

Wikivoyage

Travellers

helping

travellers



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What is Wikivoyage?

- “The free worldwide travel guide that anyone can edit.”
- “Travellers helping travellers”.
- A vibrant community of travellers from around the world.
- Emerged from forks with Wikitravel.

Why participate in Wikivoyage?

- Travel is educational
- Writing about travel is fun
- Edit based on your own experience
- A welcoming and supportive community
- “Plunge forward!”

How is WV different from WP?

- References not required [*citation needed*]
- More colorful language encouraged
- Photos given more prominence
- WP is not a travel guide (does not tell you how to get to where you wish to go, how to survive once there or what to see)



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Welcome to Wikivoyage

the free worldwide travel guide that **anyone** can edit.

27,869 articles in English

Click on a continent →

Itineraries • Phrasebooks • Travel topics • Other destinations

Got a specific question? Ask it at the Tourist Office

Bilbao

Destination of the Month

The rain in Spain stays mainly north of the plain, but the weather in Bilbao is perfect for exploring the unique, ancient culture of the Basque people.

Childs

Off the Beaten Path

It's just a tiny Western New York hamlet, but few such places have what Childs has: a great restaurant in an old stagecoach stop, a lovely B&B, and a unique historic museum complex.

Across Canada by train

Featured travel topic

Canadian Pacific, carry me 3,000 miles.
Through the valleys and the forests,
to the sunshine of her smile.

Discover

- Kinshasa is the **largest French-speaking city**



Getting involved

Collaboration of the month: Continents

Bali

Regions · Cities · Other destinations · Understand · Talk · Get in · Get around · See · Do · Buy · Eat · Drink · Sleep · Stay safe · Stay healthy · Connect · Embassies and consulates · Go next

For other places with the same name, see *Bali (disambiguation)*.

Bali, the famed *Island of the Gods*, stakes a serious claim to be paradise on earth. Its varied landscape of hills and mountains, rugged coastlines and sandy beaches, lush rice terraces and barren volcanic hillsides provide a picturesque backdrop to its colourful, deeply spiritual and unique culture.

With world-class surfing and diving, many cultural, historical and archaeological attractions, and an enormous range of accommodations, this is one of the world's most popular island destinations. Award-winning Bali has something to offer almost every visitor from young back-packers to the super-rich.

Regions [edit]



Preparing for a colorful odalan temple anniversary procession

South Bali (Kuta, Bukit Peninsula, Canggu, Denpasar, Jimbaran, Legian, Nusa Dua, Sanur, Seminyak, Tanah Lot)
The most visited part of the island by far, with Kuta Beach and chic Seminyak.

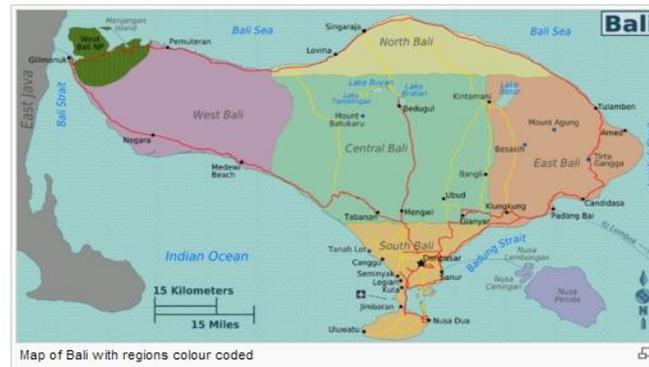
Central Bali (Ubud, Bedugul, Tabanan)
The cultural heart of Bali and the central mountain range.

West Bali (Negara, Gilimanuk, Medewi Beach, Pemuteran, West Bali National Park)
Ferries to Java and the West Bali National Park.

North Bali (Lovina, Singaraja)
Quiet black sand beaches and the old capital city.

East Bali (Amed, Besakih, Candidasa, Kintamani, Klungkung, Mount Agung, Padang Bai, Tirta Gangga)
Laid back coastal villages, an active volcano and the mighty Mount Agung.

Southeastern Islands (Nusa Lembongan, Nusa Penida, Nusa Ceningan)
Quiet offshore islands in the southeast, popular for diving activities.



