

# Greg Rodgers

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## Travel Experience

I have been a full-time world traveler since leaving IBM in January 2006.

## Freelance Writing

- Asia contributor for TripSavvy; 2017 – present
- Asia Expert for About.com; 2011 – 2017
- Sarawak Tourism Board to promote rainforest sustainability in Borneo; 2013
- Contributing writer for the *New York Times* GoSEAsia; 2010 – 2011
- Four-page feature (volcano climbing) for *Leisure + Travel Southeast Asia*; December 2011
- Travel blogger for American Eagle on one-month assignment in Mexico; 2007
- Celebrity interviews and features for *Tops in Lex* magazine; 2007

## Web Projects

- I have been developing web properties (HTML, PHP, and Wordpress) since 1999.
- I launched Startbackpacking.com, a top backpacking travel website; 2007 – present
- I launched Vagabondinglife.com, a top travel blog; 2006 – present
- I launched Thailandtips.info; 2011 – present
- I launched Gborneotravel.com; 2010 – 2018

## Photography

- Adventure photographer for Sarawak (Borneo) Tourism Board; 2013
- Major contributor to Cityscape Books *Bluegrass Visions*; 2010
- LV Harkness in Lexington created new product line with my photos of Kentucky Rolex; 2009
- Official photographer at Kentucky Horse Park; 2008
- One-month photo assignment in Acapulco for American Eagle; 2007
- Event photographer for *Tops in Lex* magazine; 2007 – 2011

## Military

I served in the Kentucky National Guard (1997 – 2003) as a 13F (Artillery Forward Observer). I was an FO team leader and served on active duty at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

## Awards and Honors

- Silver prize from SOLAS Best Travel Writing of 2014
- Interviewed by *The Globe and Mail* in Canada; 2014
- Asia panelist for *The Daily Meal*; 2013 and 2014
- Grand prize winner of 2008 Spongefish Travel Moments award
- Grand prize winner of 2007 Gonzo Travel Writing award

## Readership and Social Media

- Combined web audience (personal sites) of 1K+ readers per day
- Facebook and Twitter reach of over 12,000 followers