

Travel Past 50

120 Inspirational and Amusing Quotes About Travel

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Inspirational Travel Quotes

"Few men enjoy prolonged travel; it disrupts all habit and endlessly jolts each prejudice."

— **Marguerite Yourcenar**

"Think you these places would satisfy an Alexander, a Caesar, or a Napoleon? Never! Towering genius disdains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

"Why are there trees I never walk under but large and melodious thoughts descend upon me?"

— **Walt Whitman**

"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt."

— **John Muir**

"For all the compasses in the world, there's only one direction, and time is its only measure."

— **Tom Stoppard**

"The whole object of travel is not to set foot on foreign land; it is at last to set foot on one's own country as a foreign land."

— **G. K. Chesterton**

"The beginning is half the journey."

— **Greek proverb**

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."

— **Susan Sontag**

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

— **Saint Augustine of Hippo**

"To awaken quite alone in a strange town is one of the pleasantest sensations in the world."

— **Freya Stark**

"A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving."

— **Lao Tzu**

"Home life is no more natural to us than a cage is natural to a cockatoo."

— **George Bernard Shaw**

"I don't feel that I belong anywhere. Or rather, if there's a place I belong, I don't feel I'm there."

— **Tom Stoppard**

"A man who has been through bitter experiences and traveled far enjoys even his sufferings after a time."

— **Homer**

"An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."

— **Henry David Thoreau**

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less traveled by."

— **Robert Frost**

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

— **George Bernard Shaw**

"You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."

— **A.A. Milne**

"Because in the end, you won't remember the time you spent working in the office or mowing your lawn. Climb that goddamn mountain."

— **Jack Kerouac**

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

— **Mark Twain**

"Your sacred space is where you can find yourself again and again."

— **Joseph Campbell**

"The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe, to match your nature with Nature."

— **Joseph Campbell**

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

— **Confucius**

"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

— **Søren Kierkegaard**

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

— **John Muir**

"Never mistake motion for action."

— **Ernest Hemingway**

"Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination."

— **Oscar Wilde**

"I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

— **Robert Louis Stevenson**

"Whatever you're meant to do, do it now. The conditions are always impossible."

— **Doris Lessing**

"I believe that if one always looked at the skies, one would end up with wings."

— **Gustave Flaubert**

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do."

— **Mark Twain**

"If you put fences around people, you get sheep."

— **William L. McKnight**

"There is no passion to be found playing small — in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."

— **Nelson Mandela**

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

— **Walt Disney**

"There are flowers everywhere for those who want to see them."

— **Henri Matisse**

"One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."

— **Andre Gide**

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"A journey is like marriage. The certain way to be wrong is to control it."

— **John Steinbeck**

"Travel isn't always pretty. It isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it hurts, it even breaks your heart. But that's okay. The journey changes you; it should change you. It leaves marks on your memory, on your consciousness, on your heart, and on your

body."

— **Anthony Bourdain**

"For the born traveler, travelling is a besetting vice. Like other vices, it is imperious, demanding its victim's time, money, energy and the sacrifice of comfort."

— **Aldous Huxley**

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

— **Henry Miller**

"My wish for you is that you feel no need to constrict yourself to make other people comfortable."

— **Ta-Nehisi Coates**

"It's all very well planning what you will do in six months, what you will do in a year, but it's no good at all if you don't have a plan for tomorrow."

— **Hilary Mantel**

"Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

— **Terry Pratchett**

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

— **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."

— **Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.**

"Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world."

— **Gustave Flaubert**

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

— **Albert Einstein**

"I cannot express how important it is to believe that taking one tiny — and possibly very uncomfortable — step at a time can ultimately add up to a great distance."

— **Tig Notaro**

"Don't hope someone gives you an opportunity. Create one for yourself."

— **Shannon Sharpe**

"Enthusiasm is the great hill-climber."

— **Elbert Hubbard**

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."

— **Helen Keller**

"Imagine living life so carefully there are no signs that you lived at all."

— **Raven Leilani**

"To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions."

— **Benjamin Franklin**

"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great."

— **Orison Swett Marden**

Quotes About Specific Destinations

"Paris is always a good idea."

— **Audrey Hepburn**

"If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast."

— **Ernest Hemingway**

"It isn't necessary to have relatives in Kansas City in order to be unhappy."

— **Groucho Marx**

"You must not judge people by their country. In South America, it is always wise to judge people by their altitude."

