



15 SUCCESSFUL TRAVEL ARTICLE PITCHES

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*Perfect your pitching by checking out my examples
that were commissioned by leading travel
publications*

Pitching publications is just a fact of life for most freelance writers. A lot of resources are available online for how to perfect the art of the pitch, as many writers are afraid of pressing send on a pitch they've spent hours writing and researching only to never hear back from the editor. I'm going to let you in on a little secret...

Pitching works best, for me, when I don't overthink it. I don't agonise over every word. I don't stress over my bio note. I don't second-guess myself. I certainly don't spend hours and hours pitching.

I follow the publication's guidelines, where available, and trust I have the skills, knowledge, and experience to pull off the story I'm pitching.

Not every story I pitch turns into an article. But I do have a pretty good track record of landing pitches, and with the added bonus of not spending too long on them, leaving me with more time to do writing and editing work I know I will be paid for.

This document pulls together several of my successful travel-related pitches from over the years. The intention isn't to share secrets that anyone would consider confidential. It's to show you—an aspiring or already established travel writer—the variety within pitching. How I write and structure the pitch, and how I tailor my bio information for each publication.

Are these perfect pitches? Probably not. But they did get me assignments, and that's the ultimate goal of a pitch.

Includes pitches to:

- Architectural Digest
- Lonely Planet
- Brides
- Fodor's
- Culture Trip
- New Zealand Herald
- Literary Hub
- Silkwinds
- Earth Island Review
- HuffPost Personal
- Unearth Women
- Ozy
- Travel Age West
- LiveMint
- The Points Guy

For further guidance on:

- **pitching**
- **crafting travel articles**
- **learning what kind of experience makes a great topic for an article...**

...contact me about my coaching services.

ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

2020

Cold pitch, no preexisting relationship or contact

Read the article here: [10 Architectural Treasures to Visit in Nepal](https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/most-beautiful-temples-in-india)

Hi [editor name],

I'd like to pitch a piece for Architectural Digest Digital tentatively titled "10 Architectural Treasures to Visit in Nepal", inspired by this piece: <https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/most-beautiful-temples-in-india>

Nepal is perhaps better known as an adventure tourism destination, but what many visitors soon realise when touring Kathmandu is that Nepal's architectural and cultural riches rival anything found in neighbouring India or China. Plus, Nepal's traditional architecture is distinct from that of its neighbours and combines features of both Hindu and Buddhist architecture. I would include some of the better-known examples, like the Patan Durbar Square, as well as lesser-known places like the Janaki Mandir in Janakpur. The number '10' could also be flexible, as there are so many. Now would be a great time to publish such a piece, as Nepal is embarking on a 'Visit Nepal 2020' campaign this year, and I believe it's important to highlight that the country offers much more than just mountains.

I'm a travel writer and editor specializing in Nepal--I divide my time between there and New Zealand. I've written extensively about Nepal before. Here are some relevant clips, and you can find out more about me and my work on my website and LinkedIn profile.

- Why Nepal's Capital City is a Design Lover's Paradise, Here Magazine
- Urban Palimpsests, Indian Quarterly
- 10 Fashion Designers from Nepal You Should Follow, Culture Trip
- The Greatest Showmen, Silkwind

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Elen

LONELY PLANET

2020

Pitched after the invited me to on a specific theme

Read the article here: [Hiking in New Zealand with a Toddler is a Lot Easier Than You Think](#)

Hi [editor name],

Thanks for the invitation to pitch the family travel campaign. As the mother of a two-year-old, this is right up my street.

I'd like to write a guide to hiking in New Zealand with a toddler. As all parents know, travelling with toddlers poses unique challenges that are different (harder!) to travelling with babies or older kids. By way of introduction I would share some of my own experiences gathered through my hikes in New Zealand with my daughter, and then highlight a few (5-8, depending on your word count requirements) great hiking-with-toddler destinations. These would include some national parks, which come with their own challenges for toddler travel (namely, the requirement to take all rubbish out with you--hello pack full of dirty nappies!), and non-national-park hikes. With each destination I would highlight why it's a great place for both parents and toddlers, and mention any challenges parents should be aware of.

