue of Christopher Columbus was toppled (Saint Paul, Minnesota)

FIRST-EVER WORLD CHESS DAY – HELPING TO STAY CALM AND CARRY ON



Photo: Micael Saez

With the COVID-19 pandemic leading to a pause for most sport worldwide, the UN has been celebrating a highly-competitive game that you can play safely indoors or online – with the added bonus of helping reduce anxiety, and improving mental health: the first ever World Chess Day.

“As we celebrate, we remind ourselves of the special value that a game such as chess is bringing to so many people during this awful COVID-19 pandemic,” said Melissa Fleming, Under-Secretary-General of UN Global Communications.

In her keynote address, the UN communications chief noted that the

pandemic represents a physical, social and economic crisis – imposing restrictions on everyone and rendering sports that can be played online, or at a safe physical distance, more important than ever.

“They feed our lifelong sense of play... nurture our passion and enthusiasm... refresh our minds and

bodies... distract us from troubles, and reduce our anxieties,” said Ms. Fleming.

According to reports, the pandemic has spurred a surge in chess, with more players coming together online, to compete and enjoy the game.

The UN has long recognized that sport, along with the arts and physical activity, has the power to change perceptions, prejudices and behaviours, as well as to break down racial and political barriers.

Playing sport can break down discrimination, defuse conflict, promote education, sustainable development, peace and social inclusion – at local, regional and international levels.

Combining sport, scientific thinking and artistic flair, chess is one of

the most ancient, intellectual and cultural of games, according to the UN. It is affordable, inclusive and can be played anywhere; across barriers of language, age, gender, physical ability or social status.

And because chess promotes fairness and mutual respect, it can contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among peoples and nations.

A tool to improve the world

Moderating the event to commemorate the first-ever World Chess Day, Armenia’s UN Ambassador Mher Margaryan said that chess was an “essential part of Armenia’s culture, having earned our country, with a population of three million people, the title of Olympic and world champion”.

Arkady Dvorkovich, President of the International Federation of Chess (FIDE) noted that he looked forward to making chess “a tool to improve the world”.

Also taking part in the event, the fifteenth world chess champion, groundbreaking Indian grandmaster, Viswanathan Anand, reflected on the long history of chess as a masterful “game of strategy”.

The General Assembly unanimously adopted the resolution designating the 20th of July as World Chess Day, last year.



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BOOSTING THE EU'S GREEN RECOVERY

European Commission invests €1 billion in innovative clean technology projects



Photo: Martijn Baudoin

The European Commission has launched the first call for proposals under the Innovation Fund, one of the world's largest programmes for the demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies, financed by revenues from the auction of emission allowances from the EU's Emissions Trading System. The Innovation Fund will finance breakthrough technologies for renewable energy, energy-intensive industries, energy storage, and carbon capture, use and storage. It will provide a boost to the green recovery by creating local future-proof jobs, paving the way to climate neutrality and reinforcing European technological leadership on a global scale.

Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans said: "This call for proposals comes at just the right time. The EU will invest €1 billion in promising, market-ready projects

such as clean hydrogen or other low-carbon solutions for energy-intensive industries like steel, cement and chemicals. We will also support energy storage, grid solutions, and carbon capture and storage. These large-scale investments will help restart the EU economy and create a green recovery that leads us to climate neutrality in 2050."

For the period 2020–2030, the Innovation Fund will allocate around €10 billion from the auctioning of allowances under the EU Emissions Trading System, in addition to undistributed revenues from the Innovation Fund's predecessor, the NER 300 programme.

The first call will provide grant funding of €1 billion to large-scale projects for clean technologies to help them overcome the risks linked to commercialization and large-scale demonstration. This support will

help new technologies to reach the market. For promising projects which are not yet ready for market, a separate budget of €8 million is set aside for project development assistance.

The call is open for projects in eligible sectors from all EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. The funds can be used in cooperation with other public funding initiatives, such as State aid or other EU funding programmes. Projects will be evaluated according to their po-

tential to avoid greenhouse gas emission, innovation potential, financial and technical maturity, and potential for scaling up and cost efficiency. The deadline for submission of applications is 29 October 2020. Projects can apply via the EU Funding and Tenders portal where more details on the overall procedure are available.

The Innovation Fund aims to create the right financial incentives for companies and public authorities to invest now in the next generation of low-carbon technologies and give EU companies a first-mover advantage to become global technology leaders.

The Innovation Fund will be implemented by the Executive Agency for Networks and Innovation (INEA), while the European Investment Bank will provide project development assistance to promising projects that are not ready for full application.

£1.57 BILLION TO PROTECT BRITAIN'S CULTURAL AND ARTS INSTITUTIONS

Britain's globally renowned arts, culture and heritage industries will receive a world-leading £1.57 billion rescue package to help weather the impact of coronavirus, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport announced.

Thousands of organisations across a range of sectors including the performing arts and theatres, heritage, historic palaces, museums, galleries, live music and independent cinema will be able to access emergency grants and loans.

The money, which represents the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture, will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and heritage organisations across the country hit hard by the pandemic. It will help them stay afloat while their doors are closed. Funding to restart paused projects will also help support employment, including freelancers working in these sectors.

Many of Britain's cultural and heritage institutions have already received unprecedented financial assistance to see them through the pandemic including loans, business rate holidays and participation in the coronavirus job retention scheme. More than 350,000 people in the recreation and leisure sector have been furloughed since the pandemic began.

