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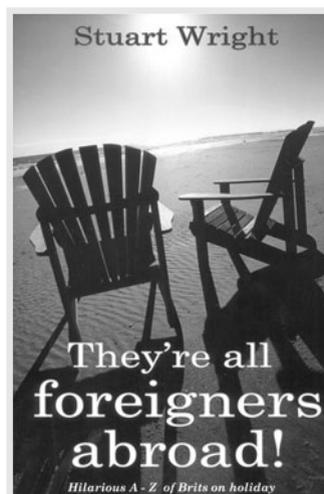
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WHAT IS A BRITISH TOURIST ABROAD!

by Alice Mascarenhas



Tourists abroad. We all have our opinions on them well Stuart Wright who lives near Fuengirola decided he wanted to have his say and came up with an idea - an A to Z book called 'They're all foreigners abroad'. Specifically it is about British tourists abroad covering a wide range of topics.



And there is everything from ants, to baby powder, English pubs of course, fast food, head phones on the plane, slippers, snorkeling, mini golf, internet cafes, hotel room, dolphin trips, waiters, text messages, clocks go back, euros, dogs, cold sores, and even butter portions - this is an A to Z of Brits living abroad.

Stuart says he likes to observe people and believes that true observational comedy is priceless.

"At least us Brits can laugh at ourselves - I think?"

He describes the book as a lighthearted hilarious A - Z inventory of what one can expect to see or experience on a well earned holiday abroad. It ranges from the serious to the ridiculous.

"It has been said by many people that us Brits have an island mentality. I think that's fair enough, because living on an island has probably given some of us a fairly insular look on life. Everyone else lives over the water and therefore they must be different - mustn't they? What is it that makes us stand out from other tourists?" he questions.

The book was written following "observation of my fellow man and woman" he points out.

"They're all in there, from Speedo swimming trunks to holiday Karaoke singers to 'Why isn't there any guttering abroad' to calling out the fashion police in order to give certain tourists a good talking to. You couldn't make it up!"

The title of the book, he adds, sums up nicely what many package holiday Brits think about anyone who isn't British (whatever that is).

"We are a strange nation, but I don't think that we're much different to everyone else, apart from maybe the alcohol consumption. You don't have to be British in order to wear socks with sandals and you certainly don't have to be British in order to be a bigot, a slob or a snob."

Stereotyping can be dangerous, he says, but guesses everyone does it from time to time.

"And let's be honest. We Brits are not difficult to take the mickey out of whilst on our hard earned holidays. You never know, you may recognize yourself; I would be surprised if you don't. If the cap fits, wear it. It could be me, it could be you, and it could be him or her over there? If you say that you don't recognize yourself within this book then quite frankly, I don't

believe you. Go on, have a laugh at yourself. We're all guilty of being petty and stupid in one way or another, especially on holiday!"

This is not Stuart's first book. He ventured into "Life's a laugh on the Costa - honest!" around four years ago. Now he's re-written it and the re-launch will be called "Tea and Tortillas".

The book is not country or resort specific. It is about the Brits abroad - that is everywhere outside the UK.

With the book he says he wants to give everyone the opportunity to have a good laugh at themselves.

"I would challenge anyone to read the book and then say that they didn't recognize themselves somewhere. You may not want to admit it but you're in there somewhere!"

The book 'They're all foreigners abroad' by Stuart Wright is available in local bookshops.

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