I'm a Nelson, New Zealand-based travel writer, with some of the finest hiking trails in New Zealand just a short drive from my place. I've written a lot about family travel and about travel in New Zealand, so here are a few relevant clips:

- Abel Tasman National Park: The Complete Guide, TripSavvy
- Traveling New Zealand by Rail with Kids, The Points Guy
- Why You Should Travel While Your Baby is an Infant, The Points Guy
- New Zealand Hot Springs for Every Type of Traveler, Travel Age West

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Elen

BRIDES

2020

Cold pitch with no previous contact or relationship

Read the article here: [Love Looks Like This: Childbirth Abroad, Visa Woes, and a Pandemic](#)

Dear [editor name],

I read that you're seeking contributions for the new 'Love Looks Like This' column.

My husband is from a small village in Nepal, the first generation of his family to be literate, let alone go to school and travel abroad. I am a white New Zealander with a postgraduate degree. Our backgrounds and life experiences, when we met almost five years ago on a whitewater rafting trip in Nepal, couldn't have been more different. But we've worked through pregnancy-before-marriage in a country that disapproves of that, visa obstruction from New Zealand, the necessity of giving birth in a third country (Thailand) for my safety, an international move with a four-month-old, and now... a global pandemic! Many people assume that we encounter major cross-cultural problems (communication, family disapproval, etc), but in reality, we're like every other couple: disagreements are usually much more mundane! And so are our shared joys: raising our daughter, eating out together, hiking.

I'd love to write the story of my cross-cultural, international relationship for Brides. I'm a widely published writer, mainly in the travel niche. I've had personal essays published in The Best Women's Travel Writing Vol. 11 and The London Reader, and have a couple of forthcoming pieces in Fodor's and HuffPost Personal. You can find more of my work on my website (www.elenturner.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Elen

LITERARY HUB (LITHUB)

2020

Cold pitch with no previous contact or relationship

Read the article here: [More Reasons to Move to New Zealand: A Literary Guide](#)

Dear editors,

I'd like to write a literary guide to New Zealand. I have seen the "literary long weekend in..." guides on LitHub and would like to propose a slightly different approach to New Zealand. It's a larger geographic area than, say, Connecticut, and for most travellers it's not feasible to come for a weekend. I would like to write a piece that highlights various places throughout New Zealand that have been made famous by literary work. This wouldn't, of course, have anything to do with *The Lord of the Rings*! I would like to include Eleanor Catton's West Coast of *The Luminaries*, Janet Frame's Maniototo of *Living in the Maniototo*, Frank Sargeson's North Shore of Auckland, and so on.

I'm a travel and culture writer living in Nelson, New Zealand. I have a PhD in literature and have written many literary essays and book reviews, as well as travel articles on New Zealand (and elsewhere), so I'm ideally qualified to write a combined literary-travel guide. Here are some relevant clips:

- A Literary City Guide to Buffalo, New York, *Eat This Poem*
- In Search of a World Done Differently: *Lands of Lost Borders* by Kate Harris, *Earth Island Journal*
- Prescience or Coincidence? William Dalrymple's *Return of the King* review. *Himal Southasian*
- The Weird and Wonderful Museum for a Beloved Austrian Artist... in New Zealand, *Ozy*

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CULTURE TRIP

2020

Pitch after a recent commission

Read the article here: [Help Deliver the Mail in New Zealand's Remote Marlborough Sounds](#)

Hi [editor name],

As I mentioned above, I'd be interested in writing the Kaikoura guide. Here's another pitch about a nearby region:

'Help deliver the mail in New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds'.

For over 100 years, the Pelorus Mail Boat has been leaving the small town of Havelock several times a week to deliver the mail to scattered inhabitants of Pelorus Sound (in the Marlborough Sounds of the northern South Island). The boat is necessary as these people--an eclectic collection of sheep and mussel farmers, remote hoteliers, and opt-outs from mainstream society--live far off the roads. A few months ago I joined the Pelorus Mail Boat on a Wednesday mail run, although 'mail' doesn't quite capture the reality of delivering gas canisters, grocery supplies, and even a dog. We spent about five hours sailing through calm waters to the most remote reaches of Pelorus Sound, and with every stop we made, the recipients would come down to their wharves for a chat--possibly the only human interaction they'd have all week, until the next mail drop. In this article, I'd like to give readers an idea of what they can experience when they join the mail run for the day, and how to do so.

Let me know if this is of interest.

Thanks,

Elen

NEW ZEALAND HERALD

2020

Cold pitch after writing for them previously

Read the article here: [New Harbour](#)

Hi [editor name],

Hope you're doing well. I saw your call on TravMedia for domestic travel stories, and have two that I hope you'll consider.

