

Delayed in Transit:

Travel writer Tim Richards talks about the pitfalls and triumphs of his trade.



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"When something goes wrong overseas, my heart sinks for a moment... then I think, this is going to look good in a story."

An odd form of writing

Travel writing is a **curious type of journalism**... often written in first person, it must tread a fine line to avoid the blandness of "what I did on my summer holiday" accounts, and the predictable phrases of tourism brochures.

I'm an **experienced travel writer** who's had articles published in newspapers and magazines across the world, and have undertaken assignments for Lonely Planet Publications... you can see extracts from my published work at www.iwriter.com.au.

Things that go wrong

In my talk, I focus on how the **things that go wrong** on holiday, along with the trivialities of everyday travel, can bring a piece of travel writing to life.

Along the way, I **recount anecdotes from my own experiences**, including:

- a snowbound trudge through the forests to see Europe's last bison;
- disappearing accommodation in French Polynesia;
- dodgy taxi drivers in Auckland;
- poetic beggars in Chile;
- and a rather inconvenient homicide investigation in southern Poland.

Entertaining and informative

Janet Nolan, Branch Manager of Mt Evelyn Library had this to say about the talk:

"**'Entertaining and informative'** were the words our audience used to describe Tim Richards' talk at a literary lunch at Lilydale Library. Tim's expertise as a writer is a great encouragement to people who want to write about their own experiences. We were delighted with Tim's talk."

My standard fee for the talk is \$250 + GST. If you're interested in engaging me for one of your events, please contact me for details of availability.

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