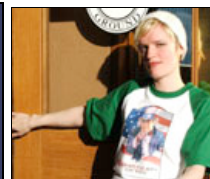


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**Travel Storytelling- A Night With Travel Psychologist Michael Brein**

By Aaron Ararat

On June 29th, at 7 p.m. at the Underground Market at Second Street and Main in Ashland, Michael Brein, aka "The Travel Psychologist," will host a travel storytelling night. Michael is a local author, world traveler, inveterate adventurer and publisher of a popular series of maps on how to get about widely on public transport. He has collected the stories of more than 1,000 world travelers, and is close to completing interviews of 1,500 travelers from around the world, and even in Ashland. Now he's ready to collect the last few treasured tales available at our local bazaar of the bizarre.

I asked Michael what kind of story he was looking for, and he sent me these examples. He claims these all actually happened to someone that he interviewed. But perhaps yours could be less bizarre, and he would still be interested.

" They threaten you: Either take a serious drink or get pushed into the volcano. "

-You go into the airplane restroom, but, guess what? You FORGET to lock the door! Suddenly in the space of a second, the door opens, a very overweight woman backs into the stall. She drops her drawers and SITS RIGHT DOWN ON YOUR LAP you are horrified and speechless beyond belief it's all too quick.

-You hike all the way up a volcano in Costa Rica. You come to the rim. You discover that you are not alone. There's a truck nearby with a group of Indian men standing around drinking. They beckon you to take have a drink with them. But it is a green vile liquid. You don't drink the tap water; and you're certainly NOT GOING TO DRINK THIS! You fake taking a drink, but they do not take lightly to your gesture. They threaten you: Either take a serious drink or get pushed into the volcano. So, what do you do? What do you do?

-You are walking down the streets of Guatemala City. Suddenly you feel a hand in your back pocket. In a flash, a thief grabs your camera and bolts. But you are too quick for him. The camera falls and, somehow, you have his head in a headlock!

Think about what you would do in these situations. Then, visit Michael's website: [www.michaelbrein.com](http://www.michaelbrein.com) to see how his travelers dealt with the weirdness. You'll also be able to look at a list of themes of Michael's collection of travel stories. If you think your story stacks up, please give Michael a call at 535-9971.

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