This new package will be available across the country and ensure the future of these multi billion-pound industries are secured.

"From iconic theatre and musicals, mesmerising exhibitions at our world-class galleries to gigs performed in local basement venues, the UK's cultural industry is the beating heart of this country," said Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

"This money will help safeguard the sector for future generations, ensuring arts groups and venues across the UK can stay afloat and support their staff whilst their doors remain closed and curtains remain down."

"Our arts and culture are the soul of our nation. They make our country great and are the lynchpin of our world-beating and fast growing creative industries," said Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden.

"Our world-renowned galleries, museums, heritage sites, music venues and independent cinemas are not only critical to keeping our economy thriving, employing more than 700,000 people, they're the lifeblood of British culture," added Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak. "That's why we're giving them the vital cash they need to safeguard

their survival, helping to protect jobs and ensuring that they can continue to provide the sights and sounds that Britain is famous for."

The package includes funding for national cultural institutions in England



Photo: Viktor Forgacs

and investment in cultural and heritage sites to restart construction work paused as a result of the pandemic. This will be a big step forward to help rebuild our cultural infrastructure. This unprecedented package includes:

- £1.15 billion support pot for cultural organisations in England delivered through a mix of grants and loans. This will be made up of £270 million of repayable finance and £880 million grants.

- £100 million of targeted support for the national cultural institutions in England and the English Heritage Trust.

- £120 million capital investment to restart construction on cultural infrastructure and for heritage construction projects in England which was paused due to the coronavirus pandemic.

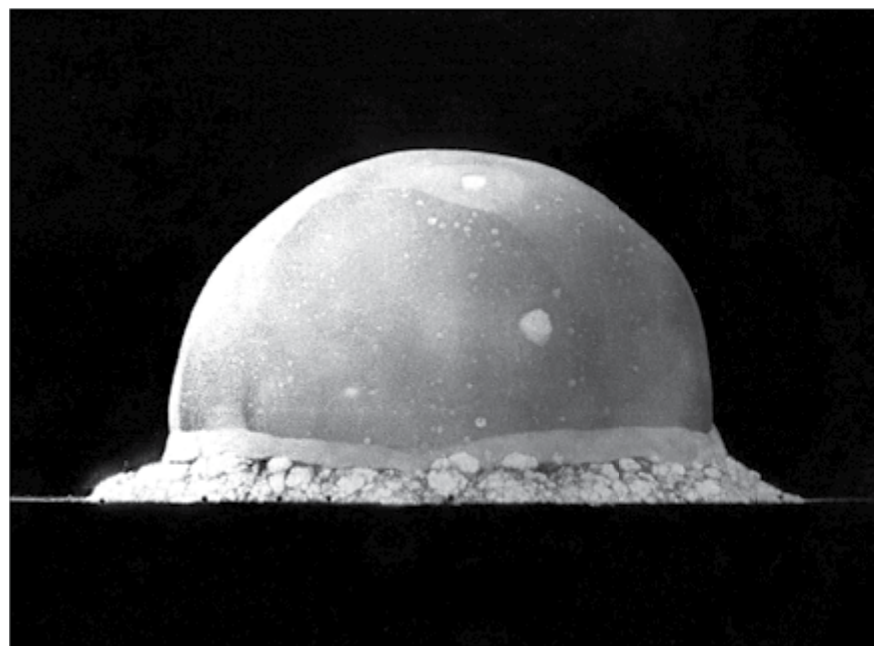
- The new funding will also mean an extra £188 million for the devolved administrations in Northern Ireland (£33 million), Scotland (£97 million) and Wales (£59 million).

Decisions on awards will be made working alongside expert independent figures from the sector including the Arts Council England and other specialist bodies such as Historic England, National Lottery Heritage Fund and the British Film Institute.

HISTORY

NUCLEAR LEGACY: TRINITY – 75 YEARS LATER

PATRICK MOORE



The first detonation of a nuclear device

History: As the clouds of war grew darker in 1939, the United States government undertook the highly secretive task of developing the first atomic bomb in the belief that Germany was working towards the same goal. In what would later be known as the Manhattan Project (because the Army Corp of Engineers began the project in Manhattan, NY) government laboratories would span America from Washington state all the way to rural Tennessee. The project was not without its own internal controversy, as many scientists were totally against the use of a technology that would slaughter civilians. At the same time, some were opposed to its testing altogether.

Seventy-five years ago, in July of 1945, the first atomic bomb test was conducted at the Trinity site in the desert of New Mexico. The bomb, named Gadget, packed a punch equivalent to more than 21,000 tons of TNT and was built from plutonium manufactured in Hanford Washington. Airborne fallout from the Trinity test (and hundreds more that would follow) irradiated indigenous communities downwind here in the US. Several months later, victims of the bombing in Japan would call this fallout black rain. It is worth noting that after the Trinity test, more than 200 scientists wrote a letter directly to then-President Truman, urging him not to use the atomic bomb on Japan.

The Manhattan Project gave birth to a whole new era during which the power of atoms was expected to produce ‘endless’ energy. At the same time, the implications of the Manhattan Project would give rise to a whole new approach to war as well – that of atomic and nuclear weapons. Within a span of just three days in August 1945, the US military dropped two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima (enriched uranium 235) and Nagasaki (plutonium 239). Several hundred thousand Japanese civilians were slaughtered when the atomic bombs were dropped, half on the first day of the bombing alone!

