

# Our Mission, Our Process

- ❑ **We want to produce a list of the world's extreme travelers, a group objectively defined.**
  - ❑ Since there are several lists in existence we want to condense these into one, into **one overall ranking**.
  - ❑ We think people are getting confused by the fact that every year new lists are popping up.
- It is our intention to **collect** all these lists, all that are ranking travelers for their performance in various perspectives, lists with different names and different focuses.
  - We take these lists and **rearrange** them in a matrix to make them comparable.
  - We have run a **pilot project**. Because of the positive response, we continue. We were advised to skip one list and to include the cumbersome ISO 3166-2 list.
  - We take the lists as they are, we don't change, we explain shortly, but we don't comment, we use already published data, if possible only by TBT „The Best Travelled“ because this club has by far the most profound data.
- ❑ We are aware of dealing with ranks, so we are dealing with something which could be seen as the most valuable what travelers have, the essence of their lives, decades of traveling.
  - ❑ And we are aware that we are dealing with their reactions if ranks change - with personal sensitivities.
  - ❑ **Therefore we want to do the overall ranking in an objective way that everybody can agree with.**



This is one of the rare trips to Bouvet. Done in 2015. Most likely on this ship, the „Ortelius“, more extreme travelers had been than at any other occasion. The trip was initiated by the clubs.

# Explanations of the Lists

We see 9 lists in total, not more. We **arrange them by their magnitude**, their amount of points (sites), those with the highest points first; but the sequence has no influence on the final ranking.

We treat them **all as equal**. We don't want to go into a discussion of weighting them according to their importance, because the importance is debatable, counterproductive to our goal, to buy everybody in.

To renounce weighting is not easy. Only some hints: It would be easy to argue that the official lists of the UNESCO, the World Heritage List and the Tentative List, have a higher importance than the lists of the travel clubs, because they reflect the perspective of a much smaller crowd, only the view of less than 20.000 people each, not the world or a country. On the other the travel clubs represent a group of people with an outstanding interest in traveling, thus for these people the travel club lists might have a higher importance. One list (Greatest Globetrotters) incorporates the perspective of budget travelers very well. We treat all equally to avoid any discussion. There is a **little overlap, but totally insignificant if you only reach for the top 10**.

1. **TBT Series**, 16.136 "sites", the biggest one by far: This is not one list but a series of several lists. But 17 of them are accumulated into one ranking making therefore a new list, they call it "cumulative ranking", we call it "overall travel performance". This is the list we are talking about. The making of the TBT Series is a dynamic process: They add and refine. We take the data of May 1, 2017. We take it and don't comment.
2. **ISO-3166-2**, 3.986 „units". The official list of all the administrative units of the world. First released in 1974, many times revised. We take the revision of the TBT, they name it **SISO**. This list is cumbersome: Only one out of many examples: Slovenia has about 200 units counting all their villages; there is no logic to justify this subdivision for a traveler. TBT has seen this point and revised SISO to a new list „CHAD", it is more reasonable, but it is less official, less known. We go for the quasi-official, the more known. To incorporate this list was a result of our pilot project. We argued: Too much work, only for a few. But we understand: We address the „Extremes" (thus only a few) and we have to follow the official procedures.
3. **Tentative List** of the UNESCO, 1.642 sites: This is the official list of each country of their candidates which apply for the inscription. So this view is strictly a national perception, nothing more. To get on to the World Heritage List is a long way. Per average only 20 make it per year out of 200 candidates. But nevertheless it is an important list since it is the official view of the country on the important sites worth to be protected.
4. **TBT (The Best Travelled)**, 1.281 regions, the focus of the TBT: "Their list". No explanation necessary.
5. The **World's Greatest Globetrotters**, 1.268 "sites": It is initiated by Sascha Grabow. The main idea is that it makes a difference if you only fly into a country or if you enter and exit the country overland. So for overland border crossing you get an extra point to match the backpacker's way of traveling. We agree.
6. **The World Heritage List**, 1.052 sites: Needless to say more. But important in our context: We use only the figures from TBT, not from MPT.
7. **MTP (Most Traveled People)**, 875 regions and islands: MPT has an emphasis on islands, especially remote ones, but the definition of the regions is somewhat inconsistent: Kazakhstan and Market Reef having one point each, just to name one example and there are so many more. We disagree with this list but that is a different discussion. Here we treat all lists equally.
8. **TCC (Travelers' Century Club)**, 325 countries: TCC is the oldest travel club. Their definition of countries is comprehensive and a true alternative to the UN list of 193 countries, which is only politically defined, not regarding geographical and ethnological perspectives as the TCC rightly does. This list is highly respected. We agree.
9. **UN+**, 266 countries: We take this list as being defined by TBT, an expanded list by territories and actually independent countries. We are not taking the UN List of 193 politically independent, self-governing countries because this list has been achieved by nearly all extreme travelers and it would not change the overall ranking. A significant differentiation is only in the UN+ list.

