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Any Baedeker will reveal where we ought to travel, but just Alain de Botton will tell us how and just why. With the same intelligence and insouciant charm he brought to *How Proust Can SAVE YOUR VALUABLE Lifestyle*, de Botton considers the pleasures of anticipation; Don't set off without it. *The Art of Travel* is usually a sensible and utterly original reserve. the allure of the exotic, and the worthiness of noticing everything from a seascape in Barbados to the takeoffs at Heathrow. Even while de Botton uses the reader along on his own peregrinations, he also cites such distinguished fellow-travelers as Baudelaire, Wordsworth, Van Gogh, the biologist Alexander von Humboldt, and the 18th-century eccentric Xavier de Maistre, who catalogued the miracles of his bedroom.



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Experienced to unlearn and observe travel from De Botton's angle - quite riveting! Far from expectations I had for my first travel reserve, yet quite impressed. We was intrigued by the artistic and philosophical approach that De Botton used to describe travel experiences. I've gained very much insight from works of 18th and 19th century authors and performers including: Humboldt, Flaubert, Wordsworth, Thomas Gray, Van Gogh, Ruskin and De Maistre. Can anyone recommend? I liked the literary references. "There are particular scenes that would ASEAN atheist into belief without assistance from any various other argument." "A dominant impulse on encountering beauty is the desire to keep on to it: to possess it and present it weight inside our lives. There is an urge to say, 'I was right here, I noticed this and it mattered to me.'" I recommend this reserve to fellow travellers and artwork enthusiasts. He opened my mind to ways of feeling travel that I might have remotely felt but not got the skill to dwell on and fully develop. complaints of living don't can be found. Such as lifestyle today where people photograph and video things versus stopping to simply enjoy the experience. Superbly crafted sentences!" I love this writer I really like this writer.). It actually takes you on a trip from the anticipation of travel all the way through to the return to your house and life. We normally would read this book quite quickly however throughout there were sections that made me stop and reflect on my own travel experiences. At each page turn my values and methods to travel was challenged and critiqued and I treasured it! Three key takeaways from the book: 1. I'm torn between Pascal's perspective of truly enjoying and taking in a historic artifact (or art) versus being an artist where you ingest what you see and create something unique and innovative that enhances the experience for you and for others. I believe that there is area for both depending on the circumstance. This is a story of de Botton's experiences intertwined with stories from a few of the greats of our history (e.2. You want to be content in our lives and travel seems to offer us with a mechanism to achieve that. Also bending backwards to kiss the Blarney stone can be an experience not truly appreciated from a DVD travelogue of Ireland. De Botton advocates travelling alone to be an edge. He believes that responses to the world are molded by the company that we keep, as a result we align our curiosity to squeeze in with the anticipations of others. I really like Alain de Botton I really like Alain de Botton, this is the 4th reserve by him I have read, I also want to travel, so this appeared like a perfect fit, but despite the fact that there are some very original thoughts about the experience of travel in the bottonesque style that I have come to like, the book seemed somewhat boring and I had some trouble finishing it, which didn't happen at most with Essays on Love, Status Stress and anxiety of The joys and sorrows of work. It is still insightful and well crafted but I came across myself repeatedly losing curiosity. Review Review Five Stars Thoughtful resource Complex thoughts made accessible to everyone An excellent reserve to review your life.) interspersed with black& In "The Art of Travel", there exists a really cool reflection on his journeys in European countries, mostly, and in the united kingdom. The author manages to spell it out deep thoughts with simple words. It's a assortment of essays about travel. Using estimates from the previous and paintings from the latter, de Botton evokes the romance of airports and train stations and other areas of arrival & He also writes biographical sketches about writers, thinkers, and artists from the 1700s and 1800s, which offer both a depth and counterpoint to his own ideas that is a form of composing unequalled in contemporary literature (here, among the memorable vignettes is that of a rich French man who actually recommended books about journeys to actual travel! A thought provoking read on the process of travel Wow, what a believed provoking publication! I say "immersive" because the book is an encounter. Meandering, but gracefully guided by De Botton, I emerged on the other hand of my reading as someone different, a more sensitive and attentive traveler. Unthought-of possibilities of thinking, carrying out, and feeling while traveling are now in my mind. I have a kinship with De Botton, but also with his subjects like Baudelaire, Flaubert, Edward Hopper, the explorer Humbolt, and Ruskin." For instance, in #2 ("On Traveling Places"), the "guides" are French poet Charles Baudelaire and American painter Edward Hopper. Thoughtful, provoking, enjoyable. Also, a plug for Alain de Botton. I was so