In his memoirs, President Eisenhower, who was a WWII five-star General at the time, was against dropping the bombs and lamented their use on targets in Japan:

“I voiced to him my grave misgivings, first on the basis of my belief that Japan was already defeated and that dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary, and secondly because I thought that our country should avoid shocking world opinion by the use of a weapon whose employment was, I thought, no longer mandatory as a measure to save American lives. It was my belief that Japan was, at that very moment, seeking some way to surrender with a minimum loss of ‘face.’”

Even Eisenhower could not stop the Trinity test or the subsequent bombings. Now, with the release of archived records, we know that the atomic bombs were not needed at all!

Let’s review: the first nuclear chain reaction was tested in 1941, and by 1944 atomic reactors were operating in the US to create plutonium for its weapons program. The United States already had the ability to harness the atom to make heat (and create nuclear waste) a whole year before the Trinity test. Eisenhower and others knew that Germany was already defeated, and Japan could no longer sustain itself and was close to surrendering even before the Trinity test. The atomic bombs were dropped on



Hiroshima after atomic bomb attack in 1945

Hiroshima and Nagasaki, nonetheless.

Why the Trinity test, then? Having the capability is different than using it. Unfortunately, the United States government and military did both. The legacy left behind is one that has already impacted generations of people throughout the world and will for generations to come if not forever! More importantly, that legacy was contrived, especially since dropping the atomic bombs was done with the premise of ‘defeating Japan’, yet Japan was already on its knees.



Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Photo: Fezbot2000

TRAVEL

NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE SUPPORTS REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE UK

Guidance on Tourism and the Visitor Economy, published by the UK Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, will help to get the tourism sector back up and running so the public can safely take domestic holidays and visit attractions on days out.

The Government has outlined the measures that will allow UK tourism and visitor attractions to reopen to the public, paving the way for an economic boost to local businesses and economies across the country.

“We’ll need the public to keep safe on holiday by following the advice we’re providing, but there is no doubt this is the news many have been waiting for. I am looking forward to a British holiday myself,” said Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden. “Our guidance will help the tourism businesses reopen safely, reassure locals and allow businesses to welcome guests back with confidence.”

The guidance outlines the processes and facilities that businesses must have in place to reopen so that both staff and visitors can be kept safe.

The advice includes guidelines for hotels and accommodation providers – such as campsites, caravan parks

and short term lets – as well as indoor and outdoor visitor attractions and conference and events centres.

The guidance makes clear that a number of measures should be put in place.

- Hotels and accommodation providers will introduce deep cleaning regimes between guests.
- Meal services including breakfasts will be pre-booked and timed.
- Timed tickets will be introduced for exhibitions, theme parks, galleries and attractions to reduce the number of visitors in locations at the same time.
- One way systems, clear floor markings and a queue management system should be in place to maintain social distancing measures at all attractions and help to limit contact between both staff and visitors.
- Organisations will also encourage cashless payments



Photo: Jason Briscoe

throughout to avoid cross contamination.

- In addition, visitor attractions will be instructed to introduce regular deep cleaning regimes across their site and some interactive displays will be temporarily closed.

A new industry standard will also be introduced by VisitEngland for hotels, accommodation providers and visitor attractions to reassure the public that businesses are adhering to government guidance. This will act as a marker to visitors that a venue is practising social

distancing, maintaining cleaning routines and has undertaken a thorough risk assessment to protect customers when on site.

“Millions of jobs and local economies across England are reliant on tourism so it is fantastic news that the industry can plan with confi-

dence to reopen and to welcome visitors back safely working within the new guidelines,” added VisitEngland Director Patricia Yates. “Guidance is also being published for conferences and events which builds upon the guidance for the tourism sector and businesses.”

TRAVEL

10 UNFORGETTABLE DRIVING ROUTES IN BRITAIN

Escape Britain's motorways and visitors are often amazed at what they discover. From mountain passes to scenic coastal drives, Britain has plenty of stunning driving routes that are ideal to build a driving holiday around.

A82 – Loch Lomond to Loch Ness

This scenic route is widely regarded as one of the most iconic in Britain. Starting in Glasgow, the A82 stretches north into the Scottish Highlands, passing Loch Lomond before heading into arguably the highlight of the route – Glencoe. This stunning area has been called the most spectacular location in Britain, and one look makes it easy to see why. Film buffs will also recognise the area from the James Bond film, Skyfall.

After Glencoe, the A82 rounds Loch Leven before passing through

Fort William. On this stretch of road, drivers are able to spot Britain's tallest mountain Ben Nevis towering above them. Those feeling particularly adventurous often stop in Fort William and attempt to climb the mountain's peak.

Continue north on the A82, and encounter another iconic British location – Loch Ness. Drive alongside the Loch and try to spot the legendary Loch Ness Monster, or stop off and take a relaxing walk around the area to finish the road trip in style. The ruins of Urquhart Castle date back to the medieval period and stand proudly overlooking Loch Ness too. Trace 1,000 years of history while taking in the remarkable nature that surrounds this majestic landmark.

The 140-mile route can be completed in

around three-and-a-half hours, but it's worth stopping off at numerous locations along the way to take in the sights!

A3055 – Military Road (Isle of Wight)

Running parallel with the west coast of the Isle, the A3055 (aka Military Road) is a road trip that should be taken sooner rather than later, as



Photo: Annie Spratt

erosion along the coast could see parts of the road disappear! Landslides have reduced some sections of the road to single file traffic and marker boards along the route will illuminate to shut it immediately in the event of another landslide.