We had run a pilot: The result: (1) SISO was added: Opinion: Important and official. (2) TEC, Traveler's Exploits, 222 questions, was dropped. Opinion: Too or only subjective, doesn't fit into the concept of objectivity, a too small base. We had so negative comments that we had no other choice than to drop TEC.

**The 9 Lists:** Lists 1 till 6, arranged by the amount of „points“, status May 1, 2017

List 1		
<b>TBT Series</b>		
(The accumulation of various lists)		
Maximum: 16.136		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	5.262
2	Runkel	5.231
3	Newcomer	5.148
4	Lundgren	4.281
5	Buechler	4.200
6	Mitsidis	4.045
7	Newckij	3.619
8	Sheppard	3.326
9	Baekeland	3.271
10	Goldstein	3.173

List 2		
<b>SISO</b>		
ISO Standard Organisation 3166-2		
3.978		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Shea	2.391
2	Grosse-Oetringhaus	1.966
3	Büchler	1.860
4	Newcomer	1.786
5	Newckij	1.697
6	Siivonen	1.596
7	Mitsidis	1.426
8	Lundgren	1.375
9	Sheppard	1.305
10	Jelinek	957

List 3		
<b>Tentative List of UNESCO</b>		
(acc. to TBT)		
Maximum: 1.642		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	561
2	Runkel	485
3	Newcomer	385
4	Goldstein	280
5	Lundgren	229
6	Newckij	227
7	Jelinek	220
8	Baravalle	203
9	Wacht	195
10	Martino	170

List 4		
<b>The Best Travelled</b>		
<b>TBT</b>		
Maximum: 1.281		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Stücke	1.105
2	Sanchez	1.102
3	Hardenmark	1.090
4	Junge	1.072
5	Grosse-Oetringhaus	1.067
6	Brugiroux	1.060
7	Mitsidis	1.040
8	Grabow	1.034
9	Valtari	1.012
10	Leventhal	992

List 5		
<b>World's Greatest Globetrotters</b>		
Maximum: 1.268		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Stücke	1.179
2	Brugiroux	1.179
3	Shea	1.172
4	Hardenmark	1.171
5	Sanchez	1.132
6	Antuna	1.128
7	Lundgren	1.079
8	Grosse-Oetringhaus	1.033
9	Mitsidis	1.024
10	Büchler	923

List 6		
<b>UNESCO World Heritage List</b>		
(acc. to TBT)		
Maximum: 1.052		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	940
2	Murallon	779
3	Büchler	679
4	Valtari	637
5	Els Slots	627
6	Runkel	622
7	Newckij	608
8	Moyano	560
9	Laurent	540
10	Jelinek	531

List 7		
MTP		
Most Travelled People		
Maximum: 875		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Parrish	852
2	Bonifas	851
3	Veley	834
4	Altaffer	822
5	Bruehwiler	816
6	Sanchez	794
7	Hackley	793
8	Allen	788
9	Srinivasaraghavan	786
10	Leventhal	775

List 8		
TCC		
Travelers' Century Club		
Maximum: 325		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Parrish	325
2	Hardenmark	325
3	Altaffer	324
4	Lundgren	321
5	Rainer	321
6	Sanchez	320
7	Siby	318
8	Walker	316
9	Reynolds	314
10	Grosse-Oetringhaus	313

### The 9 Lists:

Lists 7 to 9, also arranged by the amount of „points“, status May 1, 2017

A group of extreme travelers on the Novo Sibirsk Islands on a trip with the legendary icebreaker Kapitan Khlebnikov, 7. 2016 Why legendary? This ship, 25.000 HP, is the only one which completed the circumnavigation of Antarctica and here it is about to complete the arctic circumnavigation. The north of Greenland is critical. Some years ago it got stuck and was rescued by the „Yamal“, the Russian nuclear icebreaker, the ultimate in ships: 75.000 HP.

