



Q. So, how long have you been traveling and taking photos?

A. Well, I've been doing extensive domestic travel for 25 years and internationally for 4 years. As of 12/31/13, I've been to 35 countries on five continents. My bucket list is still full of places I want to go.



Q. And writing, how much have you done?

A. As of 12/31/13, I've published a total of 969 articles online and in print. My main interests are in travel and travel gadgets, including photography. I also write in-depth articles on real estate developments, hotels and restaurants.

Q. Do you travel alone or with an assistant?

A. It depends on the budget and on the trip sponsor. Originally I tried to do it all myself. Interviewing, writing, doing still photography and video all by myself was really challenging, but I did that for eight years (five years corporately and three years as a freelancer.) Recently, my wife has teamed up with me and often accompanies me on trips, especially where we need do interviews and gather photography at the same time. She also enjoys writing and has being doing articles now since October 2012.

Q. What's your philosophy on travel articles?

A. Having cut my communication teeth in a corporate marketing environment, I tend to write about what's right with travel. I only feature the positive. As a boomer myself, I try to visit and write for my contemporaries about places they need to visit. I love to show how destinations can offer both a budget or a luxury vacation if possible. My main goal is to get people up off their couch and out into the world, whether that be a weekend getaway or a round-the-world cruise.

Q. Is there anywhere you wouldn't travel to?

A. Nope - try me.

Q. Where can we read some of your articles?

A. Most all our recent travel and photography articles are on the blog <u>DougBardwell.com</u>. Links to all our <u>other publications are here</u>. A link to my <u>photo archives is here</u>. Please do check them out.