The A3055 dates back to the mid-18th century when it formed a key part of the island's military infrastructure. Linking St Catherine's Point, near Chale, with

Freshwater Bay to the west, the 11-mile route may be short, but it offers a wealth of sweeping ocean views and memorable country landscapes. No stopping is allowed on the section of road between Brook and Freshwater Bay as it is a designated Clearway, but there are a number of official car parking areas where travellers can stop to enjoy the views.

B3135 – Cheddar to Ashwick

Cutting a route through the Mendip Hills, designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the B3135 twists its way through cliffs and a gorge in central Somerset. Primarily known for its cheese, the village of Cheddar is also surrounded by lush, scenic country routes. Adventurous drivers can look forward to navigating the tight, winding bends through the spectacular Cheddar Gorge, before sweeping turns lead to the quiet village of Ashwick.

Despite not being the longest drive – around 14 miles – the stunning surroundings make for an unforgettable trip to England's West Country. There's plenty of other attractions in the area too, but none offer a sense of adventure quite like a drive through Cheddar Gorge.



Photo: William Santos

Set aside around 30 minutes to complete the route.

Wrynose and Hardknott Pass

For those dreaming of a road-trip challenge, Wrynose and Hardknott Pass is ready and waiting. Featuring

some of the steepest roads in Britain (Hardknott Pass has a 33% gradient at one point), this route is not for the faint-hearted.

However, those who do brave the route one day will be treated with spectacular views across the Lake District, along with one hell of a story to tell when they head home.

The single track route has plenty of twists and turns between the picturesque village of Eskdale and the town of Ambleside. It also passes the Hard Knott Fort, once one of the loneliest outposts of the Roman Empire. Built between 120 and 138AD, the archaeological site overlooks the pass which forms part of the Roman road linking Ravenglass to Ambleside, and Brougham to Penrith.

Evo Triangle

Named after Evo magazine which often uses this route to test or review new cars, the

Evo Triangle combines three roads in North Wales. Starting on the A5 near Cerrigydrudion, head west towards the quiet village of Pentrefoelas, before taking a right turn onto the A543, where the Evo Triangle really starts to shine.

Tight bends and sweeping vistas make the uphill climb a joy, with the



Snowdonia, home of Evo Triangle

Photo: Kenny Orr



Photo: Jonny McKenna

road veering off ahead almost endlessly. Eventually, the route will pass the Sportsman's Arms, before taking a right onto the B4501. This is arguably the finest stretch of the route, featuring panoramic views across the Alwen Reservoir and a twisting, turning road that supplies plenty of thrills. At just over 20 miles, the route takes around 30 minutes to complete, and drivers might even see the latest sports cars being tested!

Alnmouth to Lindisfarne

Driving through the countryside can sometimes be a chore, but not on the Northumberland Coast. This route from Alnmouth to Lindisfarne Nature Reserve follows the coast, offering spectacular views across the North Sea. The Northumberland Coast is also littered with castles, towering above the roads on hill-sides; Bamburgh Castle is a particular highlight on this route. Originally the site of a Celtic fort, the imposing stone castle was built in the 12th century and its walls have witnessed dark tales of rebellion and bloodshed.

At the end of the journey lies Lindisfarne, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a historic gem in

northern England. The sight of the first Viking invasion in 793AD, Holy Island and Lindisfarne Castle are both picturesque from afar. Those who intend to get closer, beware; the causeway leading to Holy Island becomes unusable at certain points because of tidal shifts! Expect to spend around an hour driving the route, although there are numerous opportunities to stop and admire the scenery along the way.

Bealach na Ba

Historically used to drive livestock across the mountains, Bealach na Ba



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(aka Pass of the Cattle in English) has been transformed into one of the most scenic drives in Britain. It's a little intimidating at first, but any worries will all melt away near the midpoint, thanks to glorious views across the Scottish Highlands.

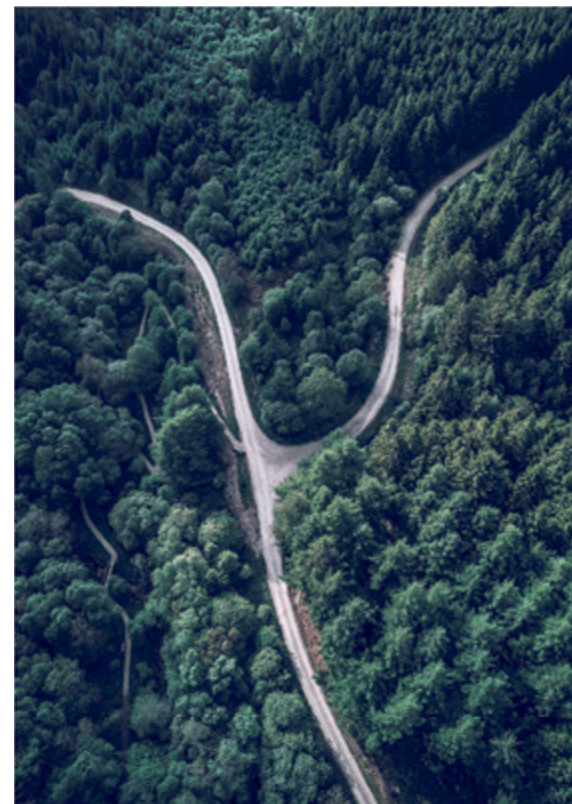
The winding single-track road dates back to 1822 and was engineered in a similar vein to the great mountain routes in Alpine Europe. There's no complex directions to follow on this one; just follow the road south of Tornapress towards Applecross, before ascending across the Bealach na Ba. There's plenty of stopping points along the 11-mile route, so make sure to get out and take time to enjoy the view!