Left above: The ship: Note the hangars for the helicopters  
Left below: Harry, Paolo, Jeroen and I board

List 9		
UN+		
(UN + territories and quasi independent)		
Maximum: 266		
Data from: May 1, 2017		
1	Parrish	266
2	Sanchez	265
3	Lundgren	265
4	Mitsidis	263
5	Lebedev	263
6	Grosse-Oetringhaus	262
7	Newcomer	261
8	Hardenmark	261
9	Stücke	258
10	Siby	258



## The Procedure: The Matrix

- We take the top ten of each list, starting with the TBT Series. We list the rank of each traveler in all the 9 lists forming a **matrix**:
- **One axis** is the 9 lists with the ranks of the top ten in each list.
- The **other axis** repeats the travelers, but now the ranks are not per list but per traveler. The ranks are repeated under each list. Now we can compare. On this axis the first list is mere repetition. But this group will be followed by those travelers who didn't appear on the list 1, but appear on list 2 for the first time. And so on. So now we can compare the ranks for each traveler in each list. In other words: In order to compare them we repeat their rank, but now per traveler and written again under each list.
- If they have **no rank** on the considered list **they get an 11**. This is logically the "mildest" form to consider that they are not on the list, in other words the highest possible rank outside of the list. We could have taken any number, like 20, as long it is higher than 10, the lowest rank on the lists. The 20 wouldn't change the ranks. This procedure – assigning a value for not being on the list - is the **key in order to make the ranks between the lists comparable**.
- If you now add all the ranks - including the 11 for not having a rank in the respective list - than you get the **sum**.
- If you arrange the sum in an **increasing order**, then you can **assign ranks** to that order of sums. The lowest sum – the highest overall rank - for the No. 1.
- For further clarification look at the matrix, this illustrates the process.
- **Formalities:** For the reason of readability we cannot show all the tables on one page, so we show:
  - firstly - the 9 lists
  - secondly - the matrix illustrating the whole process of cross-comparison
  - thirdly - the final ranking as the result.

