



It's All About the Perspective:

Travel writer Tim Richards reveals the secrets of good travel writing.

Introducing an experienced public speaker for your next event, with a selection of talks on travel writing...

*"Everyone knows the Beatles marched across the zebra crossing at Abbey Road... but I also knew there was an Abbey Road station across the other side of London, where unwitting tourists headed every day. It was the **wrong** Abbey Road, but was there a story there? There was."*

An odd form of writing

Travel writing is a **curious type of journalism**... often written in first person, it must tread a fine line to avoid the blandness of "what I did on my summer holiday" accounts, and the predictable glowing phrases of tourism brochures.

I'm an **experienced travel writer** who's had articles published in newspapers and magazines across the world, and have undertaken regular assignments for Lonely Planet. You can see extracts from my published work at www.iwriter.com.au, and my weekly travel blog at www.aerohaveno.com.

My travel writing talks

I currently have three talks I can deliver, each accompanied by images:

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1. Around the World: From the Wrong Abbey Road to Aussie Cafes of Manhattan.

In this talk I recount a major travel writing trip I made by air and rail to Europe and the USA in 2014, taking in London, Cardiff, Brussels, Cologne, Berlin and New York.

Along the way, I **recount anecdotes from the journey**, including:

- My visit to a London street often confused with one from a Beatles album cover;
- An exploration of Welsh fine food (yes, really!) in the Welsh capital;
- My encounter with London's best bacon sandwich;
- A rail journey under the Channel, leading to a visit to Waterloo;
- Learning the secrets of street art in Berlin;
- Tracking down Aussie café owners and good coffee in New York.



2. North America: From Outdoor Beats to Crazy Neon.

This talk recalls recent **travel writing trips** to the USA and Canada, taking in Montreal, Quebec City, rural Quebec, Nova Scotia, Las Vegas, desert Nevada, New York and Los Angeles.

In it, I **talk about my own experiences**, including:

- My investigation of LA's classic French Dipped sandwich;
- A ride on a luxury gourmet train through the Charlevoix region of Quebec;
- Dancing outdoors to the beat of Tam Tam drums and electronica in Montreal;
- A grim connection with the *SS Titanic* in Halifax;
- An atmospheric graveyard of old casino neon signage in Vegas;

- The rattlesnake-infested ghost towns of Nevada;
- Visiting the grave of a famous British author in an obscure Long Island locale.
- Visiting a time travellers' supply store in Los Angeles, after visiting dead Hollywood stars at a very special cemetery.



3. Europe: From Sherlock Holmes to ABBA.

In this talk, I recount in words and images a **travel writing trip** I made to Europe in 2012, taking in London, Poland, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

Along the way, I **recount anecdotes from my own experiences**, including:

- Tracking down Sherlock Holmes and jellied eels in London;
- Exploring the Queen's garage at Sandringham, Norfolk;
- Floating along an improbable Polish canal where the boats sometimes sail over land;
- Investigating the world's largest IKEA in Sweden;
- Going on tours related to both ABBA and crime novels in Stockholm;
- Taking a refreshing bath in beer, in the cellar of a Czech brewery.

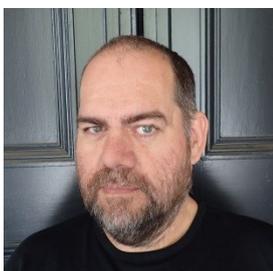
Entertaining and informative

I've talked at **well-attended sessions** at numerous libraries across Melbourne and Victoria.

Janet Nolan, Branch Manager of Mt Evelyn Library, had this to say about my original talk (on the things that go wrong while travelling):

"'Entertaining and informative' were the words our audience used to describe Tim Richards' talk at a literary lunch at Lilydale Library. Tim's expertise as a writer is a great encouragement to people who want to write about their own experiences. We were delighted with Tim's talk."

My standard fee for the talk is \$300 + GST (though I am open to negotiation if your budget is tight). If you're interested in engaging me for one of your events, please contact me for details of availability.



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