

## ART OF TRAVEL

K55.1200

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2-credit course, runs entire semester

Enrollment restricted to students studying abroad in the spring of 2009 at an NYU abroad site.

This online course provides an opportunity for students studying abroad to reflect, analytically and creatively, on their travel experiences. We examine some of the art created by travelers—travel literature, photography, paintings—and consider how traveling can itself be viewed as an art, with its own conventions, styles, traditions, and opportunities for innovation. All of the course activities are conducted on the class website: students blog about their responses to the readings and their own travels, post photos, etc. Enrollment is limited to students studying at one of NYU's study abroad sites. Reading assignments are individualized for the city and country of each study-abroad site, but some readings are for the whole class.

### **Requirements**

18 blog posts, approx. 400 words each.

18 comments on other students' blogs, approx. 100 words each.

Read two travel narratives or books about your abroad site.

### **Reading:**

Two travel narrative or travel essay books about the place you're studying, plus selections from Alain de Botton's *The Art of Travel* (available on this website). Here is the suggested readings page to help choose your two travel books.

## Schedule of Topics

POST DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Jan. 25	1. Introductions
Jan. 30	2. Departure-Arrival
Feb. 5	3. De Botton, ch. 1 - 3
Feb. 10	4. Open Topic
Feb. 15	5. Discuss a reading (1)
Feb. 20	6. Quotidian life
Feb. 25	7. The "art" of travel
March 2	8. Open Topic
March 7	9. Authenticity
March 12	10. Cultural activity
March 23	11. Discuss a reading (2)
March 28	12. Open topic
April 3	13. Place
April 10	14. Person
April 15	15. De Botton on habit
April 20	16. Advice
April 25	17. Course Evaluation
April 30	18. Final Thoughts

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