# The Matrix: Comparing all Ranks of all Lists

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9										
	TBT Series 16.136	SISO 3.978	Tentative List 1.642	TBT 1.281	Globetrotters 1.268	World Heritage 1.052	MTP 875	TCC 325	UN+ 266										
Travelers per list	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Shea	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Stücke	1 Stücke	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Parrish	1 Parrish	1 Parrish										
	2 Runkel	2 Grosse-Oet.	2 Runkel	2 Sanchez	2 Brugiroux	2 Murallon	2 Bonifas	2 Hardenmark	2 Sanchez										
	3 Newcomer	3 Büchler	3 Newcomer	3 Hardenmark	3 Shea	3 Büchler	3 Veley	3 Altaffer	3 Lundgren										
	4 Lundgren	4 Newcomer	4 Goldstein	4 Junge	4 Hardenmark	4 Valtari	4 Altaffer	4 Lundgren	4 Mitsidis										
	5 Buechler	5 Newckij	5 Lundgren	5 Grosse-Oet.	5 Sanchez	5 Els Slots	5 Bruehwiler	5 Rainer	5 Lebedev										
	6 Mitsidis	6 Siivonen	6 Newckij	6 Brugiroux	6 Antuna	6 Runkel	6 Sanchez	6 Sanchez	6 Grosse-Oet.										
	7 Newckij	7 Mitsidis	7 Jelinek	7 Mitsidis	7 Lundgren	7 Newckij	7 Hackley	7 Siby	7 Newcomer										
Ranks per traveler	8 Sheppard	8 Lundgren	8 Baravelle	8 Grabow	8 Grosse-Oet.	8 Moyano	8 Allen	8 Walker	8 Hardenmark										
	9 Baekeland	9 Sheppard	9 Wacht	9 Valtari	9 Mitsidis	9 Laurent	9 Srinivasar.	9 Reynolds	9 Stücke										
	10 Goldstein	10 Jelinek	10 Martino	10 Leventhal	10 Büchler	10 Jelinek	10 Leventhal	10 Grosse-Oet.	10 Siby										
List1	Grosse-Oet.	1	2	1	5	8	1	11	10	6	45	Grosse-Oet.	45	1	Grosse-Oet.				
	Runkel	2	11	2	11	11	6	11	11	11	76	Runkel	64	2	Lundgren				
	Newcomer	3	4	3	11	11	9	11	11	7	72	Newcomer	65	3	Sanchez				
	Lundgren	4	8	5	11	7	11	11	4	3	64	Lundgren	69	4	Parrish				
	Buechler	5	3	11	11	10	3	11	11	11	76	Buechler	72	5	Newcomer				
	Mitsidis	6	7	11	7	9	11	11	11	4	77	Mitsidis	72	5	Hardenmark				
	Newckij	7	5	6	11	11	7	11	11	11	80	Newckij	76	7	Runkel				
	Sheppard	8	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	94	Sheppard	76	7	Buechler				
	Baekeland	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	97	Baekeland	77	9	Mitsidis				
	Goldstein	10	11	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	91	Goldstein	77	9	Stücke				
new	Shea	11	1	11	11	3	11	11	11	11	81	Shea	80	11	Newckij				
in	Siivonen	11	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	94	Siivonen	81	12	Shea				
list2	Jelinek	11	10	7	11	11	10	11	11	11	93	Jelinek	84	13	Altaffer				
new	Baravelle	11	11	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	96	Baravelle	85	14	Brugiroux				
in	Wacht	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	97	Wacht	90	15	Valtari				
list3	Martino	11	11	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	98	Martino	90	15	Murallon				
new	Stücke	11	11	11	1	1	11	11	11	9	77	Stücke	90	15	Bonifas				
in	Sanchez	11	11	11	2	5	11	6	6	2	65	Sanchez	91	18	Goldstein				
list4	Hardenmark	11	11	11	3	4	11	11	2	8	72	Hardenmark	91	18	Veley				
	Junge	11	11	11	4	11	11	11	11	11	92	Junge	92	20	Junge				
	Brugiroux	11	11	11	6	2	11	11	11	11	85	Brugiroux	93	21	Jelinek				
	Grabow	11	11	11	8	11	11	11	11	11	96	Grabow	93	21	Els Slots				
	Valtari	11	11	11	9	11	11	4	11	11	90	Valtari	93	21	Bruehwiler				
	Leventhal	11	11	11	10	11	11	10	11	11	97	Leventhal	93	21	Rainer				
list5	Antuna	11	11	11	11	6	11	11	11	11	94	Antuna	93	21	Lebedev				
new	Murallon	11	11	11	11	11	2	11	11	11	90	Murallon	94	26	Sheppard				
in	Els Slots	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	11	11	93	Els Slots	94	26	Siivonen				
list6	Moyano	11	11	11	11	11	8	11	11	11	96	Moyano	94	26	Antuna				
	Laurent	11	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	97	Laurent	94	26	Siby				
new	Parrish	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	69	Parrish	95	30	Hackley				
in	Bonifas	11	11	11	11	11	11	2	11	11	90	Bonifas	96	31	Baravelle				
list7	Veley	11	11	11	11	11	11	3	11	11	91	Veley	96	31	Grabow				
	Altaffer	11	11	11	11	11	11	4	3	11	84	Altaffer	96	31	Moyano				
	Bruehwiler	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	11	93	Bruehwiler	96	31	Allen				
	Hackley	11	11	11	11	11	11	7	11	11	95	Hackley	96	31	Walker				
	Allen	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	11	11	96	Allen	97	36	Baekeland				
	Srinivasar.	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	97	Srinivasar.	97	36	Wacht				
new	Rainer	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	11	93	Rainer	97	36	Leventhal				
in	Walker	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	11	11	96	Walker	97	36	Laurent				
list8	Siby	11	11	11	11	11	11	7	10	11	94	Siby	97	36	Srinivasar.				
	Reynolds	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	97	Reynolds	97	36	Reynolds				
list9	Lebedev	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	93	Lebedev	98	42	Martino				



Travelers with the sum of all ranks

A Sums increasing  
B Overall rank

# The Result: The Group of World's Extreme Travelers

## Explanations:

- We see only 9 renowned lists. We limit the number for each list by 10. If you compare all ranks you get a total group of 42.
- The total group of 42 are members of all 9 lists, each of them has participated at least in one list .
- We make a cross-comparison of all ranks in these 9 lists by a matrix and evaluate a non-appearance on a list by an 11, the lowest possible
- We think that this procedure is the most logical to determine the extreme travelers objectively.
- But clearly: This doesn't say anything about the quality of their traveling. Here it is quantity in important rankings. Little about quality.
- In 3 lists (the smallest in „sites“: MTP, TCC and UN+) the top 10 travellers have ranks close to each other; thus some sums are equal, thus some ranks are shared.
- All data are from May 1, 2017. We have not changed anything, we have not weighted the lists, all are equal.
- A fair ranking can only be done if every traveler participates in the same lists. Especially the dynamics of the TBT Series can change the positions. To participate in all these lists is a lot of work. Therefore this static website will not be updated quickly – but it depends on the response.