Lindisfarne Castle. Photo: Wikimedia commons

A470 – Brecon Beacons to Snowdonia

The A470 runs across most of Wales, linking Cardiff in the south with Llandudno in the north, and if drivers venture northwards on the road, they'll be able to see some of the best views that the country has to offer. North of Merthyr Tydfil, the A470 enters the Brecon Beacons National Park, with its rolling hills and near endless horizon.



Brecon Beacons. Photo: Tom Parsons

Continue onwards and the A470 heads into the Welsh countryside, passing through numerous tiny villages and communities. There's plenty of opportunity to break off and explore the surroundings, but stick with the A470 to eventually arrive in Snowdonia. Along the way, drivers will find themselves surrounded by mountains in the distance and views that just keep getting better.

A mix of single carriageway roads and sweeping dual carriageways, the 178-mile route can be completed in around four-and-a-half hours. The Cambrian Way, a journey across the mountainous spine of Wales, follows much of the A470, with additional detours to sites including Welsh Royal Crystal at Rhayader and Adventure Parc Snowdonia.

Snake Pass

Located in the Peak District, Snake Pass provides a route across the Pennines between the market town of



Photo: Mauro Paillex

Glossop and Sheffield. As one might expect from the name, Snake Pass is full of curves and bends, with each one offering a glorious view of its own. In the late summer, heather blooms across the surrounding

hills, bathing the area in a gorgeous purple colour – it's a spectacular sight.

Once the main route linking Sheffield to Manchester when it opened in 1821, Snake Pass experiences regular snowfall in the winter months and is often closed during these periods. It's popular with bikers and cyclists during the rest of the year, with a leisurely drive along the 20-mile route taking in the region of 30 minutes.

B3306 – St Ives to St Just

The B3306 might not be the quickest route between St Ives and St Just, but it's definitely the most exciting. A 13-mile stretch of coastal road, the B3306 twists

and turns between quaint villages and hills sloping down to the ocean.

The B3306 follows the 'Tin Coast' of the Penwith peninsula and near Trewellard is the Levant Mine and Beam Engine, part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, which is home to numerous surviving mine buildings and a restored 1840s engine. Or venture to Pendeen, to see the Geevor Tin Mine, a well-preserved museum that stands as it was left by the miners in 1990.



St Ives. Photo: Angela Pham

HOW TO EAT HEALTHY WHILE ON VACATION

KATHERINE MARTINKO

Good dietary discipline can be as easy to lose as your luggage while travelling, but it doesn't have to be like that. By embracing a "clean eating" philosophy – which is consuming healthy food that's as close to its natural state as possible – you can come back from any trip feeling more fabulous than ever.

Consider your destination carefully and what sort of precautions you might have to take when it comes to food hygiene. Use the following tips to create a food 'plan,' pack well, and set some personal parameters.

Pack your own snacks

If you pack healthy snacks before you leave, you'll never have to stop at gas stations or convenience stores



Photo: Brooke Lark

when your stomach starts to growl. Pack smart, portable foods: reusable containers of nuts, pre-washed and cut vegetables with hummus (if you have a cooler), almond or peanut butters, easy-to-transport fruit such as apples or bananas, containers of berries, dried organic fruit, homemade trail mix, protein bars, pre-portioned oatmeal, sliced cheese, whole-grain crackers or rice cakes, sandwiches

Water is your best friend

Sip water frequently and generously. To reduce waste, buy the biggest bottle of water possible, keep it in your hotel room, and refill your reusable water bottle throughout the day.

If you're flying, be sure to fill up before boarding the plane to help stay hydrated. Turn down offers of sugary drinks like fruit juice or soda.

Reduce alcohol consumption

I know it's hard on vacation, especially if you're staying at a resort with an awesome bar, but consider the end of it – you want to show off pictures, not extra pounds, right? If



Photo: Daria Litvinova

alcohol consumption is a must, then commit to drinking only within certain hours. Drink a glass of water after each alcoholic beverage that you consume. Choose 'cleaner' options, such as vodka soda, wine, or a Bloody Mary, and keep away from sugary mixed drinks.

In places where the water supply is questionable, beer is a very safe and hygienic option because it's kept sterile and is served in a sealed bottle.

Give priority to vegetables

Too often vegetables get neglected while travelling, although it's impor-

tant to consider where you are. Within North America and Europe, it's safe to order a large salad and eat it before ordering a main course, which you may not want afterwards. Elsewhere in the world, use your discretion. I've always eaten plenty of fresh vegetables and fruit while traveling in South and Central America and have never gotten sick, though I'm far more careful in Asia.

Consider vegetarian menu options, which are often lighter, healthier, and lower in saturated fat than meat-centric dishes. Cooking vegetables makes them safer.

Eat according to the hour

There's a saying that goes, "Eat like a king for breakfast, a prince for lunch, and a pauper for supper." If there's any time to load up at a buffet, it's definitely breakfast, which gives you the whole day to digest. By eating less in the evening, you'll feel less



Photo: Casey Lee

bloated, full, and lethargic, and you may sleep better.

Remember to nibble on snacks throughout the day, which will make you less inclined to gorge at mealtime. Think of the day's food intake in terms of 5–6 small meals, rather than three large ones.