Map of Bali with regions colour coded

Cities [edit]

- Denpasar — a bustling city, the administrative centre and transport hub of the island but not a major tourist destination
- Candidasa — a quiet coastal town, the Bali Aga and gateway to the east coast
- Kuta — surfer central, by far the most heavily developed area in Bali. Lots of shopping and night-life and the centre of lower-end party culture on Bali
- Jimbaran — close to the airport, sea-side resorts, a nice sheltered beach and seafood restaurants south of Kuta
- Legian — located between Kuta and Seminyak; also the name of Kuta's main street
- Lovina — beautiful black volcanic sand beaches and coral reefs
- Sanur — sea-side resorts and beaches popular with older families
- Seminyak — quieter, more upscale beachside resorts and villas just to the north of Legian, with some fashionable upscale restaurants and trendy designer bars and dance clubs
- Ubud — the centre of art and dance in the foothills, with several museums, the monkey forest and lots of arts and crafts shops

Other destinations [edit]

Wikivoyage:Quick small city article template

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'''City name''' is in [[Region name]].

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Community

- Efforts organized around “expeditions” rather than “wikiprojects”
- Each language variant has a ‘pub’ or ‘lounge’ for lively discussions
- A small community, but friendly and effective.

The story so far

- Content began on site called Wikitravel in July 2003
- German split off in Dec 2006 as Wikivoyage when WT was sold to a private enterprise for \$1.7 million, Italian joined one year later
- Internet Brands proceeded to add advertising and started to dictate policy
- Proposed collaboration between en-WT/ WM Feb 2012 (there was already ongoing discuss to split from IB).
- Mar 2012 discussion on meta. Wikivoyage invited to rejoin and accepted.
- Formal RfC Apr 2012. Closed in support Aug 2012.
- Newest WMF sister site, beta Nov 10th, 2012, official launched Jan 15th, 2013

Wikivoyage's first steps

- The location database (Wikivoyage's WikiData) was launched on 17th, October 2008
- 10,000 articles on WV/de: 24, May 2010
- 20,000 media files on Wikivoyage shared: on 02. June 2010

Birth of a new sister site

- In an effort to stop the launch IB sued two people within the WM movement
- Accusations included: trademark breach and commercial misconduct
- The WMF offered to defend the two and launched a counter suit to get support for forking of CC BY SA content resulting in legal fees of ~\$350,000
- Case was won Nov, 2012