1	45	<b>Frank Grosse-Oetringhaus</b>
2	64	<b>Markus Lundgren</b>
3	65	<b>Jorge Sanchez</b>
4	69	<b>Don Parrish</b>
5	72	<b>Steve Newcomer</b>
5	72	<b>Jarl Hardenmark</b>
7	76	<b>Michael Runkel</b>
7	76	<b>Thomas Buechler</b>
9	77	<b>Harry Mitsidis</b>
9	77	<b>Heinz Stücker</b>
11	80	<b>Alexander Newckij</b>
12	81	<b>Jeff Shea</b>
13	84	<b>Bill Altaffer</b>
14	85	<b>André Brugiroux</b>
15	90	<b>Kari-Matti Valtari</b>
15	90	<b>Teodoro Murallon</b>
15	90	<b>Robert Bonifas</b>
18	91	<b>Jack Goldstein</b>
18	91	<b>Charles Veley</b>
20	92	<b>Gustav Adolf Junge</b>

21	93	<b>Erik Jelinek</b>
21	93	<b>Els Slots</b>
21	93	<b>Roman Bruehwiler</b>
21	93	<b>Frank Rainer</b>
21	93	<b>Artemy Lebedev</b>
26	94	<b>Stewart Sheppard</b>
26	94	<b>Eki Siivonen</b>
26	94	<b>Sabino Antuna</b>
26	94	<b>Carl-Gustaf Siby</b>
30	95	<b>Bart Hackley</b>
31	96	<b>Andrea Baravelle</b>
31	96	<b>Sascha Grabow</b>
31	96	<b>Carlos Useros Moyano</b>
31	96	<b>Veryan Allen</b>
31	96	<b>Daniel Walker</b>
36	97	<b>William S. Baekeland</b>
36	97	<b>Axel Wacht</b>
38	97	<b>Larry Leventhal</b>
36	97	<b>Dominique Laurent</b>
36	97	<b>Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan</b>
36	97	<b>Edward Reynolds</b>
42	98	<b>Mauro Martino</b>

# Evaluating the Procedure

**Essence of the procedure:** Those who have a leading position in just one list cannot compete with someone having a good position in several lists. Diversity is remunerated. Is this not exactly what we want: People good in various perspectives? So here you can only make it to the top if you have a good rank in the majority of these lists. I am sure that most people will agree on this.

- **Problems:** This procedure reflects only the status-quo May 1, 2017. If the data change, the ranking will change. In the "TBT Series" not all travelers have participated yet. But this list (the cumulative of the TBT Series) is only one out of nine.
- **Quantity vs quality:** Most of the lists are quantitative, only a few are qualitative, and even fewer have a concept for quality, only the World Heritage List does, because of their 10 criteria. The TBT Series want to move into quality, but instead of being selective, they go for high numbers, this can be counterproductive to quality. **Overall:** The ranking is a ranking on quantity far less on quality. The winner is closer to "the most" than to "the best".



The most effective combination to reach extremes:  
A helicopter and an icebreaker

**Result:** We present an important result because it is based on all lists in existence (May 17): **One list of 42 travelers, the "Extreme travelers"**, that is high performance travelers, a hybrid performance of quantity and quality.

**Update:** Please accept that this is a static website for the time being. Planned is an update only once a year. But the update procedure depends on the response to this project.



## Personal Comments about the Procedure

Despite striving for objectivity throughout, allow us personal comments in the end:

**Our position:** For Teo and me the result came unexpected, because we primarily go for quality; quantity is for us only a side effect. But now it is quantity as well - as Babis Bizas had predicted (see our website, p. 14). But you will see that our position is volatile as more are coming in. We welcome them.

**The reason for our position:** We are at present No. 1 because we travel with different perspectives. We go for many sites, all with high importance, we go for a broad spectrum. Remote islands are secondary, "points" in clubs are not even secondary, what's the point to go to Rockall and Market Reef? And going for the tropical Iles Eparses and the antarctic Kerguelen only one point in TBT?

**The benchmark:** In the light of world-class going for only 875 is by far not enough. To call this "everywhere" is unacceptable. To market that as "The Most" is unacceptable too. But especially in the USA it seems to be acceptable. Therefore we want to set a different benchmark, more meaningful, based on the largest data base around (TBT).

