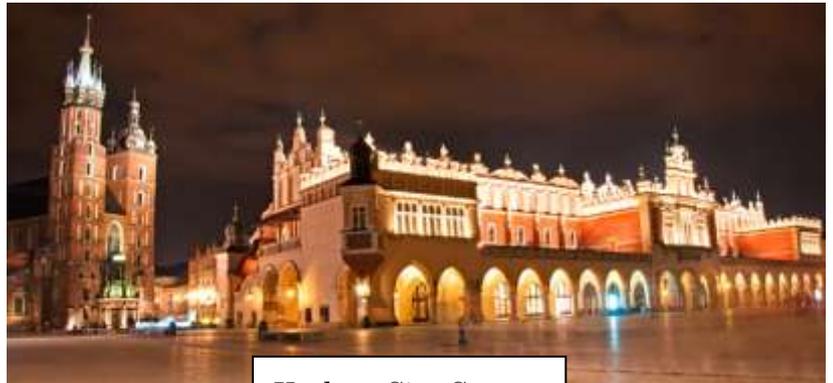


## Daniel's Travel Recommendations

I have traveled to many countries around the world and had some truly amazing experiences. Through my father's job, I was able to live in many countries and during those times, I was able to travel and see many countries. I am very lucky. So far, I have traveled to Canada, Mexico, South Korea, South Africa, Cambodia, Thailand, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece, Serbia, Turkey, Hungary, Austria, Italy, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Belgium, Holland, the U.K., Ireland, Japan, and the USA. I'd like to recommend all of them but since I can't, I'll recommend a few places that I've been to and then I'll say a few places that I want to go to in the future.

One of the most beautiful cities I have ever been to is Krakow, Poland. Krakow is a very old, very historical city in southern Poland. It is the home of Pope John Paul II and the old city center has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978.



Krakow City Center

Krakow is located on a big and beautiful river and its old city center is a beautiful place to walk around. In the center of the city, there is a very big square with a bazaar and the church where Pope John Paul II was the preacher. The Wawel Castle is also one of the biggest and most beautiful

castles in Eastern Europe. Very near Krakow is one of the saddest places I have ever visited, Auschwitz Concentration Camp. If you travel to Krakow, Auschwitz is a must but be prepared to cry. That



Wawel Castle

Auschwitz is right next to the beautiful old city of Krakow makes it that much more powerful. Krakow is a must if you are going to travel to Eastern Europe!

One more city in Europe that I really recommend is Veliko Tarnavo in Bulgaria. Veliko Tarnavo is famous in Japan because it is the hometown of Kotooshu, the sumo wrestler. Veliko Tarnavo is just a really, really cool city. It has a giant castle on a



Veliko Tarnavo Castle



Veliko Tarnavo Town

place so fondly.

One of the coolest trips I ever went on was a bike and boat holiday in Holland. The idea behind a bike and boat holiday is that you can really see what the country is like and you can see things at your own pace and see



Hotel Boat in Holland

things much better than a regular tour. You sleep on a boat and eat dinner and breakfast there and then you bike each day. The boat will follow the



Bike Trip in Holland

rivers and will meet you at the end of each day. Considering it's a hotel, all food, and transportation to and from many cities, it's a cheap way to see some really great parts of the world. We biked from

Amsterdam around northern Holland for one week and it was a great trip! The youngest people doing the bike trip were maybe 13 and the oldest was a couple who were around 78 years-old. I'd love to do a trip like this again!

Now, I will talk about a place I'd like to visit in the future. There are 196 countries in the world and I have 170 more to go before I see them



Moroccan Castle

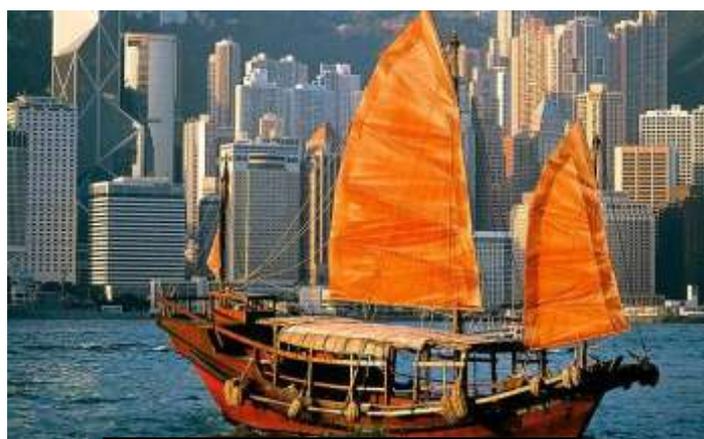
all! The number one country that I want to visit in the future is Morocco. I don't really know why I want to visit this country so much but it has been a place that I have really wanted to go to for a long, long time. I love Moroccan food. It has beautiful beaches. It has cool castles and palaces. The bazaars in Morocco are amazing. It's quite safe and it's a cheap place to visit. Morocco just looks like one of the most amazing places in the world. I think if you just look at pictures from this



Moroccan Food

wonderful country in Northern Africa, you'll really want to go there also.

One last place that I've always wanted to go to is Hong Kong. When I was in junior high school, I read a series of books that were set in Hong Kong and from that point on, I've been really



Hong Kong – East Meets West

interested in visiting. Hong Kong is a very unique place in the history of Asia and it is a meeting place of East and West. Hong Kong is one of the food capitals of the world and since I love Chinese food, I'd really like to go and eat there. I really want to just walk around Hong Kong and experience the sights and sounds that make up this unique city.

To end, I'd just like to say that I think traveling abroad and visiting other countries, observing other cultures, and eating different food is very important. It's important to see how other people around the world live. It's not easy and it requires a sense of adventure but I hope that you all have a chance to travel abroad and see world outside of Japan.