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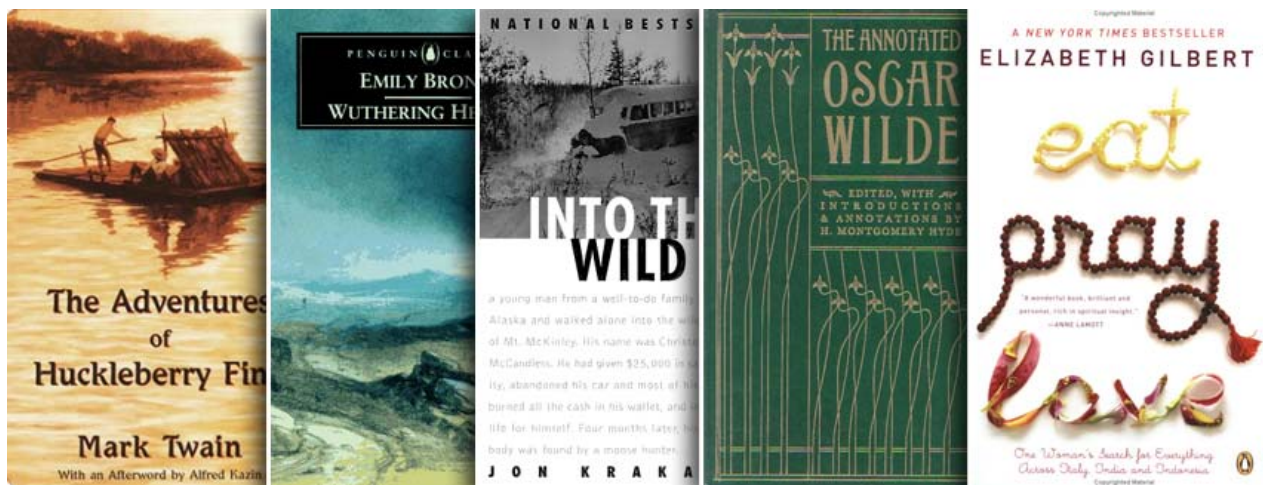


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"LITERALLY FAMOUS DESTINATIONS"



THE STORY OF THE DAY

Have you ever been so enthralled by a book that you wanted to experience the scene of the inspiration for yourself? You're not alone. Every year thousands travel on literary pilgrimages to retrace the steps of everyone from Shakespeare to Sedaris. Ok, we don't know for sure that there's a tour of all of David Sedaris' old haunts, but we can promise there will be one day and sign us up now! Here are just a few packages especially tailored to you book worm types:

Samuel Clemens -- more notably known as Mark Twain--wrote *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, among many others and is buried in Elmira, New York. 2010 marks the 175th anniversary of Mark Twain's birth. To celebrate Mark Twain's life, Elmira is hosting a series of events throughout the year. On April 21st Hal Holbrook to perform his Emmy & Tony award-winning performance of *Mark Twain Tonight* at the Clemens Center for the Performing Arts in Elmira, NY.

<http://www.marktwaincountry.com/>

The Wayfarers is offering two literary tours this year -- Jane Austen and the Brontë sisters. The Jane Austen tour takes us to many of her haunts throughout England including Steventon where her father was rector, and the gentle rolling countryside that forms the backdrop to much of her work. There are various dates from June through September and the 6-day trip is \$3595 double occupancy.

In search of the Brontës explores Haworth village and a trek to Top Withens Farm (*Wuthering Heights*), and in Derbyshire there are spectacular views from Stanage Edge, passing several locations from *Jane Eyre*. Dates for the 6 day tour run from May through September and cost \$3,595 per person double occupancy.

<http://www.thewayfarers.com/>

More of an Agatha Christie, Daphne du Maurier, Thomas Hardy, Arthur Conan Doyle or Samuel Coleridge fan? You may want to explore the English counties of Devon, Dorset, Cornwall and Somerset, collectively known as The West Country and the settings for the mystery stories of Sherlock Holmes and Miss Marple, the sea side intrigue of Rebecca, mystical Arthurian legends. You can take it all in a tour running from June 27th through July 2nd. \$1899 per person.

<http://www.specialgrouptours.com/>

If you are planning a trip to Alaska's Denali National Park this summer you may want to check out the theTraveling along Stampede Trail tour which retraces the steps of this Chris McCandless portrayed in the best-selling book and movie *Into the Wild*. Stopping just a couple of miles from the fast-flowing Teklanika River that prevented 24-year-old McCandless from returning alive to civilization. The \$65 4-hour tour follows the fatal journey along with lots of views of Mt. McKinley and the local wildlife.

<http://www.city-discovery.com/>

Da Vinci Code tours are still fan favorites. There's a host to choose from and one of the best is the package at the 17th-century Chateau de Villette, outside of Paris near Versailles. It's a pricey \$4,500 a person but includes five-nights in the chateau's deluxe rooms, meals, ground transportation, and guided tours. And you can add on with another two nights at the Ritz in Paris for a mere \$2,500 more.

<http://www.frenchvacation.com/>

No one said a literary tour had to be stuffy and uptight did they? The Dublin Pub Crawl takes you to the favorite watering holes of Yeats, Oscar Wilde, Samuel Beckett and many more. It costs about \$20 and if you plan on remembering any of it the next day don't sample too many of the wares.

<http://www.dublinpubcrawl.com/>

Eat, Pray, Love was such a phenomenal hit, that many fans have decided to follow the same path that author Elizabeth Gilbert did in her memoir through Italy, India and Bali. From May 21-27 you can tour Bali as Gilbert did and even meet the mystical Ketut Liyer, featured in her story. Call for pricing.

<http://www.spiritquesttours.com/>

-- Lisa Arcella



SIDEBAR

It will never replace a real book in our opinion, but there's no denying that a Kindle is great for travel but now they are a bit more stylish looking thanks to the \$99 Cole Haan Hand-Stained Pebble Grain Leather Kindle Cover with Hinge.

<http://www.amazon.com/Cole-Haan-Hand-Stained-Leather-Generation/dp/B0026IBJNQ>

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When we hit the road we always take our Magellan travel clock. It's pre-set, so just the turn of a knob automatically sets the time anywhere in the U.S., U.K., Europe and Japan. It's also solar-powered and its big screen is easy to see in a dark hotel room.

<http://www.magellans.com/>

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