

TRAVELLER



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Most frequented business destination Singapore

Favourite airline Qantas. It's been part of my travelling over the past 35 years. I know their planes, service and lounges and have never had a problem. Stepping on to a Qantas plane I immediately feel at home.

Favorite hotel The Porto Roca Hotel, Cinque Terra, on the northern Italian Riviera, just south of Portofino. An old-world hotel, sitting above the town of Monterosso Al Mare overlooking the Mediterranean; a wonderful place to sit back and enjoy the local seafood and red wine. The hotel has great sitting rooms and a fantastic indoor/outdoor restaurant, making the most of the spectacular views.

Can you recommend a restaurant overseas Vertigo, Bangkok: it sits atop the Banyan Tree and is one of the Asia-Pacific region's highest open-air restaurants. The views are spectacular. The fish dishes melt in the mouth.

Important things to pack My camera and glasses. Photography is my hobby and I always allow time to visit out-of-the-way places and try and

obtain a new perspective and new material. Glasses ensure I can read menus in restaurants, which seem to be becoming noisier and dimmer as I get older.

Things to do in your spare time It's part of the enjoyment of the international traveller to meet people. What little spare time I have, I take my camera and let it lead me.

Travel tips for others Get a pair of good, noise-cancelling headphones, they make a refreshing difference. Always pack a power board with you. This will allow you to plug in all your Australian charges with only one adaptor needed.

Mobile communications I always travel with a PDA, a spare phone and a laptop. In some parts of the world



The Cinque Terra . . . spectacular views, seafood and wine.

they can be problematic but there's always somebody to help if one begs politely enough.

Shopping Shopping is never high up on my agenda. However, I do enjoy the hustle and bustle of the markets in Bangkok and Hong Kong as well

as the large range of shops in New York.

Most memorable moments travelling

Having a group of US Marines outside the US Embassy in London give me and a travelling companion preferential treatment to jump the queue to get a visa, so as not to miss a morning Concorde flight to New York. Once we got the visa, one of the Marines stepped out into the busy London traffic, held up the first empty cab he could find, threw our bags and us in, and instructed the cabbie to get us to the airport in time for the Concorde connection. After the mad rush, our New York meeting was pushed back anyway.

Do you have linen and dry-cleaning problems when travelling?

I travel light, stay in hotels that have quick turnaround times and, if possible, are adjacent to a laundry service that I get to know. I rarely have any problems.

Greatest thing about travelling? I talk to anyone, enjoy learning from their experiences, and above all like exploring on my own with my trusted cameras. I manage to relive all my trips

through my photos again and again.

Worst thing about travelling?

Airports, and ever-increasing security protocols. Even though I understand the reasons, the varying rules surrounding security in different countries is frustrating and annoying.