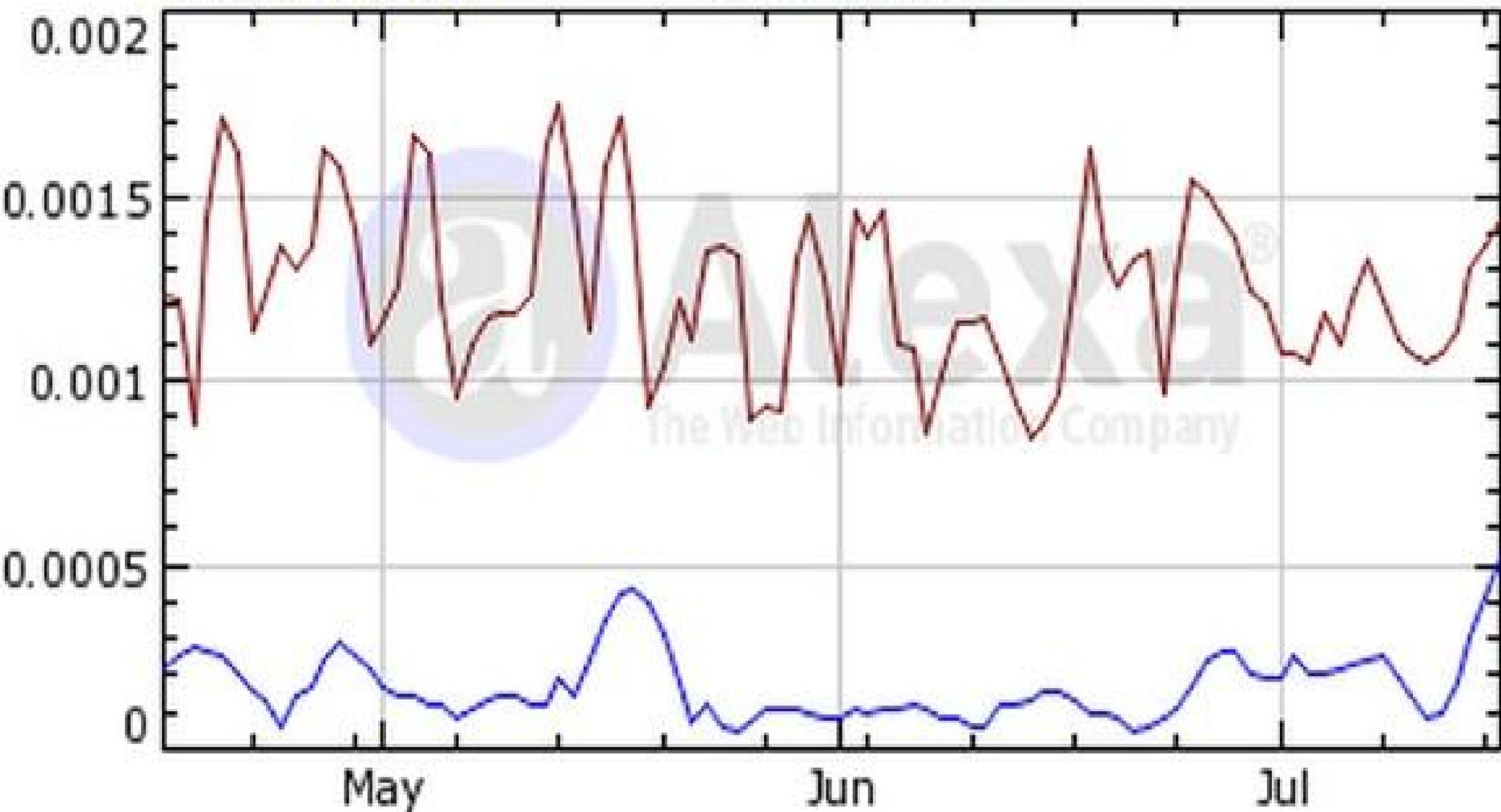
Growth

- Edit count 186,000 greater than predecessor few months out
- WV has 1,200 more English articles
- Launched a new main page March 26th, 2013
- WT copied many of the design features July 11th, 2013
- Launch with 7 languages, 7 more languages added since the launch, some other languages prepared in Wikimedia Incubator
- Pageviews still small at 9.1 million in July of 2013

Daily Pageviews (percent)

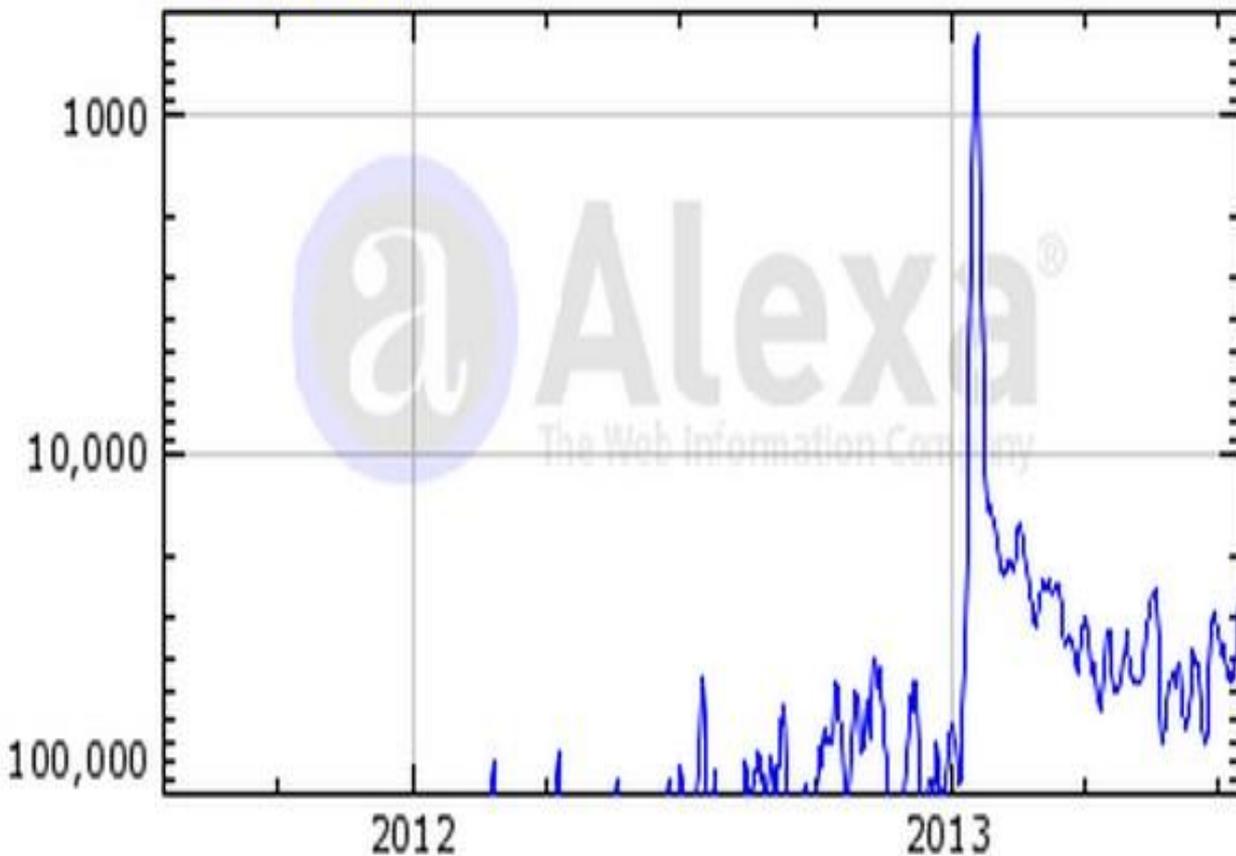
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Daily Global Rank Trend