The Marlborough Mussel Cruise

The small town of Havelock in the Marlborough Sounds proudly calls itself the "greenshell mussel capital of the world", and the waters of the Marlborough Sounds produce the vast majority of New Zealand's mussels. But, the industry is not actually very old, being established in the 1970s by some of the first European settlers to the area. I learned this fact, and many more, on the Greenshell Mussel Cruise from Havelock, skippered by 7th-generation sounds resident Ryan Godsiff. I took this cruise a couple of weeks ago, and would love to write about where it goes, what we saw, and interesting facts about mussel farming in the sounds.

Space to Park Your Horse in the Hokianga Harbour

As I strolled through the main street of Rawene, I heard a young lad behind me tell his mate, "There's even space to park my horse here." One might assume he was cracking a joke, but in these parts of the country, it's more likely that he really was looking for somewhere to park his horse. There's definitely no room to park a horse in the Bay of Islands, on the opposite coast. But this contrast with the Bay of Islands is exactly what makes the Hokianga so beautiful, and a great destination in Northland. I'd like to write a piece about using Rawene as a base for exploring this lesser-visited area of Northland.

Best wishes,

Elen

HERE MAGAZINE

2019

Cold pitch without previous contact or relationship

Read the article here: [Why Nepal's Capital City is a Design-Lover's Paradise](#)

Dear editors,

I'm a travel writer specialising in travel in Nepal, and am wondering if you'd be interested in a creative city guide to Kathmandu? This would be similar to the Cape Town guide you currently have on the website.

While Nepal is best known as a backpacker and outdoorsy destination, and Kathmandu more specifically as a bit of a dust bowl (not untrue!), there's also such a vibrant arts and design scene there that is worthy of celebrating and publicising. Many designers are using traditional handicrafts and fabrics and turning them into modern and practical pieces for urbanites. There's an annual photography festival, and a few different film festivals throughout the year. There are also wonderful boutique hotels in Kathmandu, many located in old palaces or mansions, and restaurants celebrating food from Nepal's minority cultures (such as Newari). I could source photos.

I have written extensively about all aspects of travel in Nepal, and I'd love to focus on this aspect of the capital for Here magazine. Here are a few relevant clips:

- A Feminist City Guide to Kathmandu, Nepal:
<https://www.unearthwomen.com/2018/07/18/a-feminist-city-guide-to-kathmandu-nepal/>
- 10 Fashion Designers from Nepal You Should Follow:
<https://theculturetrip.com/asia/nepal/articles/10-fashion-designers-from-nepal-you-should-follow/>
- The Greatest Showmen: <https://silkwindsmagazine.com/circus-kathmandu/>

You can also find out more about me and my work on my website: <http://www.elenturner.com/>

Please let me know if this would be of interest to you.

Best wishes,

Elen

THE POINTS GUY

2019

Pitch via an online form for regular contributors

Read the article here: [Is Nepal a Family-Friendly Destination?](#)

Tentative Title: Is Nepal a Family-Friendly Destination?

Your Pitch: Nepal is a bucket-list destination for many travelers, thanks to its high mountains, interesting cities, warm people, wildlife filled jungles, and much more. But, should it be a bucket list destination for travelers with kids? In this article I will take an honest look at the pros and cons of traveling to Nepal with kids. I have lived in Nepal and my daughter is half Nepali; she's spent 5 months of her 16-month-long life there. There is a lot to recommend the country as a family destination: the great outdoors, amazing wildlife, luxury and boutique hotels at a very affordable price, a culture that is welcoming and tolerant of children--and the ability to hire porters to carry your kids on a trek! (Where else could you do that!?) But there is also a lot to detract, and I don't want to sugarcoat the truth: bad pollution in Kathmandu, dangerous roads, lack of facilities like public restrooms, baby changing tables or even high chairs in restaurants. In this article I wouldn't come to a 'yay' or 'nay' conclusion, but rather outline the benefits and drawbacks, and provide tips on where to go and what to do for family travelers who are seriously considering going.

Word count: 700 to 950

SILKWINDS

2018

Pitched this feature after writing a shorter piece for the publication

Read the article here: [The Greatest Showmen](#)

Hi [editor name],

I have a Kathmandu-related idea that I thought might appeal to you and your readers at Silkwnds.

