



# Upgrade Your Travel Keepsakes

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## TRAVEL JOURNALING WITHOUT TEARS

One reason physical travel journals can intimidate is that they're designed for final drafts. These apps help you capture the essentials and then build from there.

**Take It Easy** User-friendly [Evernote](#) can easily become a travel journal. Just set up a separate Evernote notebook and add text, photos, scans (way to capture that travel ephemera!) and more. You can even add audio recordings, a great way to add your personal commentary “on location.”

**Seize the Moment** [Journi](#) creates a timeline of travel moments based on your photos and notes. Icons let you categorize moments under Nature, Accommodation, Food, and more.

**From Phone Taps to Keepsake Travel Books** The beauty of using [FindPenguins](#) or [PolarSteps](#) is that you can start with comments and photos, make changes later, and then publish a keepsake book when you get home. Track your travel routes, integrate maps, and grab relevant travel statistics.

**Sync My Travel Life!** Are your travel notes “all over the map”? [Momento](#) gathers your daily posts and photos from your preferred social networks, apps and devices into one multimedia travel journal.

**Tell Your Travel Story** Voice recorder apps aren't just for memos. Turn your storytelling talent into a family keepsake. **Voice Record Pro** ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) lets you share your recordings with listeners across a wide range of platforms. **Rev** ([iOS](#), [Android](#)) gives you access to low-cost transcription services—making it easy to turn spoken-word accounts of travels into a readable text.

**Say, “Hello, World”** With [Travel Diaries](#), add stories directly to customizable chapters on a website. Then decide whether to keep them private or convert them to shareable blogs. Check out the public diaries to explore writing styles and ideas for destinations.

**Need a Nudge?** Sign up for [Dabble.Me](#) and once a day (or week), you'll receive an email asking, “How was your day?” Reply as briefly or in as much detail as you want and the app will turn it into a private web page. Add photos, links to songs, and more.



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## DIY TRAVEL KEEPSAKES (NO BEDAZZLER REQUIRED)

Need ideas for collecting, creating, organizing, and displaying travel keepsakes? Here's our round-up of the best:

**The Rabbit-Hole Award: Most Wide-Ranging Ideas for Displaying Travel Keepsakes:**

[Pinterest](#)

**The "Quick, My Flight Boards in 10 Minutes" Award:**

Buzzfeed's [20 Ways to Display Travel Keepsakes](#)

**The "I Can't Close the Drawers or the Doors" Award:**

DaisyYellowArt's [All That Paper: What to do with all that Travel Ephemera](#)

**The Award for Best Response Ever to "I Can't Draw":**

[JourneyJottings](#) is rich in ideas you'll want to try out on your travels.

## MORE RESOURCES FOR TRAVEL KEEPSAKE IDEAS

[A Year in Small Drawings](#), by Matilda Tristam (Abrams)

New at drawing? No worries! This compact book is designed to help you focus on small details, making it easy to create a visual keepsake of your travels in any season.

**Online class:** [Travel Journaling: How to Write Extraordinary Travel Diaries](#)

"Writing a travel journal should enhance your vacations, not gobble up precious time." So says Dave Fox, writing coach and former website editor for Rick Steves' Europe. His online class at [Udemy.com](#) shows how to bring destinations to life without giving up opportunities to explore.

