

### Chapter 1 : Drunk and Dangerous - Tubing the Vang Vieng, Laos - Around This World

*Over the past few days a photo has been going viral on Facebook showing two backpackers in the street selling postcards to fund their travels. I can't help but think that this story is being blown way out of proportion by the Western media and the image of these two young, naïve backpackers is being used as a scapegoat for the inequality of the world.*

Hostel – a term that has become synonymous with world travel. From the Medieval Latin hospitium, it has been co-opted by over 80 different countries, beginning in Germany, whence originated the idea of the modern youth hostel. Yet, in spite of its global popularity, hostelling has continued to remain a relatively underground experience. Budget backpackers, considered at once hipsters and hobos, rely on hostels for their comparatively affordable accommodations. Youth hostels are also a retreat from the road; a refugee camp for foreigners journeying abroad. China might have opened its doors to westerners, but we are still strongly urged by the national tourism bureau to check in to pricey hotels while economical boardinghouses, lüguan, are for locals only. Hot destinations like Beijing, Yangshuo and Dali are renowned for their selection of lively hostels. There is one hostel I shall especially never forget, where the vibe was so deliciously laid back that my intended two-day stopover turned into seven. DAY 1 Arrive at 8: Get a bed in a six-bunk dorm and immediately crash out. DAY 2 Browse the three-story hostel premises, drying laundry whipping in the wind like the flag of the backpacker. Take a stroll around Chengdu then return to find my previous bunkmates replaced by a guy named Pickle from Hawaii who road a motorbike across Sichuan. The next morning she tells us "I dreenk haalf day un sleep other haalf. I need to sleep less so I caan dreenk more. Pickle wakes up at 2: Nighttime at the Stir-Fry is hopping, the open-air courtyard crowded with people from every country imaginable sitting around drinking and chatting, their accented conversations invariably beginning with "Where are you from? Our world leaders would do well to study life in a hostel. A British bloke wearing a polo shirt with an upturned collar alternates between hitting on the Chinese front-desk girls now uniformly wearing size-too-small summer skirts and asking everyone "Are you going out tonight? DAY 4 Said British bloke, his collar now only half-upturned, is passed out drunk on the lobby couch till late afternoon. Evening at the Stir-Fry once again turns out to be quite the social scene. A French guy with tribal tattoos and a vanilla ice haircut queues up a jungle drum and bass mix on the lobby sound system, everyone at once stops what they are doing to dance and bob their heads, like a scene out of some musical. Pickle returns at 4: The last he saw of the drunk nose-ring girl she was fighting with a Chinese taxi driver before running out of the cab without paying. An Italian girl comments, "I shoulda be outsidea meeting Chinesea people anda doinga Chinesea things," but then settles back in the sofa when the next movie begins. At midnight Sven comes in jovially exclaiming that he found the local pink-light district up by the train station. Day 6 Tex-Mex again for lunch fifth day in a row! I realize that as I still have 12 more provinces to go, I need to either get back on the road or establish permanent residence at the Stir-Fry. Pickle is having his own dilemma. He had been trying to sell his motorcycle, but the local buyers he lined up cut their offer in half at the last minute. Day 7 Blearily wake up at 6: No receptionist to be found, I look around and find the three multinational baijiu drinkers from the night before on the hallway floor. I shake them awake, one Brit crawling off to puke while I turn in my key. Stepping out of the Stir-Fry for the last time, I look back to see the still-drunk front-desk girl and the other English lad checking doorknobs for an empty room, then stumble in arm in arm. Near the train station. Basic services include a restaurant, laundry, bikes for rent, internet and tour booking.

### Chapter 2 : Tourists behaving badly: five incidents of terrible traveller behaviour | Travel | The Guardian

*www.nxgvision.com is tracked by us since January, Over the time it has been ranked as high as in the world, while most of its traffic comes from USA, where it reached as high as position.*