Circus Kathmandu was formed in 2010 by a group of young Nepali performance artists. These talented acrobats, fire eaters and gymnasts are proud of their work, but came to it through less pleasant means: they were trafficked as children into Indian circuses, and forced to train and perform for travelling circuses around India. After leaving as young adults and reuniting with their families in Nepal, they found that despite the unfortunate nature of their 'professional development', they had marketable skills that they could use for good. Now, Circus Kathmandu perform at private and public functions throughout the Nepali capital, teach circus workshops to children and young people, and raise awareness about child trafficking through their shows and outreach.

Why feature Circus Kathmandu now? Because they are beginning to reach out more to the public and tourists, so there will be greater opportunities for visitors to Kathmandu to catch a Circus Kathmandu show. (Previously, they mainly performed for corporate/private functions). Plus, a film called 'Even When I Fall' has premiered in Nepal and is now being publicised/distributed internationally. So, now is a good time to be featuring the work of this group. I personally know a foreign co-ordinator/manager with the circus (a Dutch woman) so have inside access, plus can source high-quality photographs if need be. Let me know if a feature on Circus Kathmandu would be of interest to you.

Elen

EARTH ISLAND JOURNAL

2018

Cold pitch with no previous contact or relationship

Read the article here: [In Search of a World Done Differently](#)

Dear editors,

I have a book that I would like to review for Earth Island Journal. It's called *Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road* by Kate Harris, forthcoming from Dey Street. It's a travel memoir about a Canadian traveller's bicycle journey along the Silk Road.

I believe it would be a good fit for Earth Island Journal because the author was in search of areas of true wilderness on this journey. She had completed studies at Oxford on the History of Science before embarking on the journey, in which she'd studied the Siachen Glacier, on the border of India, Pakistan and China. She funded the journey, in part, by studying how—and if—wilderness areas can play a part in peacekeeping throughout the world, and vice versa—how politics plays a role in the proliferation of true wilderness spaces. She uses the DMZ between the Koreas as an example of how military tensions between countries have resulted in a return to wilderness, as the DMZ is thick with forest and wildlife that has otherwise vanished from most of the Korean peninsula. It is a very interesting and beautifully written work of non-fiction.

I'm a freelance writer and editor, and most of my work revolves around travel. I have a PhD in Interdisciplinary Humanities, so have published numerous reviews of books in academic journals. But, I've also published a number of reviews for more mainstream audiences. Here are some examples:

- <http://himalmag.com/william-dalrymple-return-of-king-review/>
- <http://himalmag.com/of-shadows-skins-and-stones/>
- <http://www.warscapes.com/reviews/gabons-first-woman-novelist-explores-feminist-themes>
- <https://theculturetrip.com/asia/nepal/articles/books-read-travelling-nepal/>

Looking forward to your response.

Elen

UNEARTH WOMEN

2018

Cold pitch with no previous contact or relationship

Read the article here: [A Feminist City Guide to Kathmandu, Nepal](#)

Dear Unearth Women women,

I'm really happy to see that you're commissioning feminist city guides. I'd like to propose one for Kathmandu, Nepal, where I live half the time. In this article I'd like to feature a number of exciting women-owned businesses that would be of interest to women travellers to the city: a women-run community homestay project, a social enterprise bakery that provides jobs for disabled teenage girls, handicrafts cooperatives that sell handmade items made by women, women fashion designers who produce contemporary clothing and jewellery (often with a traditional twist), a trekking company that only employs women guides. And, other places/businesses, too. I have many contacts in Kathmandu (although I am not there at present) so can supplement this article with the voices of some of the women involved.

I am a travel writer who specialises in writing about South Asia, especially Nepal. My writing on Nepal has featured all over the place, but here are a few clips:

- <https://silkwindsmagazine.com/circus-kathmandu/>
- <https://www.kimkim.com/c/the-perfect-day-in-kathmandu>
- <https://www.travelagewest.com/Travel/Adventure-Travel/Get-Local-at-Nepal-s-Community-Homestays#.Wmo8KDfRXIU>
- <https://www.worldnomads.com/explore/southern-asia/nepal/top-whitewater-rafting-experiences-in-nepal>

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Elen

TRAVEL AGE WEST

2018

Pitched the editor, whom I was friends with from being on a trip together
Read the article here: [New Zealand Hot Springs for Every Type of Traveler](#)

Hi [editor name],

Greetings from a torrentially rainy New Zealand! Seriously, it's been raining for the last week non-stop, I'm quite over it! Hope you're well.