Don't add unnecessary sugar or salt

Eating a lot of restaurant food makes it hard to limit salt and sugar intake, so don't pick up the saltshaker just out of habit. Keep away from those fancy mixed coffee beverages that are made with sugar syrups, i.e. chai or other flavoured latte, mocha, London Fog, French Vanilla cappuccino, etc.

Visit a grocery store or food market instead of a restaurant

In a foreign country, this can be an interesting cultural experience. No matter where you are, buying food at a store is a great way to save calories and dollars and gives you control over portion size more so than at a restaurant.

Buy sandwich materials, or go à la française with a selection of hard cheeses, a good salami, and baguette. Many supermarkets have great pre-made salads. Grab

some fresh fruit and go have a picnic. Many developing countries have fantastic street food vendors. If the food is hot and cooked through, it's usually safe, though once again use your discretion.

Find a kitchen

If you're staying in a hotel for a few days, look for one with a kitchen. You can call ahead to ask for a microwave and fridge, at least. Apartment rentals are also a good option for stays longer than three days and can give you control over food preparation.

Eat a treat a day

You're on vacation, so of course you want to indulge. There's nothing wrong with that, as long as you place limits on it. By committing to a single decadent treat per day, you won't feel as though you missed out, nor will you feel uncomfortable by the end of the trip.



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ALL ABOUT TRAVEL

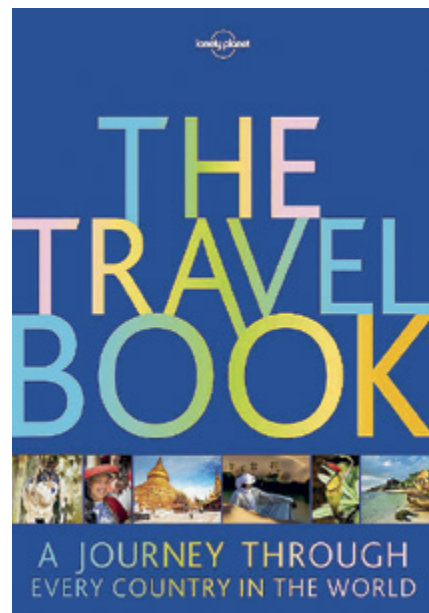
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The Travel Book:
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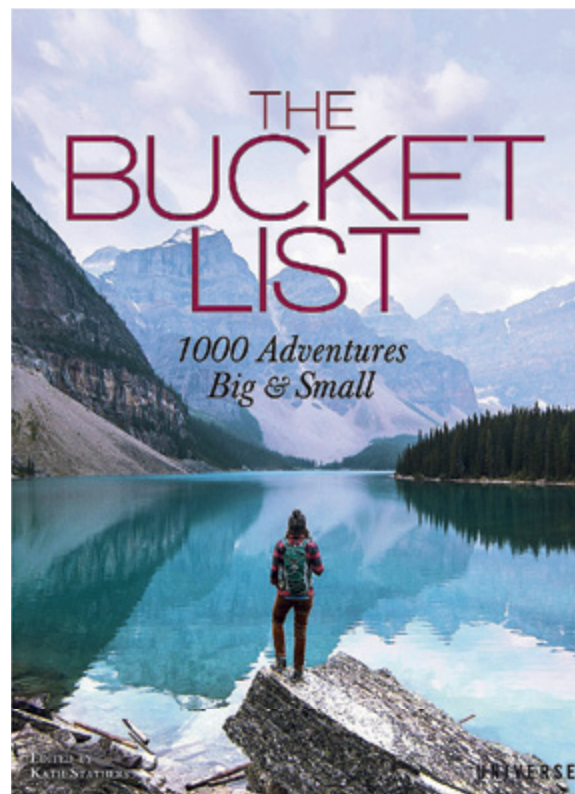


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The Bucket List:
1000 Adventures Big
& Small
By *Kath Stathers*

We all have things we'd like to do – one day – but work, family, school, money, and responsibilities get in the way. This invaluable guide to fun, fantastic, and life-affirming activities features an eclectic range of ideas such as self-improvement, sports-related endeavors, natural wonders, cultural experiences, culinary delights, and more. From glassblowing in the Czech Republic to swimming with dolphins in New Zealand, The Bucket List is the perfect gift for the passionate traveler – an around-the-world, continent-by-continent listing of beaches, museums, monuments, islands, inns, restaurants, mountains, and more.

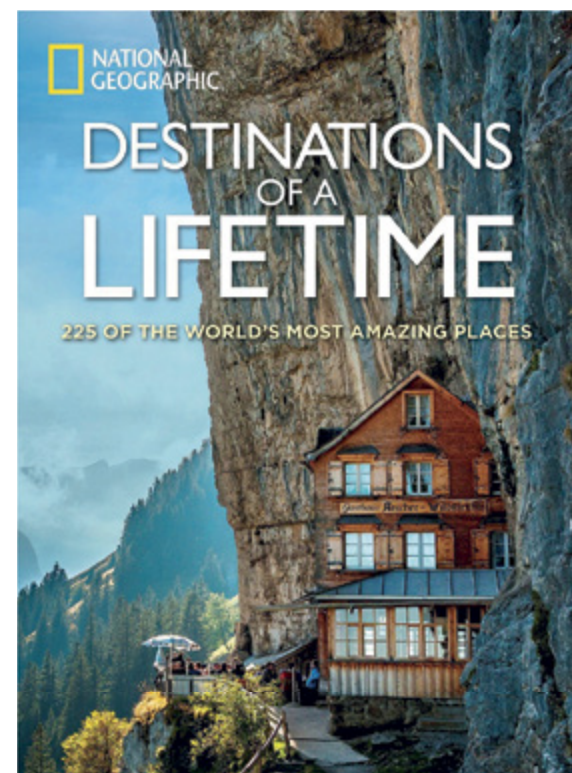
Each activity is location-specific and as geographically unique as bird-watching in Kenya or driving through clouds in Sri Lanka, as well as other to-dos that can be done anywhere, such as sketching a sunset behind an architectural monument. In addition to classic outdoor pursuits, the book contains advice on how to achieve some of the most popular goals for people of all ages: direct a movie, learn to play an instrument,



