

# World's Extreme Travelers

**Defining them objectively**

**by adding up the ranks of all existing lists:**

**9 original lists are summarized to get the total**

**Two new ideas:     Not only ranks per list, but ranks per traveler**  
**Measuring the breadth of the travel spectrum**



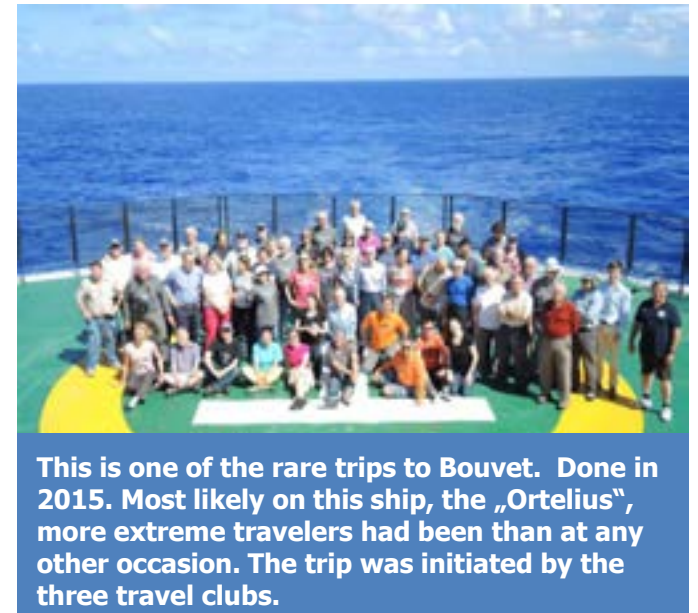
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# Our Mission, Our Process

- ❑ **We want to produce a list of the world's extreme travelers by defining them objectively.**
- ❑ Since there are several lists in existence we want to condense these into one, into **one overall ranking.**
- 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, not ranks by lists, but by travellers. That leads to a matrix.
- We have run a **pilot project**. Because of the positive response, we continue. We were advised to skip one small 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 Nomad Mania, ex 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 three travel 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 don't select, we aggregate.

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 hand 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 well. We treat all equally to avoid any discussion.

There is an **overlap in counting, but insignificant if you only take the top 10**.

1. **NM (Nomad Mania) TBT Series**, 22.182 "points", the biggest one by far: This is not one list but a series of several lists. 22 of them are accumulated into one ranking making therefore a new list, they call it "general ranking", we call it "overall travel performance". This is the list we are dealing with. We take the data of Nov. 17, 2017. We just take it, no comment, no change.
2. **ISO-3166-2**, 3.978 „units“. The official list of all the administrative units of the world. First released in 1974, many times revised. We take the revision of Jeff Shea, named **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, 1.692 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. **Nomad Mania, ex TBT (The Best Travelled)**, 1.281 regions, the focus of the NM 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**, 1.073 sites: Needless to say more. But important in our context: We use only the figures from NM 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+**, 267 countries: We take this list as being defined by NM 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.

## The 9 Lists: Lists 1 till 6, arranged by the amount of „points“, status Nov. 17, 2017

List 1		
<b>NM TBT Series</b>		
(The accumulation of various lists)		
Total: 22.182		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	7.823
2	Newcomer	7.729
3	Runkel	7.557
4	Sergeev	6.693
5	Lazareva	6.449
6	Buechler	6.239
7	Lundgren	5.597
8	Newckij	5.458
9	Mitsidis	5.233
10	Sazhin	4.940

List 2		
<b>SISO</b>		
ISO Standard Organisation 3166-2		
Total: 3.978		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Shea	2.392
2	Grosse-Oetringhaus	2.066
3	Büchler	1.887
4	Newcomer	1.787
5	Newckij	1.776
6	Siivonen	1.599
7	Mitsidis	1.481
8	Grabow	1.433
9	Lundgren	1.375
10	Sheppard	1.328

List 3		
<b>Tentative List of UNESCO</b>		
(acc. to NM TBT)		
Total: 1.692		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	593
2	Runkel	522
3	Sergeev	462
4	Lazareva	444
5	Newcomer	418
6	Winkler	386
7	Goldstein	307
8	Peixoto	305
9	Newckij	267
10	Lundgren	244

List 4		
<b>Nomad Mania</b>		
<b>NM TBT</b>		
Total: 1.281		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Sanchez	1.145
2	Grabow	1.120
3	Stücke	1.105
4	Mitsidis	1.080
5	Grosse-Oetringhaus	1.079
6	Junge	1.066
7	Hardenmark	1.065
8	Brugiroux	1.060
9	Valtari	1.022
10	Parrish	1.006

