



**Total countries visited**

I stopped closely counting after 100 - I am somewhere around 130 countries and territories now. I plan to reach 150 countries visited in the next 2-3 years

**Next travel destination**

Saskatoon, Canada later this week

**What makes you interesting?**

A rounded perspective on the globe based on extensive travels and a diversity of interests and contacts in various industries. My interest in sharing information and contacts where it can help others. And a unique and intense project I am working on in the Napa Valley, California where I have visited, tasted with and written reviews of more than 800 Napa wineries and producers.

**Current city**

California

**If your personality was a city or country, which one would it be?**

I've always been drawn to Los Angeles for a number of reasons that mirror my own interests: it's can do attitude, the inspiring creativity of passionate artists and the cutting edge work of brilliant scientists and engineers, a unique cultural diversity where you often have the largest populations living outside of their home countries, it is classy yet it has character and the weather is generally mild year round.

**What do you enjoy doing the most during your travels?**

The freedom of being on the road - visiting new parts of the world and letting my travels develop as they happen in the moment (rather than planning all the details).

**What have you learned about yourself during your travels?**

I prefer traveling with someone to share experiences rather than traveling solo.

**Who is the most interesting person you have met while traveling?**

"Road Warriors" who are well traveled and have the gritty stories to prove it. Those who aren't tied down by much - who live day to day with few material possessions.

**What is your most favorite travel memory?**

Any memory that involves shared experiences with friends over the hardships and rewards of climbing tall visually inspiring mountains - prior trips have included Nepal, Peru, and Kyrgyzstan. When you wake up and watch the sun rise over jagged peaks somewhere among the world's great mountains (the Himalayas or the Andes), and are fortunate to stand high up on one of these mountains - there is a feeling of unique accomplishment combined with a visual scene unsurpassed - and these moments are fueled by adrenaline. There is no other feeling like it.