make pottery, protect an endangered species, name a star, try a new cuisine, or learn a new language. Whether you are more active or laid-back, serious-minded or lighthearted, you are bound to discover new, stimulating activities.

Destinations of a Lifetime:
225 of the World's Most Amazing
Places
By *National Geographic*

NatGeo takes you on a photographic tour of the world's most spectacular destinations, inspiring tangible ideas for your next trip. Travel to hundreds of the most breathtaking locales – both natural and man-made – illustrated with vivid images taken by the organization's world-class photographers. These images, coupled with evocative text, feature

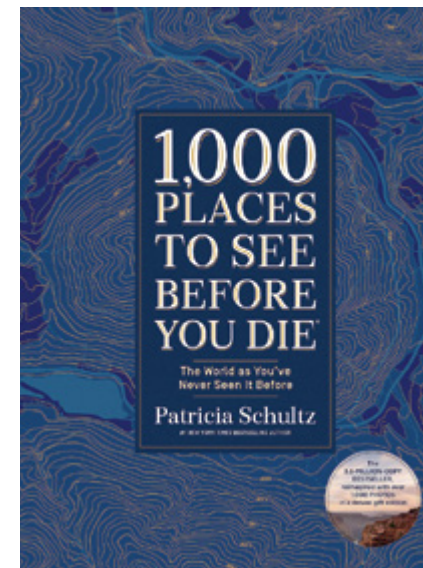


a plethora of visual wonders: ancient monoliths, scenic islands, stunning artwork, electric cityscapes, white-sand seashores, rain forests, ancient cobbled streets, and both classic and innovative architecture. Loaded with hard service information for each location, Destinations of a Lifetime has it all: when to go, where to eat, where to stay, and what to do to ensure the most enriching and authentic experience.

1,000 Places to See Before You Die:
The World as You've Never
Seen It Before
By *Patricia Schultz*

Patricia Schultz curates the world. When she published the original 1,000 Places to See Before You Die, she created not only a new kind of travel book but also a new way of thinking about our experiences and interests.

Now Schultz captivates our hearts in the same compelling way her original book spoke to our minds. Moving from eloquent word to breathtaking



The book itself is a thing of beauty, an oversize feast of more than 1,000 all-new photographs and 544 pages, every spread and page designed to showcase these mesmerizing photographs and hold just enough of Schultz's lively text that we know why it is we're looking at them. It is a perfect gift for every traveller, every fan of the original, every dreamer whose Instagram feed is filled with pictures of places near and far.

Wanderlust:
A Traveler's Guide to the Globe
By *Moon Travel Guides*

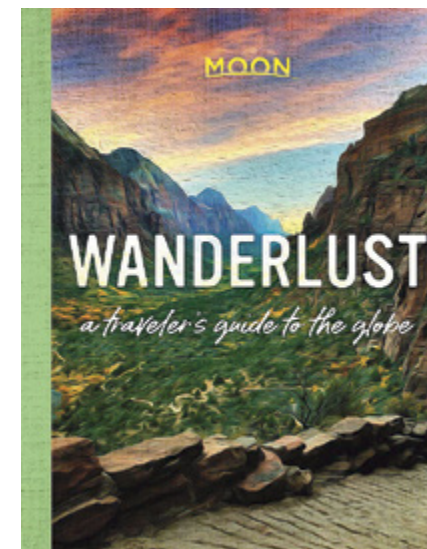
Get inspired with lists of mythic locations, epic trails, ancient cities, and more that span the four corners. This stunning, hardcover book is packed with full-color photos, charming illustrations, and fascinating overviews of each destination, making it the perfect gift for dreamers and adventurers alike.

Walk along the Great Wall of China, climb the Atlas Mountains, or trek through Patagonia. Visit stunning national parks from Yellowstone in the US to Tongariro in New Zealand, explore the Gobi Desert, or set sail to the Greek Islands.

Eat your way through the best street food cities in the world, follow wine trails from Spain to Australia, and shop famous markets from the Grand Bazaar to the Marrakech souks.

Find the best places to stargaze from Chile to France, or witness jaw-dropping phenomena from reversing rivers and blooming deserts to fluorescent blue haze and the Aurora Boreales.

Filled with natural wonders, dazzling celebrations, quirky festivals, road trips, bucket-list sites, epic outdoor adventures, and cultural treasures, Wanderlust is the definitive book for the curious traveler.



7 BEST TRAVEL MOVIES

Let's travel around the world from the comfort of your sofa. Here are films that will make you feel like you're on holiday... until we can set out on our own adventures once more.