The Results Listed from most expensive to cheapest € 7. Tripadvisor Return flight with China Southern Airways Out flight € 1 stop, 16h 15mins Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40mins The Hotel search page involved opening 3 new windows via a stream of redirects. Hipmunk Return flight with China Southern Airways Out flight € 1 stop, 16h 15mins Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40mins I was, on the other hand, delighted not to work my way through pages of dorm rooms which caused much frustration on other sites. Expedia Return flight with China Southern Airways Out flight € 1 stop, 16h 15mins Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40mins It was easy to filter out flights with too many stops, or that took too long. Both flights and hotels could be booked without going to 3rd party pages, which is appreciated. No option to search for private rooms only. Out flight € 1 stop, 16h 15min Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40min I had to spend a long time clicking on every hostel it offered me before finally finding a private room. Every accommodation option you click on seems to fire a pop-up upon your return to the page. Again, no option of showing private rooms only. Skyscanner Return flight with China Southern Airlines Out flight € 1 stop, 19h 55min Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40min I found myself fuming whilst looking for a private room and had to eat lots of chocolate digestives to keep myself sane through the process! Momondo Return flight with China Southern Airways Out flight € 1 stop, 16h 15mins Return flight € 1 stop, 17h 40mins That said, the flight was cheaper than any of the other options. As with almost all of the other sites, it took me a long time to find a private room. However, the price was very low once I did. Conclusion€ I was very surprised by some of these results. However, they worked out at over USD more expensive than our winner, Momondo. Perhaps the hotels offered in such packs belong to a higher category, they all looked dull and suspiciously close to airports from what I saw. As you have probably been able to tell whilst reading this article, the biggest irritation among many I suffered during my research came from the lack of the option to remove dorm rooms from the hotel searches. From past experience, I know that Booking. My own habit is to reserve one or two nights through a booking site in advance then spend a bit of time exploring my options in the place I am visiting. Join Our Community Add purpose to your travels. Now check your email to confirm your subscription. There was an error submitting your subscription. First Name Email Address We use this field to detect spam bots. If you fill this in, you will be marked as a spammer. Unsubscribe at any time.

**Chapter 3 : THE JANCOX: March**

*Police want community groups to address concerns that a disproportionate number of overseas visitors, particularly Irish backpackers, are involved in drunken anti-social behaviour in Perth entertainment precincts.*

Photographed by Nat Prakobsantisuk. Styling by Araya Indra. Make-up by Kamol Chatrasen. Hair by Khanawut Ruangrot. Printed silk top by Prada. Bikini and necklace by Chanel. Judge for yourself, and if you agree, now may be the time to go. This guide to lesser-known escapes is a must-keep, so you can plan your future island trips. As for me, I lived in the depths of inland England until the age of The added attraction of rock pools and fossilsâ€”those enchanting reminders of our individual mortality and genetic, evolutionary immortalityâ€”made my vacation yearning each year ever stronger. But enough about me. Krump Pichayanee Kitsanayothin Michael K. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording or any information storage or retrieval systems, without permission in writing from the Publisher. Produced and distributed by Media Transasia Thailand Ltd. Printed by Comform Co. Color separation by Classic Scan Co. While the editors do their utmost to verify information published, they do not accept responsibility for its absolute accuracy. The newly launched Small Luxury Hotels of the World iPhone app is fully integrated with the award-winning slh. With more than hotels in over 70 countries, the diversity of the individual hotels and the experiences that they offer is exceptional. From cutting edge design hotels and palatial 17th century mansions to city centre sanctuaries, historic country houses, idyllic retreats and more, Small Luxury Hotels of the World offers only the very best. Travellers can book via the iPhone app or online at [www.slh.com](http://www.slh.com). Forget everything else and go to an authentic mountain hot spring attached to a ryokan traditional inn like Hoshi Onsen Chojukan in Gunma-ken. The white wine from MacLeod Family Vineyards. We ate everything we photographed, and it was all delicious. I loved watching the marine and avian life. The owners live off the farm. Their day is run by the goats! Rooms Decorated in caramel and chocolate-brown hues, the rooms, 15 in all, are contemporary and chic. Additional upgrades, like iPod docks and luxe bed linens, are underway. Drawbacks Some of the standard rooms are a bit compact. Up Next A twostory spa building, complete with pool, yoga studio and organic restaurant, debuts this September. The pomegranate-crushed basil juice served upon arrival is a refreshing pick-me-up. Interiors are outfitted with Khareda stone floors, traditional jaali mosaic-style screens and the latest from author William Dalrymple on your bedside table. Pedigree With 23 ultra-luxe properties across the globe, Amanresorts needs little introduction, but this hotel stands out as an urban entry. I think you should do more of these cost comparisons for travelers around the region, particularly in this economic climate. In fact, if you included one per issue, it would be most welcome. An exception in the same issue is your best of the new hotels and resorts [It List ], a collection of properties I wish I could stay at. I can always dream. It helped the story capture the mood of places I never thought I could stay at unless I married into royalty or became some high-end freeloader. Personally, I love the outdoors here and spend as much time as I can jogging, cycling or simply going for a well-deserved walk in the park despite the equatorial heat. Secretly, I prefer it that way! There is no end to the unique experiences you will enjoy and the memories you will create at The Ritz-Carlton. Delight in a specially prepared dinner for two overlooking city lights. A shopping itinerary personalized just for you. A thoughtfully customized museum tour. You may want to extend your checkout time to forever. The Ritz-Carlton or visit us at [ritzcarlton.com](http://ritzcarlton.com). Advanced reservations are required. Offer valid through December 31, , subject to availability. Credit may not be applied toward room rate, has no cash value and must be used during the dates of the reservation. Cost Bt3, per night, two-night minimum, through July Cost RMB, through August C O M balcony; and a welcome drink of tea with organic herbs. Cost Bt2, per night for bookings made before September 30, staying from August 1 to October But they can also bring huge rewards.