List 5		
<b>World's Greatest Globetrotters</b>		
Total: 1.268		
Data from: Nov. 21, 2017		
1	Grabow	1.179
2	Stücke	1.178
3	Brugiroux	1.177
4	Sanchez	1.176
5	Shea	1.171
6	Hardenmark	1.170
7	Grosse-Oetringhaus	1.166
8	Altaffer	1.135
9	Veley	1.132
10	Antuna	1.127

List 6		
<b>UNESCO World Heritage List</b>		
(acc. to NM TBT)		
Total: 1.073		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Grosse-Oetringhaus	948
2	Murallon	779
3	Büchler	698
4	Valtari	664
5	Els Slots	648
6	Runkel	640
7	Brugiroux	638
8	Newckij	630
9	Sanchez	568
10	Stücke	567

List 7		
MTP		
Most Traveled People		
Total: 875		
Data from: Nov 16, 2017		
1	Bonifas	852
1	Parrish	852
3	Veley	834
4	Altaffer	822
5	Bruehwiler	818
6	Sanchez	796
7	Hackley	795
8	Srinivasaraghavan	794
9	Allen	788
10	Huhtala	766

List 8		
TCC		
Travelers' Century Club		
Total: 325		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Parrish	325
2	Altaffer	323
2	Hardenmark	323
2	Rainer	323
5	Lundgren	321
6	Sanchez	320
7	Siby	317
8	Walker	315
9	Shea	314
10	Grosse-Oetringhaus	313

### The 9 Lists:

Lists 7 to 9, also arranged by the amount of „points“, status Nov. 17, 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 boarding.

List 9		
UN+		
(UN + territories and quasi independent)		
Total: 267		
Data from: Nov. 17, 2017		
1	Lundgren	267
1	Parrish	267
1	Sanchez	267
4	Hardenmark	265
4	Lebedev	265
4	Mitsidis	265
7	Grosse-Oetringhaus	264
7	Rainer	264
9	Newcomer	263
10	Altaffer	262



## The Procedure: The Matrix

- We take the top ten of each list, starting with the Nomad Mania 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: **Ranks per 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**. The more 11s you have the smaller the travel spectrum is. It is by no means necessary for a "fair" ranking to be active in all lists. It is a strength of our process to measure the breadth of the travel spectrum.
- 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