Just wondering if you'd be interested in a piece on New Zealand's amazing and diverse hot spring attractions? I've been to some great ones recently, both luxurious spa-type places in the touristy city of Queenstown and more off-the-beaten-path natural thermal pools in remote areas that cost \$4 for a full day's entry. I'd include recommendations from around the country that run the gamut from cheap and cheerful to luxurious spa experiences, thus appealing to travellers with diverse tastes and travel styles. The list would include around 8 different spas (running to 800-900 words) and include gems such as Hot Water Beach in the Coromandel, the Maori-run Ngawha Springs in Northland, Onsen Spa in Queenstown, an example or two from (in)famous Rotorua, Tekapo Springs (which I know you've covered before) and others. I know New Zealand is quite a trek from the USA and most of your readers, so any tips for making the most of the experience (and the cost) are probably welcome for TAW's readers (or clients of your readers).

Thanks,
Elen

LIVE MINT

2017

Pitched after previously writing for the publication (different editor)

Read the article here:

Dear [editor name],

I was informed that you are looking for travel stories on the theme of islands. I would like to pitch the following story on an under-visited island of the Philippines.

Just off the coast of northern Mindanao in the Philippines is the perfect volcanic island of Camiguin. The hour-long ferry ride from the mainland doesn't actually reflect the adventure and relative remoteness of this Philippine island, however. Mindanao is firmly off the well-trodden Southeast Asian beach destination circuit. And not without good reason, in theory. Mindanao is currently under martial law, in an attempt to deal with the threat from Islamist rebel groups. However, this rather frightening fact doesn't reflect the reality of travel in certain parts of Mindanao. Such as Camiguin, that perfect volcanic island that sees few foreign tourists. Camiguin is a perfect beach paradise with snorkelling, waterfalls, white-sand atolls and a sunken church; a far cry from Mindanao's reputation.

I am a travel writer and editor based in Kathmandu, Nepal. My travel writing has been published on LiveMint previously, in February 2016. More of my work can be found on my website: www.elenturner.com

Thanks and best wishes,

Elen

HUFFPOST PERSONAL

2020

Pitched after unsuccessfully pitching another story to the same editor
Read the article here: [I Got a Medical Tourist Visa to Give Birth in Another](#)
[Country](#)

Hi [editor name]

Thanks for getting back to me, and for sharing that interesting piece! I wonder if you'd be interested in a related but different story: A side to medical tourism that nobody tells you.

Hear the phrase "medical tourism" and you probably think of something like getting dental surgery in Mexico, where it's cheaper than at home. Giving birth, probably not so much. But I had to get a medical tourist visa to go to Thailand to give birth. Before I went through it I had never realised going abroad to give birth was even a "thing", but it certainly is.

I was living in Nepal when I got pregnant, and despite having a healthy, low-risk pregnancy, I was strongly advised by my doctor not to stay in Nepal for the birth. Aside from the medical system there not being able to deal with complications, it tends to be very anti-women (eg, over-use of cesareans, cases of abuse of women while in labour), so the advice to foreign women pregnant in Nepal is "If you have the means to leave for the birth, leave". Being a New Zealander, of course my first thought was to return to New Zealand, where the government/tax-funded health system would have allowed me to give birth for free. But, my Nepali husband's New Zealand visa application was declined when I was five months pregnant, so we had to resort to Plan B: travelling to Bangkok a month before my due date.

Why Bangkok? Because women in the final trimester of pregnancy are only permitted to take short-haul flights, and Bangkok is one of only two places a short-haul flight from Kathmandu that has good medical facilities. The other is Delhi, but we decided against there because of the weather around my due date. So, off to Bangkok we flew when I was 36 weeks pregnant. It definitely worked out for the best.

My daughter was born two weeks early, by c-section, because of some complications that I don't know would have been picked up on in Nepal or New Zealand. My Thai hospital was like a five-star hotel with medical facilities, and I wish all women could have such a positive experience.

I would include details of the extreme complexity of the process in my article--timings, visas, where to live, work arrangements, being far from family, getting my newborn a passport so she could leave the country after her birth, the very real concern that my husband's tourist visa would expire before our daughter's passport came, leaving me alone in Bangkok with a newborn. This is a side of medical tourism that you don't often hear about, and I'd love to share my story.

Let me know if this is of interest to you.

Thanks,

Elen

OZY

2018

Pitched after a couple of unsuccessful pitches with the same editor

Read the article here: [The Weird and Wonderful Museum for a Beloved](#)

[Austrian Artist... in New Zealand](#)

Hi [editor name],

Thanks for the extra guidance. I have a fresh pitch for you. This one has been covered in New Zealand media, but I don't believe it's been covered by any international media at all.

