



New Year's thoughts

Transcript 045

January 2008

Linda: Hi, I'm Linda.

Craig: And I'm Craig.

Linda: And this is the Indie Travel Podcast episode 45, coming to you from Chertsey, England in January 2008.

Craig: Yeah, happy New Year, happy Silvester or happy Hogmanay to you all.

Linda: I suppose Chinese New Year is still a little bit away.

Craig: Yeah, fine, well, yeah. It's the second week of January, and in the first week we visited seven countries in seven days. That's not slow travel.

Linda: No, I think that would be defined as fast travel. We had the best time over Christmas and New Year's, we spent time with friends and family, and it was just great. We'd also like to thank Betty from Betty in the Sky with a Suitcase and Chris from the Amateur Traveler, thanks heaps for doing those guest posts, guys, they were really great.

Craig: Yeah, thanks. So, a New Year and on to some New Year travel resolutions.

Linda: I'm really cynical about this idea of New Year's resolutions. I find that people often have these huge goals that are hard to reach and hugely demotivating, like, I'm going to lose 25 kilos in a week, or I'm going to run every day and do 95 press-ups.

Craig: I'm going to fly to the moon!

Linda: That was Craig's goal last year. He didn't make it. Sorry about that Craig.

Craig: It'll be okay.

All content © IndieTravelPodcast.com 2006-2007

IndieTravelPodcast.com is a personal website run as a hobby not as a business, although we receive some commission from advertising. **Listen to and use this advice at your own risk** – happy travels.

SITE: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com> | FEED: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com/feed>
EMAIL: mail@indietravelpodcast.com | PODCASTERS' HOMEPAGE: <http://www.mars-hill.co.nz>



Linda: So, anyway, instead of making these huge resolutions, I prefer to spend some time over the break meditating on the past year and tweaking things a little. Small steps, minor thought changes — that kind of thing.

Craig: So, here we go...

Linda: Well, in this episode we thought we'd talk about our new year's resolutions, what we're going to be doing, and what we're going to be up to. So this year we'd like to have a year of people. Last year we mainly travelled alone. We visited some friends and they visited us, and our family came over - a few of them, and we travelled with some really cool people for days or weeks at a time. And it was so great. But not really enough.

Craig: I want to interact with more people in the areas we're living. Often we've been spending a week in a town or a city, but we haven't met many locals, haven't made many friends. It's time to do that, I think.

Linda: We're going to try avoiding hostels and stay with more people. We've got friends all over Europe that we can visit, people we've met on trains and in hostels; we want to see some of you guys this year.

Craig: We're also going to use services like www.couchsurfing.com to explore new areas. This year we're going to do more stuff. Last year was kind of a fast, slow-travel year. We visited 22 countries but most weeks were spent in one town. Y'know, we didn't really DO anything.

Linda: We did the West Highland Way.

Craig: We went to a couple of wine events.

Linda: We rafted down a river.

Craig: We saw Istanbul's tourist attractions.

Linda: We visited Auschwitz.

All content © IndieTravelPodcast.com 2006-2007

IndieTravelPodcast.com is a personal website run as a hobby not as a business, although we receive some commission from advertising. **Listen to and use this advice at your own risk** – happy travels.

SITE: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com> | FEED: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com/feed>
EMAIL: mail@indietravelpodcast.com | PODCASTERS' HOMEPAGE: <http://www.mars-hill.co.nz>



- Craig: We started the year with Hogmanay in Edinburgh and finished with Silvester in Germany.
- Linda: I'd say that's quite a bit of stuff.
- Craig: But it's a year of full-time travel and that isn't lots of stuff. This year, I want to have more events, more high points.
- Linda: It seems rather consumerist, but I suppose it does feel like it's time ... at least for the first half of the year.
- Craig: Mmm. I'm a consumer.
- Linda: You are. We're also hoping to change the way we make money. We want to start doing something a little bit different.
- Craig: At the moment most of our income comes from teaching English. It's been our full-time job for most of the last five years and we enjoy it. But this year we're going to be doing more writing, more podcasting.
- Linda: Yeah, so if you know of any good opportunities we'd love to hear from you.
- Craig: This year we're going to travel more slowly. I think. We're going to walk more, for sure. We're doing the Camino de Santiago de Compostella before Easter and that's five weeks of walking.
- Linda: Yep, that's more walking, I think.
- Craig: Yep. So, it's an event and it's a mode of transport. Sweet.
- Linda: Yep, that sounds like a "ticking the box", doesn't it? And we have some more of the "tick the box" kind of goals too. Before the end of the year we'd like to visit all of the EU countries that we haven't made it to yet. We spent half a day in the tiny duchy of Luxembourg last week – in the capital and in the forests – so, that's one less, now we have seven left to go.

All content © IndieTravelPodcast.com 2006-2007

IndieTravelPodcast.com is a personal website run as a hobby not as a business, although we receive some commission from advertising. **Listen to and use this advice at your own risk** – happy travels.

SITE: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com> | FEED: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com/feed>
EMAIL: mail@indietravelpodcast.com | PODCASTERS' HOMEPAGE: <http://www.mars-hill.co.nz>



IndieTravelPodcast.com

Sweet travel advice for independent travellers

Craig: Over the last two years we've tried to visit one new country a month. We've been successful so far - 14 countries in 2006, and 14 countries in 2007, and we're probably going to do the same this year. It's not so high a priority.

Linda: It's a little bit more difficult, now that we've been to so many countries in Europe.

Craig: Yeah.

Linda: Well, that's our thoughts on travel this New Year's. Do you have any goals you'd like to share with us? Are you going to meet a savings goal, start out travelling or travel more or less? Please drop by the site and leave a comment or email us at mail@indietravelpodcast.com.

Craig: Another new New Year's project that I saw the other day is www.personaltravelblogs.com. So, if you're blogging your travels, you can submit some answers to some questions, to the site and he's publishing them and showcasing different personal travel blogs.

Linda: Well, that's us for this week. I'd just like to say welcome to the New Year everybody and thanks heaps for your support over 2007.

Craig: We'd like to thanks once more to everybody that has subscribed to the show, reviewed it on their blogs and sent us emails. You motivate us to keep going, cause God knows there's no money in it :)

Linda: So, this year, 2008, be safe, experience deeply and travel well.

All content © IndieTravelPodcast.com 2006-2007

IndieTravelPodcast.com is a personal website run as a hobby not as a business, although we receive some commission from advertising. **Listen to and use this advice at your own risk** – happy travels.

SITE: <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com> | **FEED:** <http://www.indietravelpodcast.com/feed>

EMAIL: mail@indietravelpodcast.com | **PODCASTERS' HOMEPAGE:** <http://www.mars-hill.co.nz>