



# What Travel Writers Say Newsletter

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## Outward Bound: Leave the Snow Behind

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If desperate for a break from slushy sidewalks, winter coats, scarves and mitts, and winter's ever present grayness, point your compass towards Florida's crystalline, sparkling sugar-white sand beaches of the Emerald Coast. The beaches are so white, they resemble cold winter snow, the stuff I left behind a few hours earlier in Canada!

For one glorious week, I hung out in the seaside resorts of Destin and Fort Walton Beach on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. These small communities (pop. of both 35,000) are part of what's referred to as the 39 kilometre (24-mile) Emerald Coast.

**Getting there:** This is the easy part. I boarded a Vision Airlines non-stop, two-hour flight from the Niagara Falls International Airport in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Flights start at \$79.00 (plus fees and taxes) to Northwest Florida Regional Airport... For the remainder of the story, see: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/emeraldcoastfl.html>

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

Deadline is Feb. 21! 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) See: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/newcontest.html>

## Latest WTWS Articles

A Romantic Getaway with your Valentine to St. Jacobs by George Bailey  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/stjacobsontario.html>

Cushy log building puts Norman Wells, NWT, on the map by Teresa Earle  
<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/normanwellsnwt.html>

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



## 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>

Happiness is not a goal;  
it is a by-product.

Eleanor Roosevelt Life

This month's featured tip. Think winter is for the birds. Check out this birding site: <http://www.aba.org/>



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

- Travel articles (477)
- Travel tips & links (774)
- Professional travel writers (95)
- Seniors' travel links (105)
- Current travel industry news (World-wide)
- Free newsletter sign up (33,305 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. Mention that you subscribe to the *What Travel Writers Say Newsletter* & that 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 selected.

Glenny Travel: <http://www.glennytravel.com/>  
Contact Stephen Marshall: [stephen.glennytravel@bellnet.ca](mailto:stephen.glennytravel@bellnet.ca)

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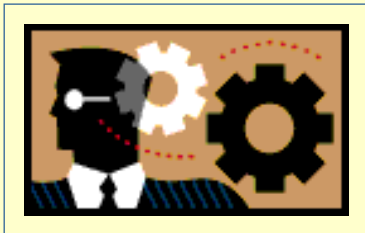


## URL of the month: Google Search Features

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html>

In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has many special features to help you to find exactly what you're looking for. Some of our most popular features are listed on this Google web site.

Check out **Query Refinements**, particularly: **Plus (+) Operator**, **Related Search** and **Fill in the Blank** to make your searches more productive.



## Outward Bound: Canterbury, NH

It's not surprising that there's no one left in this once prosperous religious society that I explore, an important American artifact housed at Canterbury, New Hampshire, a short drive from Concord, the state capital. Shakers espoused sexual equality yet celibacy; political parity yet physical separation.

They emigrated to the United States in 1774 and established nineteen self-contained communities from Maine to Kentucky. Canterbury Shaker Village is one of the oldest, most typical and most completely preserved of the Shaker Villages. Well worth a visit, one could easily enjoy an entire day here. The Village includes the only intact, first-generation Meeting House, built in 1792, and Dwelling House, built in 1793, in their original locations. Traditional crafts demonstrated in the Village include: broom making, dovetailing, printing, oval box making, poplar weaving and poplar ware construction, wood turning, tinsmithing, spinning and weaving.

Alas, today only three aged Shakers remain living at Maine's Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village. Despite imminent extinction, they were the most successful communitarian and utopian society in American history.

The formal name, United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, gave way to "Shakers" or Shaking Quakers, founded upon the teachings of Ann Lee who predated the US women's movement known to have begun at Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. Shakers are mostly known now for their cultural contributions especially their music and furniture.

In the Educational Center, a video informs me that on August 6, 1774, two years before the Revolution, Ann Lee was one of nine to arrive from Manchester, England. During a slow, nine-year start up, besides missionary work, they supported widows with children and orphans, providing foster care. As pacifists in 1861 during the Civil War, exemption from service was granted by President Lincoln, making them the first US "conscientious objectors."

- by Mike Keenan; read the rest of the story at:

<http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/canterburynewhampshire.html>

## Travel Fact of the day

If you attempted to count the stars in a galaxy at a rate of one every second, it would take about 3,000 years to complete the task.

Provided by Reference.com

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



Shaker Meeting House

Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience.

Eleanor Hibbert

## Industry News

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

### Emerald Coast Connections

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qDULAPX1tQ&feature=related>

Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau:

[www.emeraldcoastfl.com](http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com) or 1 800-322-3319.

Vision Airlines: [www.visionairlines.com](http://www.visionairlines.com) or 1-877-359-2538

Hertz: [www.hertz.ca](http://www.hertz.ca) or 800-654-3001

Jetty East Condominium: [www.jettyeast.net](http://www.jettyeast.net)

or 1-800-368-0222

Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Que: [www.jimnicks.com](http://www.jimnicks.com)

Lucky Snapper Grill and Bar: [www.luckysnapper.com](http://www.luckysnapper.com)

Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerald\\_Coast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerald_Coast)

Wikitravel: [http://wikitravel.org/en/Emerald\\_Coast](http://wikitravel.org/en/Emerald_Coast)

About.com:

[http://goflorida.about.com/cs/floridapanhandle/a/coast\\_emerald.htm](http://goflorida.about.com/cs/floridapanhandle/a/coast_emerald.htm)

Churches & Synagogues:

<http://local.nwfdailynews.com/fort-walton-beach+fl/churches.zq.html>;

<http://www.thedestinlog.com/articles/anglican-15723-religious-schedules.html>

Fiction: <http://tony-simmons.blogspot.com/>

### Canterbury, New Hampshire Connections

YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOnN5yKWELM&feature=fvst>

Wikipedia:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canterbury,\\_New\\_Hampshire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canterbury,_New_Hampshire)

Wikitravel:

[http://wikitravel.org/en/Touring\\_Shaker\\_country](http://wikitravel.org/en/Touring_Shaker_country)

About.com:

<http://gonewengland.about.com/od/mainesightseeing/ig/Sabbathday-Lake-Shaker-Village/>

Churches & Synagogues:

<http://www.punchbowl.com/vendors/nh-new-hampshire/canterbury/c-churches+-synagogues>

Fiction:

[http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1512855.The\\_Shakeress](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1512855.The_Shakeress) ; <http://ils.unc.edu/dpr/path/shakers/index.html>

**Canterbury Shaker Village**, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury NH 03224; 603-783-9511, <http://www.shakers.org/>



Shaker Crafts



Greenwood's Restaurant



Clothes Wringer

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