Out of Africa (1985) Location – Kenya

Out of Africa is a 1985 American epic romantic drama film directed and produced by Sydney Pollack, and starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. The film is based loosely on the 1937 autobiographical book Out of Africa written by Isak Dinesen (the pseudonym of Danish author Karen Blixen).

In 1914 Karen Blixen arrived in Kenya with her husband to run a coffee farm. Instantly drawn to the land, she spent her happiest years there until the plantation failed. Karen Blixen was forced to return to Denmark in 1931 and it was there

that she wrote this classic account of her experiences. A poignant farewell to her beloved farm, Out of Africa describes her strong friendships with the people of her area, her affection for the landscape and animals, and great love for the adventurer Denys Finch-Hatton.

French Kiss (1995) Location – Paris and the South of France

French Kiss is a 1995 romantic comedy film directed by Lawrence Kasdan and starring Meg Ryan



and Kevin Kline. Written by Adam Brooks, the film is about a woman who flies to France to confront her straying fiancé and gets into trouble when the charming crook seated next to her uses her to smuggle a stolen diamond necklace. French Kiss was filmed on location in Paris, the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur région of south-eastern France, and Cannes.

Six Days Seven Nights (1998) Location – South Pacific

In this Ivan Reitman-directed adventure comedy, Harrison Ford and Anne Heche crash land on a deserted island in the South Pacific. Heche had been vacationing with her fiancé on a nearby island when she was called away for work. Stranded and having to survive everything from the elements to Pirates, Ford and Heche initially don't get along but grow to have feelings for each other.



Under the Tuscan Sun (2003) Location – Tuscany, Italy

We all can relate to things not going as planned in life and needing a complete change to find a new path. Frances Mayes, played by Di-



ane Lane, discovers her husband is cheating and loses everything in the divorce. A friend convinces her to take a trip to Italy. While there, she buys and fixes up a Tuscan villa on a whim, to start again. Along the way, she gains friends and a new life in Italy. You'll swoon over the beautiful shots of Tuscany.

Vicky Cristina Barcelona (2008) Location – Barcelona

This Woody Allen directed romantic comedy stars Javier Bardem, Scar-



lett Johansson, Rebecca Hall, and Penelope Cruz. Two American students have an affair with the same Spanish artist. Throughout the movie, the city of Barcelona shines through its architecture, food, and culture. The film was Allen's fourth consecutive film shot outside the United States.

The Tourist (2010) Location – Paris, Venice

The Tourist is a romantic thriller film co-written and directed by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck and



starring Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp, Paul Bettany and Timothy Dalton. Revolves around Frank, an American tourist visiting Italy to mend a broken heart. Elise is an extraordinary woman who deliberately crosses his path.

Before Midnight (2013) Location – Greece

Before Midnight is an upcoming American romance drama film and the sequel to Before Sunrise (1995) and Before Sunset (2004). Nine years have passed since Before Sunset. Jesse and Céline have become a couple and parents to twin girls. They now live in Paris with twin

daughters but have spent a summer in Greece. When the vacation is over Jesse begins to question his life decisions, and his relationship with Celine is at risk.





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EDUCATION

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE UK TO REOPEN IN FULL IN SEPTEMBER

The Department of Education of UK has unveiled detailed plans for all children and young people to return to full-time education from September.

Current restrictions on group sizes will be lifted to allow schools, colleges and nurseries to fully reopen to all children and young people, as Covid-19 infection rates continue to fall.

Covid-19 secure measures will remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission, with schools being asked to keep children in class or year group sized 'bubbles' and encourage older children to keep their distance from each other and staff where possible. This is alongside protective measures such as regular cleaning and handwashing.

Where there is a positive case in a school or college, the Public Health England local health protection team will advise on the appropriate action, which could include small groups of young people and staff being asked to self-isolate for up to 14 days. Where there are two or more confirmed cases in a two-week period, health protection teams may ask a larger number of other children or young people to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure.

Where an outbreak in a school is confirmed, for specific detailed investigations a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may

have been in contact with the person who has tested positive. Testing will first focus on the person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary.

All staff, pupils and their families will continue to have access to testing

is remarkable, and I am incredibly grateful for that," said Education Secretary Gavin Williamson.

"Thanks to the hard work of everyone, including our teachers and all school staff, there has been a decline in the rate of COVID-19 transmission in our communities," added Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jenny Harries. "A child's education is essential to their healthy development – we know that missing too much school can have a negative impact on children's mental and physical wellbeing."

Schools will need to work with families to secure full attendance from the start of the new academic year, with the reintroduction of mandatory attendance.

To ensure pupils can catch up on lost learning, schools will be required to resume teaching a broad and balanced curriculum in all subjects, making use of existing flexibilities to create time to address gaps in knowledge. Schools should consider how all subjects can contribute to filling gaps in core knowledge.

This will help pupils catch up and will work alongside the financial support provided to primary and secondary schools through the Government's £1 billion Covid-19 catch-up package. This is on top of the £14 billion that we are investing in schools over the next three years.



Photo: Deleece Cook

if they develop Covid-19 symptoms and schools will be provided with easy to use home testing kits for children and staff who would otherwise be unable to get a test.

Schools will be expected to have plans in place to offer remote education to pupils who are self-isolating.

For nurseries, childminders, and other early years providers, restrictions on group sizes will be lifted from 20 July, increasing capacity from the start of the summer holiday.

"I know these past three months have been some of the most challenging that schools have faced. What they have achieved to make sure that young people are kept safe and can continue to learn during this period