

Travel Quotes – the not so kindly ones.

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Travel writers can be crabby and sometimes the reports on bad trips can be more fun to read than the good reviews.

“Canada is the vichyssoise of nations: cold, half-French and difficult to stir”
Stuart Keate.

Casablanca “has combined the charm of French heavy industry with the efficiency of Moroccan feudalism to create an ugly, smelly, noisy, hybrid that only a resident could love”
1986 “Let’s Go: Europe”

“Romans park their cars the way I would park if I had just spilled a beaker of hydrochloric acid on my lap.”
Bill Bryson.

“The Australian Book of Etiquette is a very slim volume.”
Paul Theroux.

“It is never difficult to distinguish between a Scotsman with a grievance and a ray of sunshine.”
PG Wodehouse.

“America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilisation.”
Georges Clemenceau.

“France has neither winter nor summer nor morals, Apart from these drawbacks it is a fine country.”
Mark Twain.

“The English should give Ireland home rule – and reserve the motion-picture rights.”
Will Rogers.

“It is said that as a somewhat deflated George Armstrong Custer lay bleeding in the Montana dirt at the Little Big Horn, he turned his glazed eyes and dimming eyes east and said’ At least we won’t have to go back through South Dakota.”
Tim Cahill.

“Paris is a nasty city.”
DH Lawrence.

“Dallas is a city that honors the man who can buy a piece of art more than the artist who creates one.”
AC Greene.

“One of the stock Sydney jokes is of the census-taker who enquires: “How many children have you ma’am? “Two living and three in Melbourne.”
Elspeth Huxley.

“Canada is said to have got its name from the two Spanish words aca and nada, signifying ‘there is nothing here’.”

Goldwin Smith.

“In England there are 60 different religions but only one sauce.”

Voltaire.

“You know when you are entering the German –speaking part of Switzerland because all the towns have names that sound like someone talking with his mouth full of bread: Thun, Leuk, Plaffien, Flims, Gstaad, Linthal, Thusis, Fluelen, Thalwil.”

Bill Bryson.

“Of course America had often been discovered before, but it had always been hushed up.”

Oscar Wilde.

“England is “a soggy little island huffing and puffing to keep up with Western Europe.”

John Updike.

“Bogota seemed a cruel towering place, like an eagles’ nest now inhabited by vultures and their dying prey.”

Paul Theroux.

“The best that can be said for Norwegian television is that it gives you the sensation of a coma without the worry and inconvenience.”

Bill Bryson.

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

Author: Robert Louis Stevenson