— **Paul Theroux**

"Now, looking back on my life in Africa, I feel like it might altogether be described as the existence of a person who had come from a rushed and noisy world, into a still country."

— **Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen)**

"Now India is a place beyond all others where one must not take things too seriously — the midday sun always excepted."

— **Rudyard Kipling**

"England and America are two countries separated by a common language."

— **George Bernard Shaw**

"I once spent a year in Philadelphia, I think it was on a Sunday."

— **W. C. Fields**

"Those French! They have a different word for everything."

— **Steve Martin**

Funny Travel Quotes

"Hotel rooms inhabit a separate moral universe."

— **Tom Stoppard**

"Eternity's a terrible thought. I mean, where's it all going to end?"

— **Tom Stoppard**

"I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train."

— **Oscar Wilde**

"That would be a good thing for them to cut on my tombstone: Wherever she went, including here, it was against her better judgment."

— **Dorothy Parker**

"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"

— **George Carlin**

"Only entropy comes easy."

— **Anton Chekhov**

"A group of crows is called a murder. A group of people walking slowly in front of me is called a motive."

— **Abby Heugel**

"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them."

— **Mark Twain**

"We don't really know where this goes — and I'm not sure we really care."

— **Bob Ross**

"To put it rather bluntly, I am not the type who wants to go back to the land; I am the type who wants to go back to the hotel."

— **Fran Lebowitz**

The Philosophy of Going

"In this world, shipmates, sin that pays its way can travel freely, and without passport; whereas Virtue, if a pauper, is stopped at all frontiers."

— Herman Melville

"Every breath is borrowed by the lungful; you can't save them for later or hold a single one for long. And even a chestful of air is too much cargo for some trips. Some places you have to go empty."

— Dessa

"People travel for the same reason as they collect works of art: because the best people do it."

— Aldous Huxley

"If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer. But if he spends his days as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is deemed an industrious and enterprising citizen."

— Henry David Thoreau

"There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself."

— Henry David Thoreau

"Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves."

— Henry David Thoreau

"If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay home."

— James A. Michener

"There are three basic rules of traveling. Travel on the ground. Travel alone when possible. Keep notes. That's it."

— Paul Theroux

"We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware."

— Martin Buber

"My favorite thing is to go where I've never been."

— Diane Arbus

"Most travel, and a lot of expatriate life, can be filed under the heading 'Trespassing.'"

— Paul Theroux

"Short cuts make long delays."

— J.R.R. Tolkien

Travel Quotes About How to See

"If your pictures aren't good enough, you're not close enough."

— Robert Capa

"The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it."

— George Bernard Shaw

"You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."

— Mark Twain

"I don't have to have faith, I have experience."

— Joseph Campbell

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

— Marcel Proust

"An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools."

— Ernest Hemingway

"The first condition of understanding a foreign country is to smell it."

— Rudyard Kipling

"There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do."

— Freya Stark

"The unfed mind devours itself."

— Gore Vidal

"Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice."

— Anton Chekhov

"God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road."

— Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen)

"No matter how far a person can go, the horizon is still way beyond you."

— **Zora Neale Hurston**

"As I have always held it a crime to anticipate evils, I will believe it a good comfortable road until I am compelled to believe differently."

— **Meriwether Lewis**

"I can bring forth, on the darkest day, bright diamonds of remembered joys."

— **Burton Holmes**

"The world's big and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark."

— **John Muir**

"Your body is not a temple, it's an amusement park. Enjoy the ride."

— **Anthony Bourdain**

Quotes About Traveling Past 50

"For the unlearned, old age is winter; for the learned, it is the season of the harvest."

— **Hasidic saying**

"With age, comes wisdom. With travel, comes understanding."

— **Sandra Lake**

"Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder, a part of the experience."

— **Francis Bacon**

"Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."

— **Franz Kafka**

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

— **Abraham Lincoln**

"Getting old is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better!"

— **Ingrid Bergman**

"If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."

— **Tom Stoppard**

And One Last Thing

"Drink heavily with locals whenever possible."

— **Anthony Bourdain**

"And now for something completely different..."

— **Monty Python**

"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

— **F. Scott Fitzgerald**

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you."

— **Walt Whitman**

"We find, after years of struggle, that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us."

— **John Steinbeck**

"If you're looking for the next best thing, and you're looking where everyone else is, you're looking in the wrong place."

— **Mark Cuban**

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

— **Mark Twain**

And Really, Truly, Last Thoughts

"Not all those who wander are lost."

— **J.R.R. Tolkien**

"Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer."

— **Anonymous**