Whangarei's Hundertwasser Museum

Why this little city in northern New Zealand had to battle to construct the last building designed by one of Austria's best-loved 20th century artists.

Why you should care

Hundertwasser's art is weird and wonderful, and you'll soon be able to enjoy his art in one of the prettiest regions of New Zealand. Austrian-born Friedensreich Hundertwasser (1928-2000) lived the last three decades of his life in northern New Zealand, and cared enormously for his adopted home. In 1993, he designed and proposed the building of an arts centre in Whangarei, the largest city in the Northland region (current population 78,000). Hundertwasser is known for his brightly-coloured paintings and architecture that resembles some of the work of his compatriot, Gustav Klimt. His proposal for the arts centre in Whangarei was turned down, which represented the poor long-term vision of Whangarei's leaders. The whole area is dominated by economically and politically conservative voters and leaders, for whom Hundertwasser's colourful and eco-friendly ethos were obviously just a bit too far out of the box. Fast forward to 2008 and the idea of the project was revived. Hundertwasser's original drawings and architectural concepts were found, and Heinz Springmann--the architect for many of Hundertwasser's projects in Austria and around the world--was persuaded to produce plans for the Whangarei District Council. The council were still resistant, so the plan was brought to a

local referendum. There were still vocal and vociferous opponents to the museums, but among the supporters was erstwhile NZ PM John Key. The proposal for a combined Hundertwasser Museum and Maori Art Gallery to showcase local Maori artists was the winning option in the referendum. The next challenge, however, was for the backers of the museum to raise NZ\$16.25 million by mid-2017. They were successful, and the project is now underway, with a projected opening date of 2020.

I'd like to write a short article on the museum project. I have access to many of the local people involved in raising the money for the arts centre, so I could interview them (or a representative) about it.

Let me know what you think.

Elen

FODOR'S

2020

Cold pitch after previously writing for them

Read the article here: [20 Must-Visit Sites on UNESCO's Tentative List](#)

Hi [editor name],

I'd like to write a slideshow round-up tentatively titled "Forget overcrowded UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit these sites on the 'tentative' list instead". Over-tourism and overcrowding at popular tourist sites is a problem the world over, and especially so at famous UNESCO World Heritage Sites. This is perhaps ironic because the designation is partly designed to help protect the cultural, historic, natural and built heritage of those places. But as well as the 1100+ designated attractions, there's also a list of 'tentative' sites. These are UNESCO World Heritage Sites 'in waiting', although not all of them will necessarily make the final cut, as part of being selected is demonstrating that measures are being taken to preserve the integrity of the place. The tentative list includes places that individual states are considering for nomination to the A-list. Many are already major attractions in their own right, but others are virtually unknown to tourists.

I'd like to write a round-up of some of the most interesting and visit-worthy of these sites around the world. I'd like to encourage readers to visit these places and thus avoid the worst overcrowding at already designated sites, and to get in 'early' before these places are put on the main list and therefore become overwhelmed. And, if these places never make it onto the main list, I'd like to at least raise their profile a bit. As there are hundreds on the tentative list, I'd like to get a good geographic spread, include sites in popular and lesser-visited countries, as well as a range of different types of site (religious building, ancient history, natural features, etc). My list would include the following, but some could be switched out if there were other countries that you'd rather emphasise, or reduced if 20 is too many:

- Historic Ensemble of Santa Coloma, Andorra
- Sierra de las Quijadas National Park, Argentina
- The monasteries of Tatev and Tatevi Anapat and Vorotan Valley, Armenia
- Hochosterwitz Castle, Austria
- Punakha Dzong, Bhutan
- Rocks of Belogradchik, Bulgaria
- Historical Centre of Praia, Cape Verde
- Gwaii Haanas, Canada
- Churches of the Altiplano, Chile
- Hiraizumi, Tohoku, Japan
- Yalong Valley, Tibet
- Farewell Spit, New Zealand
- Panauti, Nepal
- Orccha, Madhya Pradesh, India
- Petroglyphic Complexes in the Mongolian Gobi, Mongolia
- Transfiguration Cathedral, Pereslavl-Zalessky, Russia
- Wazir Khan's Mosque, Lahore, Pakistan
- Paraguayan Pantanal, Paraguay
- Fagaloa Bay and Uafato Tiavea Conservation Zone, Samoa
- Bunce Island, Sierra Leone

Thanks,
Elen