*A Burning Issue - Backpackers behaving badly in NZ should have their working holiday visas revoked like, comment and re-post please if you agree.*

Gary Lineker and his new love Danielle Bux have spent yet another day splashing around Barbados during their fifth luxury holiday in almost as many months. The pair spent hours relaxing on sun loungers, occasionally heading into the water to cool off. The loved-up couple could barely keep their hands off each other. Lineker has four sons George, 16, Harry, 14, Tobias, 13, and year-old Angus from his year marriage to Michelle Cockayne, which ended in divorce two years ago. Danielle and Gary spent their second day in a row on the beach. Cooling off: Gary and Danielle enjoy a quiet moment together during their holiday. The Match Of The Day host, 47, started seeing the year-old former air stewardess in September after a blind date. Since then, Lineker has wooed his new love with holidays to Florida and Rome. They have also stayed at his Barbados home twice. The Match of the Day presenter makes a few waves as he plays in the sea. Happy: Danielle looks completely relaxed with Lineker as the pair chat to two of his sons. All aboard: Danielle climbs on to a speed boat that has been pulled up close to the beach. Of their first encounter, Bux told Hello! I thought he was lovely and really funny. Danielle enjoys a dip in the beach after topping up her tan. Got it covered: Danielle ensures Gary is protected from the sun. The couple have moved in together but they are hunting for a bigger house. Danielle and her daughter Ella, dressed in matching stripey swimwear, splash about in the Caribbean surf. Beach babe: Former air stewardess Danielle shows off her stunning figure on a Bajan beach over the weekend. US magazine retracts Brad and Angelina wedding report. A report claiming Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie married in an intimate service in New Orleans over the weekend has been retracted. But the publication said today: In January, it emerged Angelina and Brad were expecting boy and girl twins. A source had already told rival publication, People: Angelina, 32, has previously talked down the importance of marriage. She told Vogue in The pair already have three adopted children, Maddox, Zahara, Pax-Thien, and a biological daughter, Shiloh. Flakey Joss says hi-de-hi to a lingering lesbian kiss in new film role. Having won an army of fans as the Cadbury Flake girl, singer Joss Stone is set to send male pulses racing again with her latest movie role. The year-old is puckering up to play a lesbian " including a scene in which she shares a lingering kiss with another woman. Ready for her close-up: Joss will also write and perform the soundtrack. Joss shocked fans last month when she abandoned her hippy-chick style for a high-fashion Herve Leger bandage dress. Meanwhile, Joss admits she would like to find love again after splitting from her first love Beau Dozier in The busy actress took a break from filming the black comedy Pushing Daisies to give her daughter a push instead. She left her fitness coach in charge of pushing the two-year-old as she pounded the streets during a gruelling run in Hollywood recently. Despite her flashy LA lifestyle, the Lancashire-born actress is clearly keeping her feet firmly on the ground. Miss Friel, 31, who made her name in this country in the Channel 4 soap Brookside, lives with actor David Thewlis. She has a six-year contract on the hit black comedy Pushing Daisies, in which she plays a murdered woman brought back to life by her childhood sweetheart. Anna plays crime-fighting sidekick Chuck, who she says she based on Gracie. TV series that has turned her into a major star - is about to be screened on ITV1. Anna Friel leaves buggy-pushing to her fitness instructor while exercising in LA. Bea the hippy princess raves at the full moon. Princess Beatrice has been enjoying a backpacker-style break in Thailand - drinking the local whisky and dancing on the beach into the early hours. The year-old flew into Phuket two weeks ago and headed for the picturesque island of Phi Phi with a group of 15 girlfriends and two armed guards. Princess Beatrice partied on the beach. Each day she swam with her chums in the local bay and partied on the sands. A tourist was stabbed to death at that party, although it is not known if Beatrice was aware of this. Backpackers drink and dance on the beach. The parties attract thousands of young travellers each full moon and have been the subject of Foreign Office warnings following a series of rapes and deaths. Philip Osman, 26, of the Tiger Bar said: She was up there dancing and encouraging others to join in. She bought a bucket which she filled with Thai whisky, Red Bull, ice and coke. But I did not see her drunk. Drinks for sale on the beach in Phi Phi World No. Honey Lee, Miss Korea

Universe, is the most striking beauty of ! Profile Date of birth: March 2, Place of birth: Seoul, South Korea  
Height:

## Chapter 5 : The West Australian

*They get get kicked out for playing up. Then wonder why. Streaking naked around the Reeflodge backpackers in Townsville Seriously! I am the one who puts up w.*

Across Southeast Asia, backpackers had told us about the tubing in Vang Vieng. Like the Full Moon Party on Koh Phangan, Thailand , Vang Vieng draws in a group of party-hardy youngsters looking to get ridiculously drunk and perform acts of extreme stupidity. As slightly older and in theory, wiser members of the backpacker circuit, we decided to approach tubing the same way we approached the Full Moon Party – with caution. The idea of tubing down the river actually sounded nice and relaxing, minus the binge drinking and dangerous antics. So, after thoroughly depressing ourselves in Phonsovan with the legacy of unexploded ordnance from the Vietnam War , we boarded a bus for a ride through the beautiful jungle-clad mountains of Laos to little Vang Vieng. The beautiful Laotian countryside. View at Picasa After getting dropped off at the highway on the edge of town, we started making our way down the main street to look for lodging. Vang Vieng - full of backpackers behaving badly. Family Guy or Friends. Everyplace in town seems to feature one or the other, with episodes playing on big-screen TVs to spaced out backpackers sprawled across mats on the floor. Of course, Heather wanted to only visit bars showing Friends and I only wanted to visit those showing Family Guy. Friends or Family Guy - take your pick. Some people stay here for months doing this day-in, day-out. The Nam Song river running through VV. Home to the infamous "tubing". We were greeted by loud, distorted techno music blaring from crappy speakers. Fire limbo - a backpacker favorite. There go the eyebrows! View at Picasa The next day, we decided to take a crack at tubing. Having read many tales of tubing-related deaths and injuries, we decided we would limit the drinking and try not to do anything stupid. It would turn out this is easier said than done. That morning, at breakfast, we met a Swedish guy in the cafe that told us what we would be able to expect. He was slurring his words and had his toe wrapped up in a bunch of bandages. While tubing one day he snapped his big toe nail right off. The local hospital which ends up treating a lot of tubers. We decided to team up and tackle the river together. Before we even had a chance to set our tubes in the water, signs directed us to the first bar, where we were offered free shots of lao lao. We all wanted to actually get tubing, but we were convinced we had to stay. After two beers each and more than an hour, we decided we had had enough. It was time to hit the river! Turn off your mind, relax and float downstream Touts at the bar right next door dragged our tubes in and started free pouring shots. So far, this was not going to plan. We had literally been roped in to the all-to-common and all-to-dangerous Vang Vieng tubing scene, despite our best intentions to avoid it. Tubers getting roped in. View at Picasa The day continued on, making stops at bars along the riverside. Here, we saw the diving platforms, zip lines, and giant slides which have claimed a number of lives over the years. View at Picasa As the day wore on, we started making one bad decision after another. At some point, Heather got a deep cut in her hand after being thrown a rope at one of the bars. View at Picasa And then, we found ourselves at a riverside bar, still far from town, with the sun setting. Walking around on a rickety wooden dock, with very little light, I tripped, fell, and nearly took my eye out on a crooked plank. Blood started gushing out from my head. View at Picasa We grabbed our tubes and caught a tuk tuk back to town, forced to pay the late fee for returning our tubes after dark. While my face was badly cut and bruised, I was actually very lucky. Still, my whole head throbbed, and I looked like I had been in quite a nasty fight! We knew tubing in Vang Vieng was dangerous. We tried to be careful. Despite all this, both of us walked away with injuries. In hindsight, we should have skipped this ridiculous town.

## Chapter 6 : July by Travel + Leisure Southeast Asia - Issuu

*As a veteran backpacker of both hemispheres currently traveling extensively throughout all 32 provinces of the People's Republic of China, I have come to depend heavily on hostels. Without them I could not financially (or emotionally) last the 10 months I'm expected to be on the road.*

### Chapter 7 : passengers behaving badly on flights | Bemused Backpacker

*Backpackers Behaving Badly. www.nxgvision.com: visit the most interesting Monkee Time pages, well-liked by users from USA, or check the rest of www.nxgvision.com data below. www.nxgvision.com is a low-traffic web project, safe and generally suitable for all ages.*

### Chapter 8 : www.nxgvision.com: MonkeeTime - Backpackers Behaving Badly

*Backpackers Paradise Posted on August 27, May 5, by The Wonders Of Wandering Located deep in central Laos, one of Southeast Asia's poorest countries, the once-tranquil farming village became a seething epicenter of backpackers behaving badly.*

### Chapter 9 : Our Quest To Find the Cheapest Travel Booking Website.

*Backpackers behaving badly is an issue across the east, particularly in Bondi where waves of camper vans arrive annually to flout camping and drinking rules.*