enamored of it that I had to own it (3 cheers for Amazon!) The reserve is a number of essays ("On Anticipation", "On the Exotic", "On Possessing Beauty", etc. Each section except the last provides two sub-chapters. It's not a travelogue. Each essay/chapter contains a place/areas and a "guide/guides. Excellent company! The reserve is rich in literary and artistic references. departure--how they will be the stuff of hopes, dreams, inspirations. He also writes of the pleasure of the trip itself, where 1 is transported not merely from the physical familiarity of home, but into a state of suspension, where--for a time--the worries & For anyone who has a ferocious urge for food to travel (and does both personally and for function) it gave me a brand new perspective on how one should start traveling and experiencing the world. Why and how? Highly recommended.. To which the author suggests, "the pleasure we are based on [this] journey may be dependent even more on the mind-established we travel with than the destination we travel to. Neither of the books is about Buddhism, but both explore within their own methods what John Ruskin proposed as the twin purposes of art: to make sense of pain and to fathom the resources of beauty. Pascal, Nietzsche, Baudelaire etc. Charming, self-effacing, funny, interesting. I travel a whole lot and it helped me to discover points with different eyes. A Botton-esque look at the world of travel, holiday, diversion, and the Bohemian life I actually started reading Alain de Botton's books in the first 2000s, and also have enjoyed most them up to now. Either as print or audiobook, "The Artwork of Travel", "The Consolations of Philosophy", "The News: A User's Manual", and "Status Anxiety" have been artistic, interesting, and personally meaningful reserve for me. Departure, for instance, offers "On Anticipation" and "On Traveling Locations. I especially remember how much he liked going from the UK to HOLLAND, of switching from an English-American way of life to a Continental one. De Botton deeply explores the sensations of travel.). The books become like trip in themselves and, over time, one can frequently read or pay attention to them again. sometimes with other artists, sometimes with personal stories of De Botton. white reproductions of paintings and photographs. With the internet, large sized video monitors, high resolution DVDs, does one really need to go out to see the world, perform they?g. Few locations are even more conducive to inner conversations than a shifting plane, ship or train. An immersive method of travel De Botton arranges his subject in the relaxed sequence of Departure, Motives, Scenery, Art, and Come back. Great read I've gifted this publication to a few people aswell." Typically an writer, artist, or journalist's sense of travel is released through their work and the theme is definitely expanded; The book is well crafted however the humor was a .. [Zen and] The Artwork of Travel For those who have a well worn duplicate of 'Zen and the Artwork of Motorcycle Maintenance' on the shelf, then you will want to add that one to the collection. The author has a talent for descriptive composing. I anticipated it to be a little more engaging. The book is well crafted however the humor was just a little dry. Great publication about the why of travel (or not-to-travel) I loved this publication - it was exactly what I wanted to read. Not a travel memoir by itself, but musings ON or around travel. I have experienced this sensation as well as the joys of anonymity--an experience that may transform a good cheap motel room into a sanctuary from daily demands. Different methods to travel. I finished it but did not get much out of it. I actually want to read MORE books about travel like this 1, but I have no idea if there are any others. I encountered many estimates that resonated with me, including: "Journeys will be the midwives of thought. De Botton's reserve is another that I came across at the library in which I work. I've read several of his books today, I recommend him as a writer, and I'd read him on just about any topic. Also plenty of discussion of why NOT to travel. I am uncertain why I bought this book; obviously it had to have been immensely important from some supply, but whatever the author was trying to accomplish did not "click" with me. I made it through the publication but ultimately did not appreciate it or even know why so many people do. It rambles. It touches on several topics but I did not really find that it experienced meaning for me. One, concept, "traveling while residing at home" did resonante. Brilliant essays! However regional lobster is not as great as the lobster I have eaten at the Maine lobster pounds therefore perhaps traveling

"in the home" is not an ideal approach. The problem is that people only experience this joy while traveling because we are beyond the constraints of work and our struggle to survive³.



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