



## Writing Prompts for...

### *Going Places: Soul-Stirring Essays About the Travel That Changed Us*

These prompts are simply designed to spark ideas and get the creative juices flowing. Just have fun with these and answer as few or as many as you like. This is not homework and there are no wrong answers!

Also note, while these questions are worded in a way that may conjure memories from one adventure, you get to decide if you want to write about one special trip or a collection of travel stories from your life.

Make a list of your most significant trips and vacations.

Where did you go?  
Who were you with?  
Why did you travel there?  
How long were you there?

What did you expect it to be like before you got there and how did the reality of your experience differ from your expectations?

Where did you stay and what were the conditions like?

Who did you meet or interact with on your journey?

What had you been doing in your life before this trip?

What sense memories stand out now in terms of colors, sounds, textures, temperatures, tastes, smells, or feelings?



Did you feel afraid or encounter danger while traveling?

What was the most difficult part of your adventure?

What was the most wonderful thing you recall from traveling?

What sights did you see?

Have you adopted new ways of being/living based on your travel experience?

What realizations did you have through your experience (about yourself, society, people, work, etc.?)

How were you transformed through travel?

What were your biggest takeaways?

What is it about traveling that you value most?

What would you tell someone who is afraid to travel?