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Traffic rank for wikivoyage.org:

	Traffic Rank	Change
7 day	30,442	-6,056 ▲
1 month	36,053	-3,178 ▲
3 month	36,960	+26,133 ▼

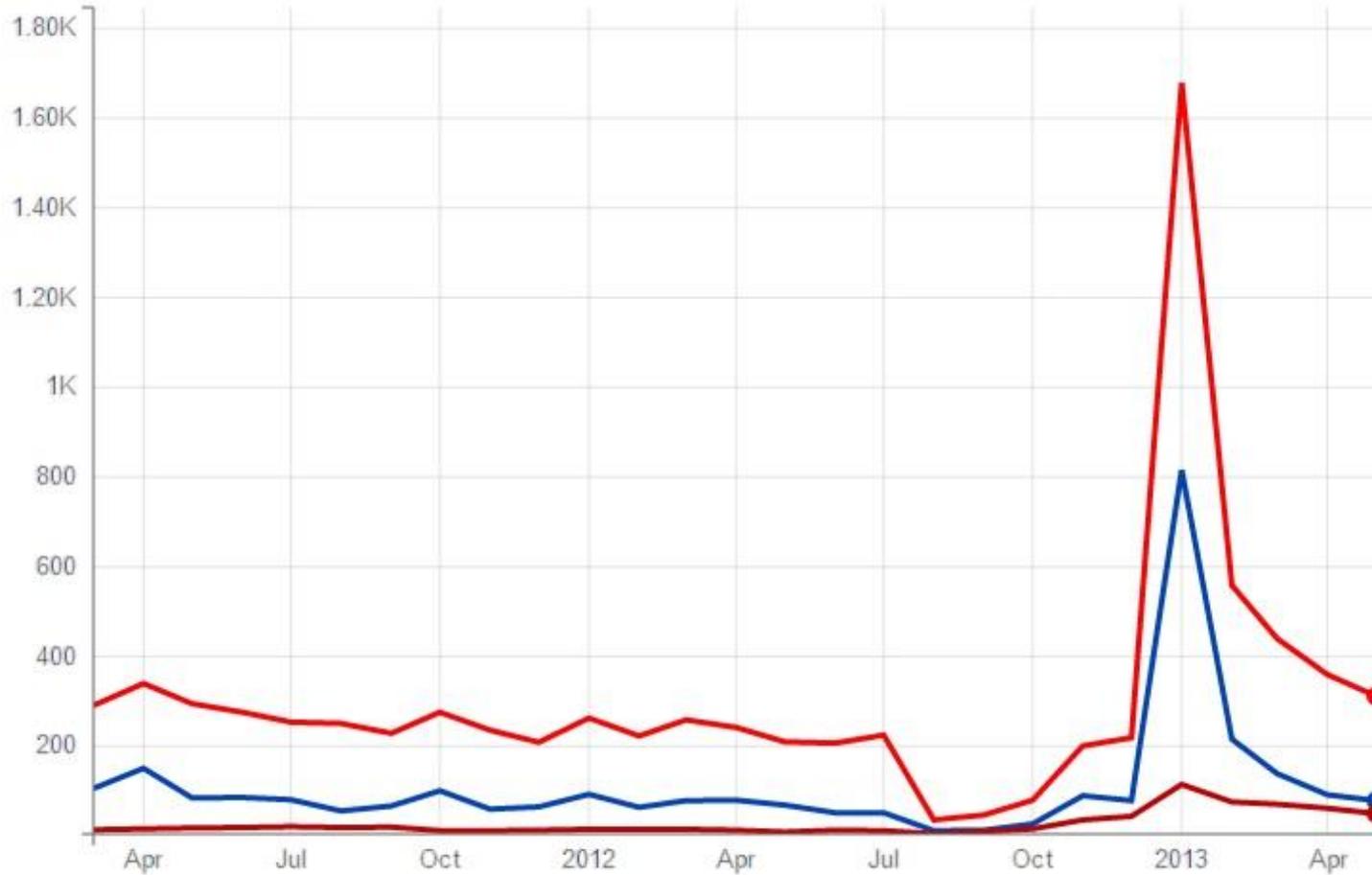
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Wikivoyage Editors

