

Interview with Dave's Travel Corner

[Dave's Travel Corner](#) is an immensely popular and long-running site that really gets under the skin of places and gives travellers the nitty gritty about many wonderful destinations all around the world.

Appealing to a broad selection of travellers who have a range of different budgets and travel expectations, it is easy to start reading something on Dave's site ... then another thing ... then another ...! So captivating are the engaging content and the amazing images that it's quite possible to completely lose track of all time.

Packed with brilliant resources and loads of useful and inspiring information, this is one travel site you really don't want to miss.

Determined Dave

We decided to catch up with Dave and ask him a few questions about his experiences and fish for any great advice!

Q: You tell your readers what really cemented your interest in travel – being dangerously ill when trekking in Nepal! – but what keeps you going now? What are your biggest motivators now for travelling?

A; The love of exploration and curiosity about seeking out new experiences while on the road is what keeps my interest high when it comes to travel and visiting new parts of the world.

Q: Do you ever feel like you just want to rest up for a while? Do you have any top tips for avoiding burnout?

A: Yes, about two years ago I was on one work trip after the next for six months straight – these weren't vacations or slow travel – rather while I was traveling I was promoting via social media, producing content – both photos, written and video. It was a lot of work and a lot of moving around quickly. I took the next 3 months off and stayed home – it was a great break from airports and the hassles of doing too much too fast and ultimately left me feeling refreshed.

Doing things to feel refreshed before getting on planes is invaluable – whether it is taking a shower at an airport or finding a quiet place in an airport such as a lounge. Airports are so noisy that this effectively becomes another stress of traveling. Find a balance in travel – take more time to absorb a place rather than rush through – especially as you get older.

Q: You've been to such an amazing variety of different places all over the globe. Is there any place that really sticks in your mind as being perfectly photogenic? (Whether the architecture, the landscapes, the people, or another.)

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A: There are a few places like this I have come across in my travels – I love mountains – the Cordillera Blanca in the Peruvian Andes delivers stunning scenery. Also Kotor in Montenegro combines both the natural beauty of Europe's southern most Fjord with a very picturesque old city spread out along the hillsides above the water.

Q: Is there any place that you have felt a sense of being completely at home?

A: Yes, three places where I don't live full time – that would be the Napa Valley where I've gained a very unique perspective of this region by trying to visit, taste with and write about all the wineries and producers located here. Los Angeles – I spend significant time in this city exploring a wide variety of what it offers from ethnic neighborhoods, food, comedy clubs, farmers markets, museums (it is a major museum city), beaches, wineries, niche tours and much more. And lastly, Thailand – I've been going to Thailand since 1996, I met my wife there in 2001 and now we usually go for 6 weeks in the winter and sometimes again in the summer.

Q: And linked to above, are there any places where you just keep finding yourself drawn back to?

A: Napa and Los Angeles for sure – I want to become an expert in both regions.

Q: If time and money were no object, where would you be jetting off to tomorrow?

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A: Antarctica, Tahiti and Mongolia

Q: Have you ever been in any really uncomfortable situations? (Except for, of course, when you were carried down a Nepalese mountain!)

A: I was in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire a few years ago right before over 3000 people were killed in civil conflicts. It certainly felt tense especially in some of the rough neighborhoods.

Q: Perhaps a tall order but can you give us three words that, for you, sum up travel?

A: Experiences broaden perspectives

Q: What do you think about the numerous travel quotes that are so common today? Inspirational or overused?

A: I'm all for quotes that are either inspirational or promote travel – even the overused Mark Twain travel related quotes!

Q: With so many travel sites and blogs out there today, are there any repeated words or phrases that you keep seeing that you think people should really try to avoid if they want to stand out?

A: The words 'amazing' and 'incredible'.

Q: Any words of wisdom for someone thinking about setting off on an adventure?

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A: Research where you are going but do not plan your entire trip – be open to unexpected experiences and adventures.

Q: What do you look for in accommodation?

A: A place that has either character or class. Some of my most memorable stays were in hovels which often produced some interesting stories – or places that had an eclectic vibe whether it was from the people staying there or how the property was setup or decorated. On the other hand some of the most luxurious properties have been memorable for the excellent service, the uniqueness of location (usually with stunning natural surroundings) and the premium property itself.

Q: And, lastly, are there any things you absolutely must take travelling with you or you'd feel completely lost?

A: My camera , laptop and phone, all tools of the travel writing trade!

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