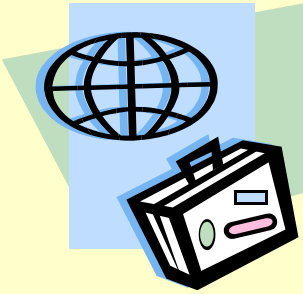




# What Travel Writers Say Newsletter

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## Outward Bound: Sandy Hook, New Jersey



Part of the Gateway National Recreation Area, a 26,000-acre park system situated primarily in the metropolitan New York area, Sandy Hook stands as a haven similar to Central Park—rooted to, yet removed from the hustle and bustle of a densely populated area. During the winter months this 6.5 mile stretch of sand spit—a mix of salt marsh and maritime forest—becomes a sanctuary for bird-watchers, history buffs, and athletes.

The offseason—when the gates are raised, the crowds minimal, and the parking free—is the perfect time to explore the ghostly buildings of Fort Hancock, a military camp that housed 12,000 officers, soldiers, and families during WW II. After cresting over the recently renovated Highlands Bridge, one begins to see hints of the Hook's rich martial history before entering the eerie Officers Row.

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Be tough yet gentle,  
humble yet bold,  
swayed always by  
beauty and truth.

**Kurt Hahn**

## Enter Both Toronto's Days Inn Hotel and Vancouver's Sunset Inn & Suites Draws

Canada's top two cities for you to enjoy. Take two minutes to enjoy 48 great hours. What do you have to do? It's easy: simply contact us at and name your favourite vacation destination near or far. You might like to briefly mention what constitutes its appeal. That enters you into both of the two draws! email us at: [whattravelwriterssay@cogeco.net](mailto:whattravelwriterssay@cogeco.net)

The draws takes place in two months allowing a nice March break! There are Days Inn hotels conveniently located all over the Toronto area. Check them out at: <http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/home>

Relax and enjoy the luxurious setting of the Sunset Inn & Suites in downtown Vancouver's scenic West End. The spacious suites boast some of the largest hotel rooms in town, and are just like having your own deluxe apartment in the city – with full kitchen, separate bedrooms and living rooms. All suites have been newly renovated. Vancouver's major attractions and vibrant waterfront are mere steps from your front door. It's easy to visit Stanley Park, the seawall, Gastown, Granville Island, the Vancouver Aquarium, Sunset Beach (where the hotel draws its name from), and trendy shops on Robson Street. <http://www.sunsetinn.com/>

## Featured Tips:

Looking for cheap flights, accommodations, currency conversion, even local temperature or subway information? For the latest data, we supply 774 links to every conceivable travel related question that you might have. Bookmark this helpful site to assist you in future travel: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indextips.html>

This month's featured tip: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/tipscruiseline.html>  
Interested in a cruise? Check out all of the cruise lines in the url above.

Life is not having and getting, but being and becoming.

Mathew Arnold



In addition to travel tips, our *What Travel Writers Say* website includes:

- Travel articles (470)
- Travel tips & links (774)
- Professional travel writers (92)
- Seniors' travel links (105)
- Current travel industry news (World-wide)
- Free newsletter sign up (30,367 members)
- Readers' Forum Travel Tips



## Educators & Friends Travel Discount!

With a readership base of +30,000, we have some purchasing clout that has resulted in a special arrangement with **Glenny Travel** with offices on both sides of the border (in Buffalo & Fort Erie).

Mention that you subscribe to the *What Travel Writers Say Newsletter* & you are a teacher or friend and you are eligible for discounts that range from 5% to 10% on tours & cruises depending on the type of tour or cruise that you are interested in.

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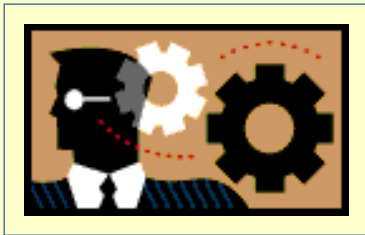
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## Website of the month: Gapminder

<http://www.gapminder.org/>

Founded in Stockholm by Ola Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund and Hans Rosling on February 25, 2005, **Gapminder** is a non-profit venture – promoting sustainable global development and achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

It is a good resource for teachers, providing lesson plans, educational videos and innovative presentation techniques. Check it out!