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Apr 13 — May 13 -13.33%

May 2013

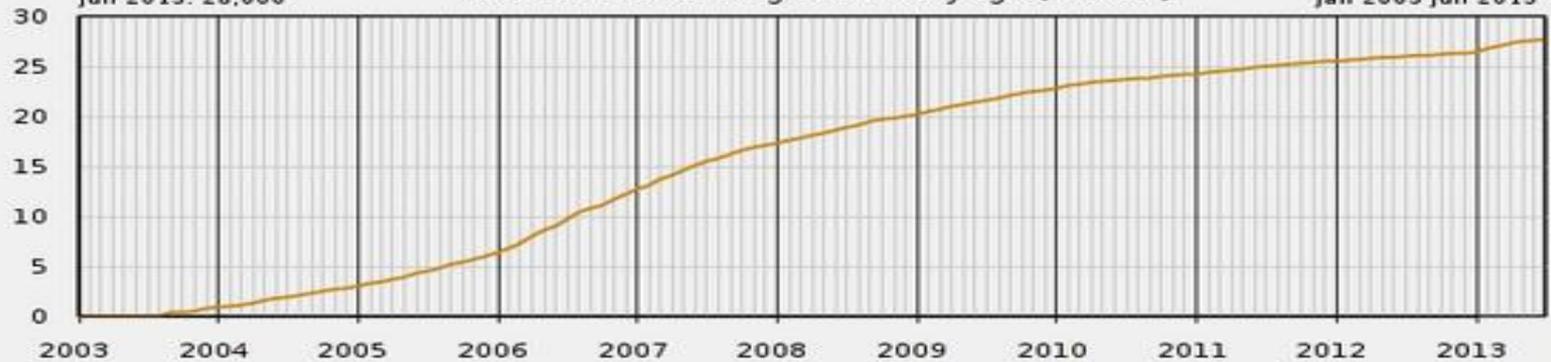
Active Editors	312.00
New Editors	79.00
Very Active Editors	50.00



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Jun 2013: 28,000

Total articles on English Wikivoyage (x 1000)

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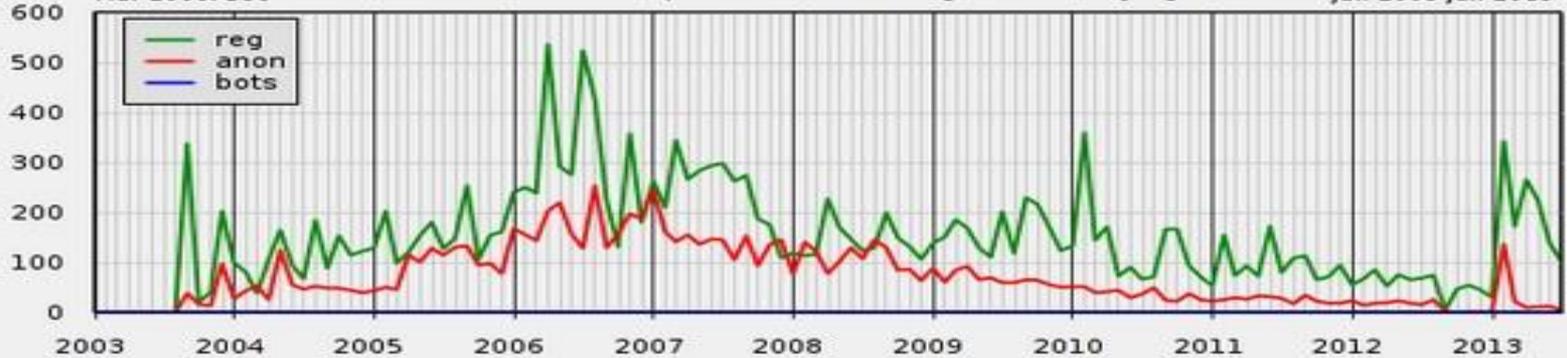