**The work load:** The benchmark comes with a price. The TBT Series with presently more than 16.000 plus the SISO list with almost 4.000 sites took me at least 10 days in order to determine the sites I have seen. I have done it thoroughly. I have looked up many sites in the Internet. Very cumbersome and still I am not fully sure if I got it all.

TBT: The lists of festivals and museums are far too large. What's the point of one list is >1000 and the top group has seen only 20 in the average? If they are unknown to me I left them as unseen. Travel statistics can be carried too far.

SISO: Try it for the coastal road of Libya, for all the councils of UK, and for Slovenia. Ezilon maps are a great help but only for about 60%, you have to google a lot, many times the terminology of SISO and the maps don't match. Sometimes it is frustrating.

**Our goals:** It has been my goal to be No. 1 in quality. I only wanted and still want to be within the top 10 of quantity. In other words: In quantity we want to be equal to the top group, but we want to excel in quality. Since quality is a term of several dimensions and since our list of 5000 highlights has not been published yet, the position of no. 1 in quality can only convince if you are among the top in quantity and quality is an add-on. This is the only reason why we did this procedure. We are sure: If our 5000 list would be part of the process, we would be further ahead.

For further explanation on our travel concept see: [frankgrosseoetringhaus.com](http://frankgrosseoetringhaus.com)

# The Future Program

- Reflecting the reaction
- Expanding the website
  - 1) Collecting **Biographies** of the defined extreme travellers
  - 2) Finding extreme travelers which are not on our list of the Top 42, especially those not in Travel Clubs: The **externals**
  - 3) Communicating** with the externals
  - 4) Collecting the **personal selection of extreme travel goals:**  
The perspective of the extreme travelers
  - 5) Collecting their **assessment** of the extreme goals: Quality beyond remoteness? Is the way the goal?

# Extreme Travelers not on our List of the Top 42

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Please add your candidate and missing data and send the copy to [Grosse-Oetringhaus@web.de](mailto:Grosse-Oetringhaus@web.de)

The following „list“ is only rudimentary, an illustration; we want to supplement it with your most appreciated help.

Name	Performance	Particularities	Sources	Contact
Babis Ch. Bizas	Probably the most traveled person on earth	Very strained relationship with the clubs	Member of the Russian Society, Wikipedia, one of my best travel friends	<a href="http://www.babisbizas.com">http://www.babisbizas.com</a>
Kolja Spöri	Travel book „Ich war überall“; traveling with style to dangerous, exotic and unusual places	„Gentleman Adventurer“ Founder of ETIC „Extreme Traveler International Congress“	<a href="https://about.me/kolja.spori">https://about.me / kolja .spori</a> luxury brand marketing, high level interviews, F1 sponsoring	<a href="http://gentlemanadventurer.travellerspoint.com/">http://gentlemanadventurer.travellerspoint.com/</a>
Graham Hughes	All countries without using an aircraft, writes and teaches how to travel with almost no money			
Pamela Barrus	Travels by public transportation and crossed continents	Travel writer, especially hotels	President of TCC	
Terry Last		One of the few „genuine travelers“	Quote of Babis Bizas	
Wojciech Dabrowski				77kontynetow@wp.pl
Willem and Christina Beekenkamp				
Hubert Weissinger	Highest amount of borders in 7 years		Guinness Book	
David Stanley				

## We Welcome your Contribution

All of you who are in the defined group of „extreme travelers“ please send us:

- ❑ Your **biographies** with a photo, if possible at your favorite extreme site.  
We will not write about other people, thus the biographies must be written by the travellers themselves. If we would do it we are not sure if it wouldn't reflect personal preferences, this wouldn't fit in our concept of objectivity.  
We only collect original contributions. We only would like to propose that the biographies should emphasize interesting travel ideas for others. They should be no longer than one page.
- ❑ Your **short list of external travelers**,  
travelers who have not been captured by the lists and their comparison, but travelers who should be on the list of extreme travellers, especially those who could enrich the debate of travel concepts and be inspirational for others because of their experiences and their readiness to share.
- ❑ Your **list of extreme places**  
and reasons why you have selected them, why you rate them as „extreme“. We want to get a full understanding of all the perspectives of possible „extremes“. But we would propose that subjective experiences should not be a primary criterion, otherwise the list would be endless. We want to get a small list of „extremes“ true to the word in the sense that they cannot be surpassed and a definition understandable for others, something others can experience as an extreme place as well.

Please send your contributions to our email: [Grosse-Oetringhaus@web.de](mailto:Grosse-Oetringhaus@web.de)

Your contributions are very much appreciated. This project can only be enlivened by your contributions.