## Outward Bound: Albany, NY

I'm at an Albany Devils hockey game in the Times Union Center, watching Number 5, defenseman, Rob Davison from St. Catharines, take a two-minute penalty for boarding a Hartford Rangers forward. At 6'3" and 215 pounds, Davison skates well and can make his presence felt. I check out the roster: 14 Canadians, 12 Americans and 4 Europeans. 23 players are 6' and taller, 17 weigh over 200 pounds. Smallest guy on the team is 5'7", 180 pounds. I'm glad I'm not on the ice.

I soon discover that I need more than two nights here. The next day is hectic: in the morning, a New York State Museum tour, a State Capitol tour, lunch at the Albany Pump Station, part of the CH Evans Brewery, followed by an Aqua Ducks tour and an afternoon visit to the Albany Institute of History & Art, with evening dinner at the Hollywood Brown Derby. Busy indeed.

The Museum is huge, and I soon discover that I could spend an entire day wandering around the four floors of exhibits but one that really resonates is the 9/11 display. On the top floor, flooded with light from wrap-around windows that provide great looks at the surrounding architecture, there's a fully restored antique carousel that attracts any child, including the adult variety.

Next, Stuart Lehman takes us on a "Haunted Capitol tour," really a stunning example of 19th century architecture, initially designed by Englishman Thomas Fuller, who also designed the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, Canada. Four hundred feet long and three hundred feet wide, the Capitol has five stories with a full basement and attic. It is constructed principally of gray granite and has walls over sixteen feet thick at the foundation. The vast Assembly Chamber is the single largest room marked by a groined vaulted sandstone ceiling that rises to a height of 56 feet above the floor. In 1911, a fire swept through the Capitol, causing wholesale destruction of everything in its path.

- by Mike Keenan; read the rest of the story at:  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/albanyny2.html>

## Travel Fact of the day

The Kumbh Mela (or Grand Pitcher Festival) is a huge Hindu religious festival that takes place in India every 12 years. In 2001, 60 million people attended, breaking the record for the world's biggest gathering.

More interesting travel facts are available at:  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexdiyoudknow.html>



9-11 Museum exhibit

Life consists not of  
 holding good cards but  
 in playing those you do  
 have well.

Josh Billings

## Industry News

For the latest travel industry news, visit: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexnews.html>

### Albany connections

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YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3HuDwf-o6E>

Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albany\\_ny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albany_ny)

Churches & Synagogues:  
<http://www.justthecapitalregion.com/religion.htm>

Fiction: <http://www.answers.com/topic/william-kennedy>

Albany Heritage Area Visitor Center & Museum Gallery:  
25 Quackenbush Square, (518) 434-0405

Albany Aqua Ducks Tour: Broadway & Clinton Avenue, Quack  
(518) 462- 3825 <http://www.albanyaquaducks.com>

Albany Pump Station, CH Evans Brewery: Quackenbush  
Square, (518) 447-9000 <http://www.evansale.com>

Albany Institute of History & Art: 125 Washington Ave.,  
(518) 463-4478 <http://www.albanyinstitute.org>

Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown: 25 Chapel Street,  
(518) 432-7000 <http://www.hamptonsuitesalbany.com>

Hollywood Brown Derby: Clinton Ave., (518) 463-1965  
<http://www.thehollywoodbrownderby.com>

N.Y. State Museum Tour: Empire State Plaza, (518) 474-5877  
<http://www.nysm.nysed.gov>

New York State Capitol Tour:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/plaza/CT/Tours/Capitol.asp>  
Washington Ave. and State St., (518) 474-2418

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487-2000 <http://www.timesunioncenter-albany.com>

### Sandy Hook, New Jersey

Sandy Hook website:

[http://www.nps.gov/archive/gate/shu/shu\\_pub\\_programs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/archive/gate/shu/shu_pub_programs.htm)

Red Bank info: <http://www.redbank.com/>

Asbury Park info: <http://www.cityofasburypark.com/>

YouTube:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoMF\\_GdUlyg&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoMF_GdUlyg&feature=related)

Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandy\\_Hook,\\_NJ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandy_Hook,_NJ)

Wikitravel: [http://wikitravel.org/en/Sandy\\_Hook](http://wikitravel.org/en/Sandy_Hook)

About.com:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/navybasesunits/ss/NWSEarle.htm>

Churches & Synagogues:

<http://www.newjerseybride.com/articles/the-chapel-at-sandy-hook>

Fiction: <http://www.down-the-shore.com/shorepg.html>

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