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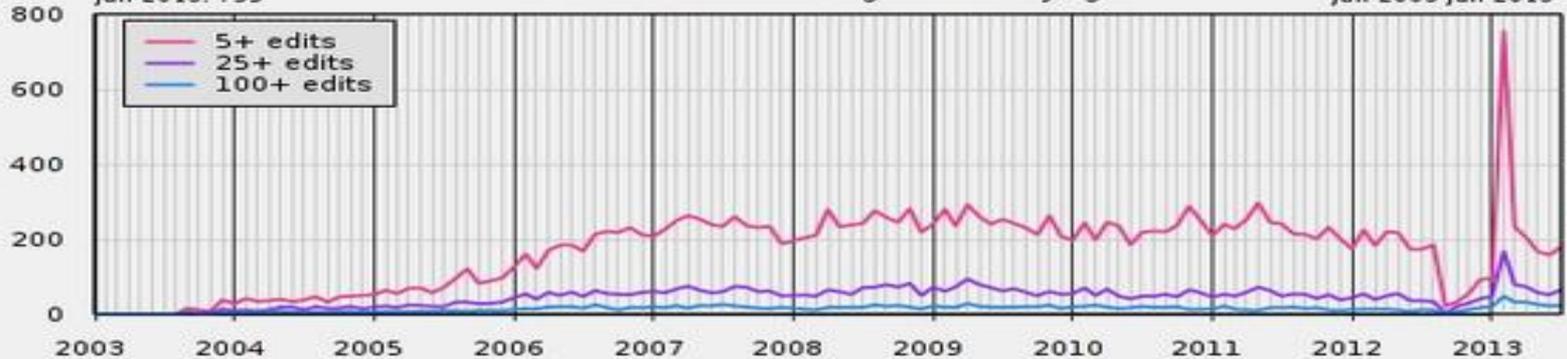


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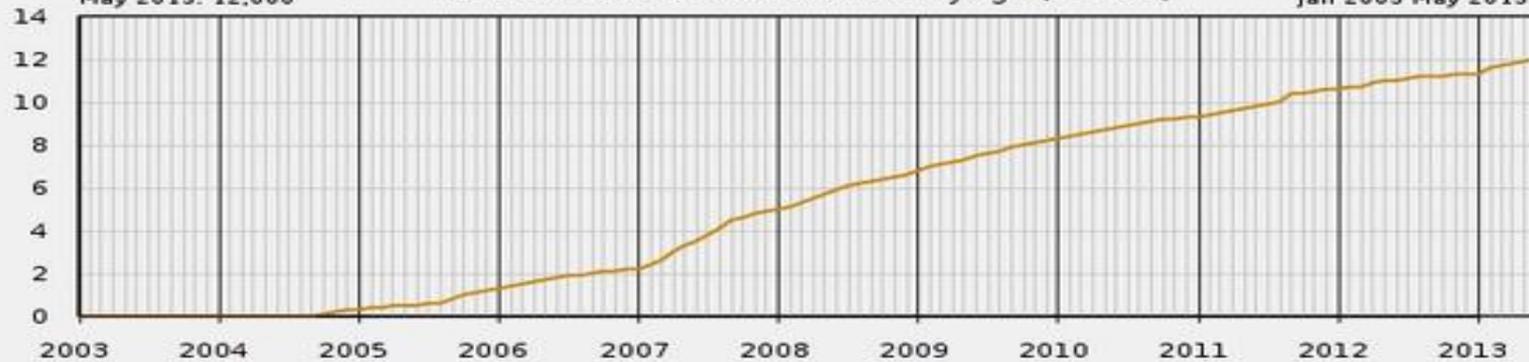


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Total articles on German Wikivoyage (x 1000)

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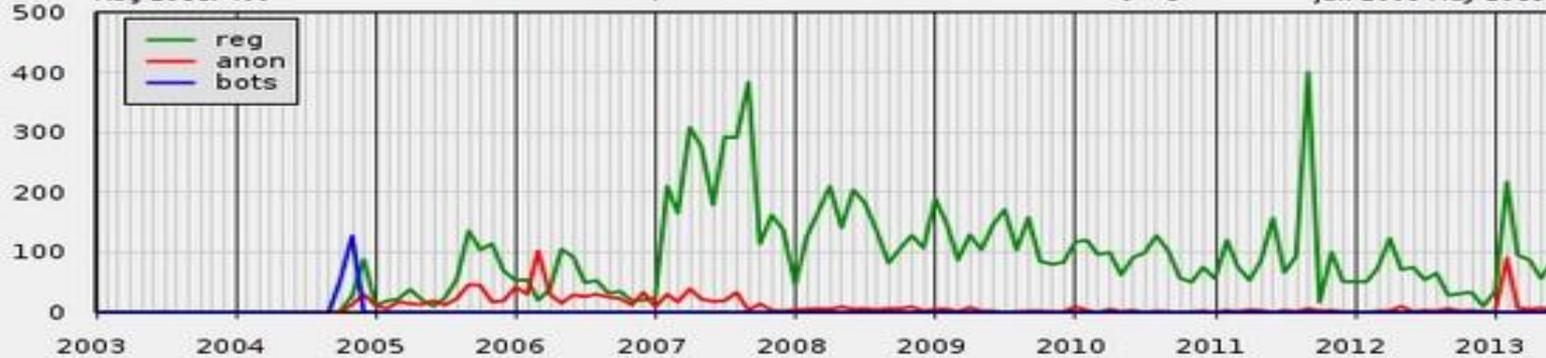


