



# Interrogating Travel

## Guidance from a Reluctant Tourist

**PAUL LINDHOLDT**

Never in human history has travel been so accessible to so many. But amid an escalating climate crisis that threatens the homes of vulnerable people across the world, has the human cost of trekking the globe become too high? Paul Lindholdt links firsthand narratives with research about the travel trade, telling stories of his reluctant voyages while arguing that carbon-intensive trips abroad may be offset if adventurers come to know and love the landscapes closer to home. Tourism may be the planet’s largest industry, but *Interrogating Travel* advises readers to stay mindful of the consequences of their journeys, whether visiting local getaways or some of Earth’s most remote locations.

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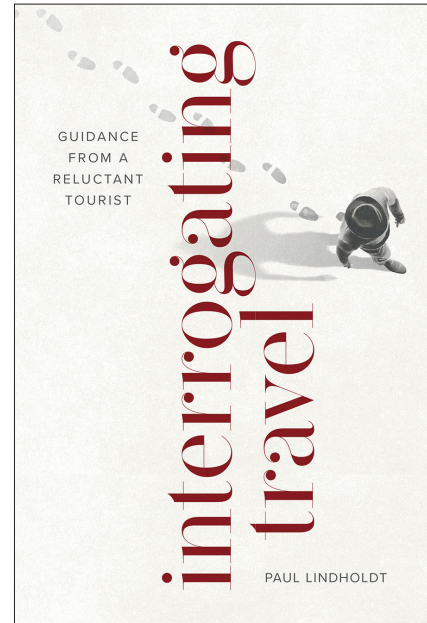
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