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Do you ever just want to vent about the latest airport check in line or long layovers? Darren Cronian feels your pain. As editor of the [Travel Rants blog](#), he has experienced almost every travel problem you can possibly imagine and in frustration he finally decided to take action. So, he started writing the highly popular Travel Rants blog. [Viscape](#), always on the look-out for great advice on [trip planning](#), grabbed this connoisseur of travel and asked him a few questions of our own.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

I would go for Queensland in Australia, beautiful white sands, great for snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, and hiking in the Cape Tribulation National Park. Another favorite is the [Eastern European city of Prague](#).

So, you just recorded your first video blog post. How did it feel to be in front of a camera and not anonymous behind a written blog?

Ah, yes, the infamous video blog post, it was fun, completely unscripted, and I highlighted ten of my favorite travel blogs. The recording was difficult because I was conscious of my English accent, and the wobbly camera. It is good to experiment with different forms of media when promoting a travel blog and it was fun to interact with readers in a new format. It seemed to go down well with the majority of viewers, and it was live.

Describe your worst travel experience. What happened, and would you or have you gone back to that destination?

I haven't had a bad travel experience other than short flight delays, so I should count myself lucky considering I have heard some nightmare vacation experiences. Passengers being stranded abroad because they missed their flight, holidaymakers having to pay out thousands of pounds in medical bills because they had not taken out travel insurance, the list is endless.

With all the problems with airplanes, people being short on cash and gas prices still higher than they have been in the past, where do you see the future of the travel industry going? Do you think that people are moving more towards localized (within their own state or geographic area) travel?

Consumers in the US have a huge country to explore and travel across, so the need for heading abroad is probably less inviting considering the economical crisis, whereas, vacations in the UK are quite expensive compared with vacations in Europe. I think we will see an increase in consumers booking vacations closer to home, but I cannot see this having an impact on the numbers of people travelling abroad. It's all doom and gloom at the moment and whilst vacations are probably one of the items that many could cut out, most of us need a vacation. I know I do.

If you were going to be on an extremely long flight, who would want sitting next to you?

Great question, it would have to be either Richard Branson or Michael Palin, both for different reasons. Richard Branson to pick his entrepreneurial mind and hear all about this expeditions and travels. Michael Palin to hear first hand all about his travels around the world. I'm reading his book Sahara at the moment, which I cannot put down.

If you could have any single superhero power, which would it be and why?

Oh, another great question, easy, to fly. No more air passenger duty (a tax we have to pay here in the UK for flights), no more flight delays, or extra charges for luggage and in-flight meals. Have you seen the film Jumper? It's about a man who can teleport himself anywhere in the world, I would like that superhero power too, please.

Any final thoughts or travel tips for us?

Tips; umm so many, 1) visit travel rants if you want to get something off your chest, leave a comment, or email me, I love receiving emails from readers 2) using your credit card abroad? Make sure your credit card provider knows you are going to be using it abroad. I am hearing more stories of travelers being stranded abroad with no money 3) shop around when searching for a vacation, don't feel pressurized booking the first vacation deal you find.

ABOUT DARREN CRONIAN: *Darren's blog, Travel Rants, won best travel consumer blog in the Travolution Awards 2008. He started the Travel Rants blog in 2005 after visiting a travel agency. He arrived home, annoyed, and just wanted to rant. Since then, he has learned a lot about the travel industry. Cronian has been quoted in a number of national newspapers and interviewed on BBC Radio.*



A day at the office for Darren!

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









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