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New articles per month on German Wikivoyage

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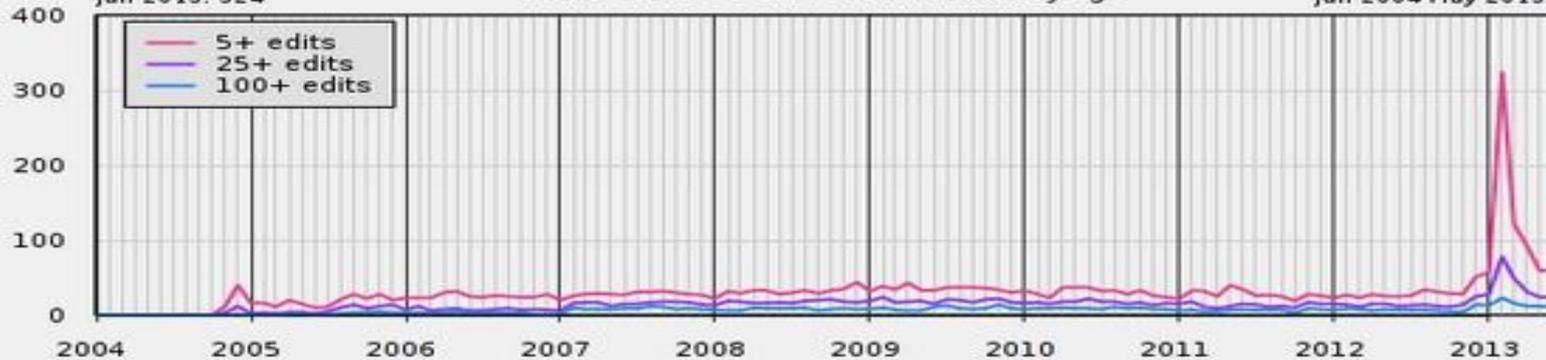