The new idea: Turning the ranks per list into ranks per traveler

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
	NM TBT Series 22.182	SISO 3.978	Tentative List 1.692	Nomad Mania 1.281	Globetrotters 1.268	World Heritage 1.073	MTP 875	TCC 325	UN+ 267						
Travelers per list	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Shea	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Sanchez	1 Grabow	1 Grosse-Oet.	1 Parrish	1 Parrish	1 Lundgren						
	2 Newcomer	2 Grosse-Oet	2 Runkel	2 Grabow	2 Stücke	2 Murallon	1 Bonifas	2 Hardenmark	1 Parrish						
	3 Runkel	3 Büchler	3 Sergeev	3 Stücke	3 Brugiroux	3 Büchler	3 Veley	2 Rainer	1 Sanchez						
	4 Sergeev	4 Newcomer	4 Lazareva	4 Mitsidis	4 Sanchez	4 Valtari	4 Altaffer	2 Altaffer	4 Hardenmark						
	5 Lazareva	5 Newckij	5 Newcomer	5 Grosse-Oet.	5 Shea	5 Els Slots	5 Bruehwiler	5 Lundgren	4 Lebedev						
	6 Buechler	6 Siivonen	6 Winkler	6 Junge	6 Hardenmark	6 Runkel	6 Sanchez	6 Sanchez	4 Mitsidis						
	7 Lundgren	7 Mitsidis	7 Goldstein	7 Hardenmark	7 Grosse-Oet.	7 Brugiroux	7 Hackley	7 Siby	7 Grosse-Oet.						
Ranks per traveler	8 Newckij	8 Grabow	8 Peixoto	8 Brugiroux	8 Altaffer	8 Newckij	8 Srinivasar.	8 Walker	7 Rainer	<b>Travelers with the sum of all ranks</b>				A	Overall rank
	9 Mitsidis	9 Lundgren	9 Newckij	9 Valtari	9 Veley	9 Sanchez	9 Allen	9 Shea	9 Newcomer					B	Sums increasing
	10 Sazhin	10 Sheppard	10 Lundgren	10 Parrish	10 Antuna	10 Stücke	10 Huhtala	10 Grosse-Oet.	10 Altaffer					A	B
List1	Grosse-Oet	1	2	1	5	7	1	11	#	7	45	Grosse-Oet	1	45	Grosse-Oet
	Newcomer	2	4	5	11	11	11	11	11	9	75	Newcomer	2	60	Sanchez
	Runkel	3	11	2	11	11	6	11	11	11	77	Runkel	3	68	Parrish
	Sergeev	4	11	3	11	11	11	11	11	11	84	Sergeev	4	74	Hardenmark
	Lazareva	5	11	4	11	11	11	11	11	11	86	Lazareva	5	75	Newcomer
	Buechler	6	3	11	11	11	3	11	11	11	78	Buechler	6	76	Lundgren
	Lundgren	7	9	10	11	11	11	11	5	1	76	Lundgren	7	77	Grabow
	Newckij	8	5	9	11	11	8	11	11	11	85	Newckij	7	77	Runkel
	Mitsidis	9	7	11	4	11	11	11	11	4	79	Mitsidis	9	78	Buechler
	Sazhin	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	98	Sazhin	10	79	Altaffer
new in	Shea	11	1	11	11	5	11	11	9	11	81	Shea	10	79	Mitsidis
	Siivonen	11	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	94	Siivonen	12	81	Shea
list2	Grabow	11	8	11	2	1	11	11	11	11	77	Grabow	12	81	Stücke
	Sheppard	11	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	98	Sheppard	14	84	Brugiroux
new in	Winkler	11	11	6	11	11	11	11	11	11	94	Winkler	14	84	Sergeev
	Goldstein	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	95	Goldstein	16	85	Newckij
list3	Peixoto	11	11	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	96	Peixoto	17	86	Lazareva
new in	Sanchez	11	11	11	1	4	9	6	6	1	60	Sanchez	17	86	Rainer
	Stücke	11	11	11	3	2	10	11	11	11	81	Stücke	19	89	Bonifas
list4	Junge	11	11	11	6	11	11	11	11	11	94	Junge	19	89	Veley
	Hardenmark	11	11	11	7	6	11	11	2	4	74	Hardenmark	21	90	Murallon
	Brugiroux	11	11	11	8	3	7	11	11	11	84	Brugiroux	21	90	Valtari
	Valtari	11	11	11	9	11	4	11	11	11	90	Valtari	23	92	Lebedev
	Parrish	11	11	11	10	11	11	11	1	1	68	Parrish	24	93	Bruehwiler
new in	Altaffer	11	11	11	11	8	11	4	2	10	79	Altaffer	24	93	Slots
	Veley	11	11	11	11	9	11	3	11	11	89	Veley	26	94	Junge
list5	Antuna	11	11	11	11	10	11	11	11	11	98	Antuna	26	94	Siivonen
new	Murallon	11	11	11	11	11	2	11	11	11	90	Murallon	26	94	Winkler
list6	Els Slots	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	11	11	93	Slots	29	95	Goldstein
new in	Bonifas	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	11	11	89	Bonifas	29	95	Hackley
	Bruehwiler	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	11	11	93	Bruehwiler	29	95	Siby
list7	Hackley	11	11	11	11	11	11	7	11	11	95	Hackley	32	96	Peixoto
	Srinivasar.	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	11	11	96	Srinivasar.	32	96	Srinivasar.
	Allen	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	97	Allen	32	96	Walker
	Huhtala	11	11	11	11	11	11	#	11	11	98	Huhtala	35	97	Allen
new in	Rainer	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	2	7	86	Rainer	36	98	Antuna
	Siby	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	7	11	95	Siby	36	98	Huhtala
list8	Walker	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	11	96	Walker	36	98	Sazhin
list 9	Lebedev	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	4	92	Lebedev	36	98	Sheppard

# 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 39.
- The total group of 39 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 highest possible
- We think that this procedure is the most logical to determine the extreme travelers objectively, not only rankings within lists, but breadth of travel spectrum as well. But the procedure is by far more oriented towards quantity, much less on quality.
- In 3 lists (the smallest in „sites“: MTP, TCC and UN+) the top 10 travellers have similar ranks; thus some sums are equal, so some ranks are shared.
- Nearly all data are from Nov. 17, 2017, two from Nov. 16, Nov. 21. We have not changed anything, we have not weighted the lists, all are equal.
- Those who argue that a „fair“ ranking requires that all travelers participate in the same lists miss an essential point. The process wouldn't measure different travel spectrums any longer.
- This website is static. It needs to be updated. Because this is cumbersome it will updated only twice a year – but it depends on the response.

