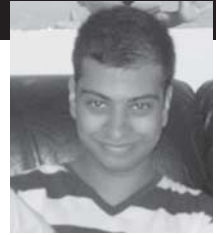




RANDOM PERCEPTIONS

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THE MYSTERY OF THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

The Bermuda Triangle is a large area of ocean between Florida, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda. Over the last few centuries it is thought that a number of ships and planes have all mysteriously disappeared in this area, resulting in the Triangle being referred to as "The Devil's Triangle" and "A Ship Graveyard". People even speculate that the Bermuda Triangle is an area of Extra-Terrestrial activity as there is no known cause for the disappearance of the ships and planes. Some people argue that it is a portal to a different dimension and that is why there has been no trace of the missing ships and planes. However the more Sceptical individuals believe that it is simply an area in which people have bad luck. The bad reputation of the Bermuda Triangle was originated by Christopher Columbus the explorer. According to the explorers log, on October 4th 1492 Columbus noticed that his compass was giving strange readings. Reportedly, three days later, he noticed strange lights located above the area in which the Bermuda Triangle is located. The reason that Christopher Columbus' ship was able to

escape the Bermuda Triangle is because it was ship of solid wood rather than the metal modern day ships which leads to the most modern sci-

entific explanation of the Bermuda Triangle. In other scientific speculation articles it is assumed that the Bermuda Triangle is in fact not an area of Extra-Terrestrial activity

but an area of ocean where the magnetic fields are considerably stronger than the other parts of the ocean, being able to drag anything within its radius to the bottom of the ocean. These extra strong magnetic fields would explain why Columbus' compass went haywire. Not only that, but there is also an extremely strong current in this area of ocean which is able to completely erase any evidence of an accident hence solving the mystery of ships and planes disappearing without a trace. However all this is simply speculation from a scientific point of view and nothing has been confirmed about the Bermuda Triangle to this day. For now people can only speculate and make educated guesses as to what the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle is. Hopefully in the future the truth about this interesting yet scary area of ocean will be revealed.



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TRAVELLING

Some people see travelling as a hassle, where you have to spend your time packing and then sit through a long car or plane ride. It is true that travelling may be tiring, however people should also see travelling as a way to broaden their knowledge, experience a different lifestyle and also as an opportunity for them to escape the ordinary for a while.

When people go travelling whether it be internationally or nationally they see it as a tiring ordeal. Yes travelling may be tiring, however it is the best way for individuals to broaden their knowledge about the world. We read about different countries and famous landmarks around the world on our computer, but that does not come close to physically travelling somewhere and learning about a country through experience. There are currently today 196 countries in the world and all these have their own rich history which we could easily search up on

the internet, but wouldn't it be more exciting and better if you could travel to that country, speak to those that live there and learn about the country's history first hand. Next time you are travelling somewhere always think about what you can learn on this trip and look forward to broadening your knowledge.

When we travel we visit countries or places which have different lifestyles or social expectations from other countries or places. This allows us to experience the way in which other people live and therefore it may mean that we become more understanding and aware of the lifestyle decisions of other people. Where we come from the social standards and principles that guide us are believed to be global social standards, however this is not the case. Lifestyles vary from country to country and it is important that when we travel we experience these different

lifestyles so we are able to get a clearer idea about how people in other countries live.

In addition to this travelling should be seen as an enjoyment, as a ticket to escape the ordinary every day routine and do something different. We live in a stressful society where every day we follow the same routine and spend hours working just to get by. So wouldn't it be nice to travel somewhere to escape it all. You don't have to travel far, but just visit a place where you are not worried and stressing over work, but instead you are enjoying yourself and having some time to do what you want to do. Travelling should not be seen as a stress but instead should be seen as your little escape from the ordinary day.

The next time you are travelling somewhere do not be too worried about the long process of preparation but instead focus on the fact that you are about learn something new, experience a different daily routine and also that you are able now to do something for yourself to just relax.

So where are you going to travel to next and what adventures are there ahead?