A	B	A Overall rank, B sum of all ranks in the 9 lists
1	45	<b>Frank W. Grosse-Oetringhaus</b>
2	60	<b>Jorge Sanchez</b>
3	68	<b>Don Parrish</b>
4	74	<b>Jarl Hardenmark</b>
5	75	<b>Steve Newcomer</b>
6	76	<b>Markus Lundgren</b>
7	77	<b>Sascha Grabow</b>
7	77	<b>Michael Runkel</b>
9	78	<b>Thomas Büchler</b>
10	79	<b>Bill Altaffer</b>
10	79	<b>Harry Mitsidis</b>
12	81	<b>Jeff Shea</b>
12	81	<b>Heinz Stücke</b>
14	84	<b>André Brugiroux</b>
14	84	<b>Igor Sergeev</b>
16	85	<b>Alexander Newckij</b>
17	86	<b>Nadezda Lazareva</b>
17	86	<b>Frank Rainer</b>
19	89	<b>Bob Bonifas</b>

19	89	<b>Charles Veley</b>
21	90	<b>Teodoro Murallon</b>
21	90	<b>Kari-Matti Valtari</b>
23	92	<b>Artemy Lebedev</b>
24	93	<b>Roman Bruehwiler</b>
24	93	<b>Els Slots</b>
26	94	<b>Gustav Adolf Junge</b>
26	94	<b>Eki Siivonen</b>
26	94	<b>Geri Winkler</b>
29	95	<b>Jack Goldstein</b>
29	95	<b>Bart Hackley</b>
29	95	<b>Carl-Gustaf Siby</b>
32	96	<b>Joao Paulo Peixoto</b>
32	96	<b>Jagannathan Srinivasaraghavan</b>
32	96	<b>Daniel Walker</b>
35	97	<b>Veryan Allen</b>
36	98	<b>Sabino Antuna</b>
36	98	<b>Veikko Huhtala</b>
36	98	<b>Valentin Sazhin</b>
36	98	<b>Stewart Sheppard</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.

- **Data:** This procedure reflects the status-quo as of Nov 17, 2017. If the data change, the ranking will change. In the "NM TBT Series" not all travelers participate. But this list (the cumulative of the "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 NM TBT Series want to move into quality, but instead of being selective, they go for (too) 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 (Nov 17): **One list of 39 travelers, the "Extreme travelers"** - high performance travelers, a hybrid performance of quantity and quality.

**Update:** Please accept that this is a static website for the time being. The cumbersome update procedure depends on the response to this project, but no more updates than every 6 months.

# Personal Comments about the Procedure

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

**Our position:** Some people thought, we have manipulated the process in order to become No. 1. What an argument! We take all the lists in existence, we don't change anything, just add them up. The result cannot be manipulated. The lists have been published. And we show the exact date for the time we took the data. Now at the first update: Nov. 17, 2017. Yes, if you establish a list or a club it is not good to be a no. 1. We hoped to lose this position in the first update. But no. We cannot change the mathematics.

**The reason for our position:** Our position is the result of our travel style. 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? One point each, and one point for Kazakhstan! And going for the tropical Iles Eparses and the antarctic Kerguelen only one point in TBT instead of at least two?

**The benchmark:** In the light of world-class going for only 875 is by far not enough. To call this "everywhere " is unacceptable as it is to market that as "The Most". We test our position based on **the largest data base** around (NM TBT). But that is not our benchmark. This is 5000 highlights. A list of travel objectives which can be done although not easy.

**The work load:** The data base comes with a price. The NM TBT Series with presently more than 22.000 plus the SISO list with almost 4.000 sites took me at least 10 full 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. This update took 4 days. In the meantime (May to Nov) new lists have appeared. We will not comment on them and take them as they are. Only one remark: Travel statistics can be carried too far.

SISO: The first process is difficult: 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. But the update is easy since you only have to concentrate on the few countries visited in the meantime. Some in our travel community pushed me to do an update. So here it is.

**Our goals:** It has been my goal to be No. 1 in quality. I only want to be within the top 10 of quantity. In other words: In quantity we want to be equal with 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 if quality is an add-on. This is the only reason why we did this procedure.

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

# The Future Program

## Expanding the website

- 1) Collecting **Biographies** of the defined extreme travellers
- 2) Finding extreme travelers which are not on our list of the Top 39, 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 39

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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 & Christina Beekenkamp				
Hubert Weissinger	Most borders in 7 years		Guinness Book	
David Stanley				
Jacob Oster				<a href="http://www.expedition-everywhere.com">www.expedition-everywhere.com</a>
Johnny Ward	The million dollar blogger	His slogan: Dream big. Travel far. Live full - almost like ours		<a href="http://www.onestep4ward.com">www.onestep4ward.com</a>
Hendrik Jeppesen	Youngest to see all countries in the world (but watch for William S. B.)	Travels extremely economically and efficiently		<a href="http://www.henriktravel.com">www.henriktravel.com</a>
Torbjorn C. Pedersen	Every country in the world without flight – in one continuous journey			<a href="http://www.onceuponasaga.dk">www.onceuponasaga.dk</a>



## 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.