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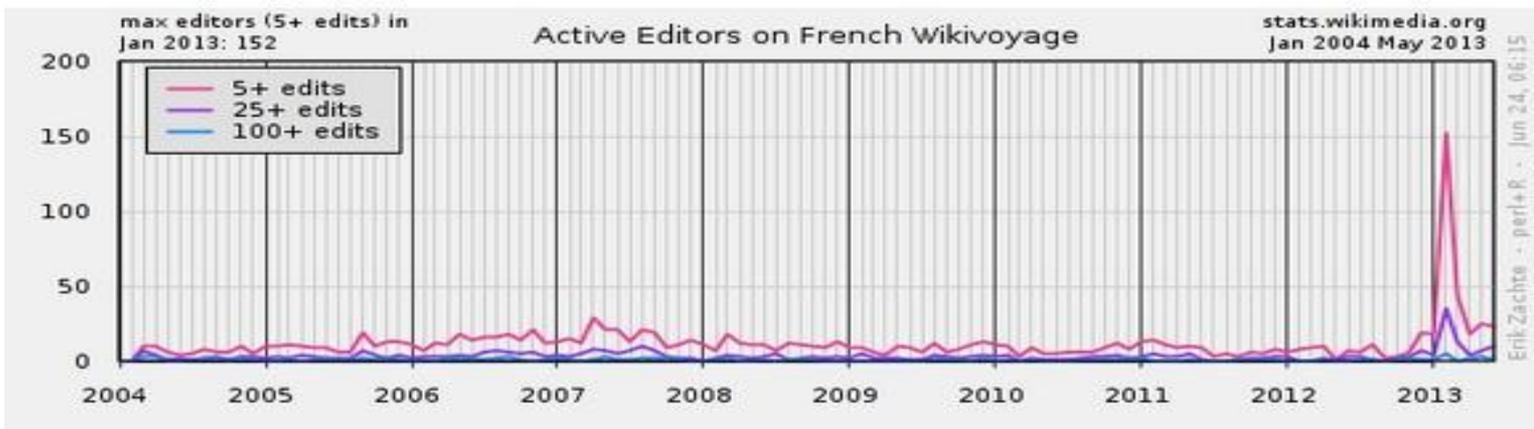
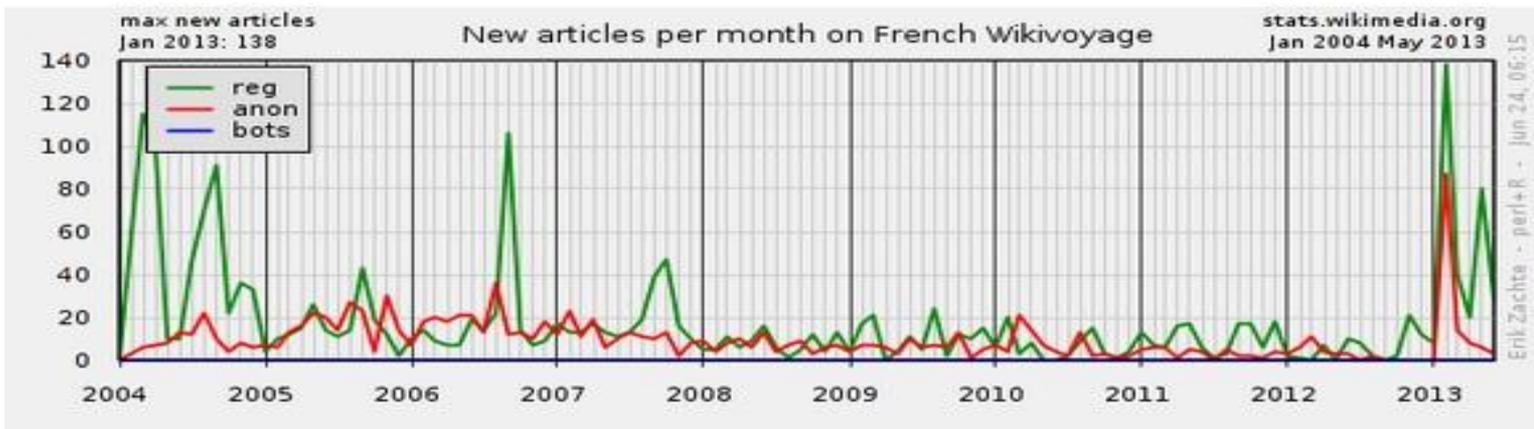
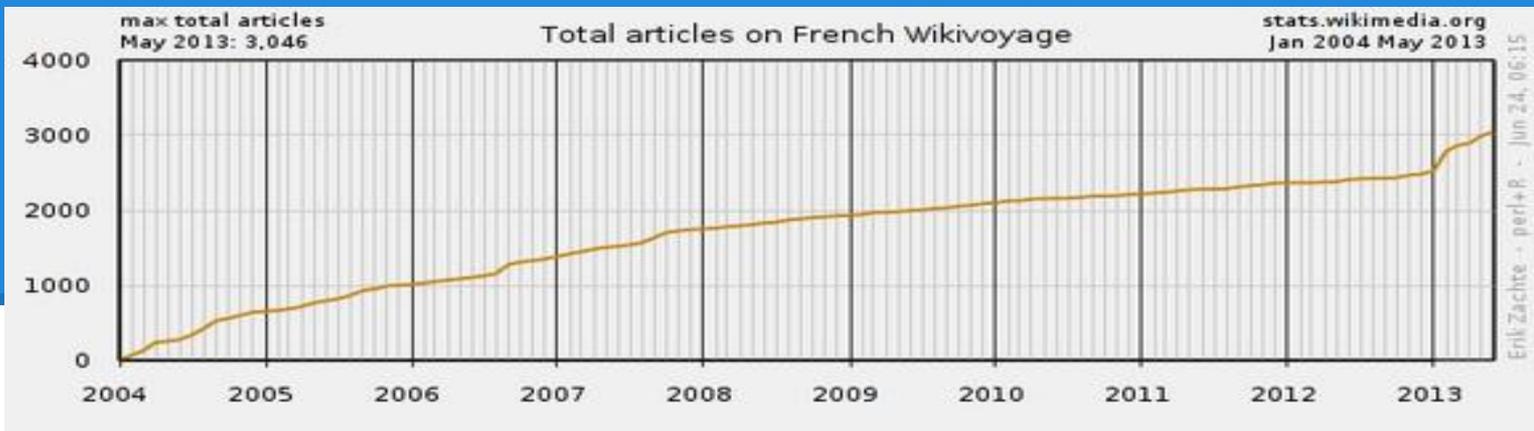
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What can WV tell us about movement wide issues?

- Growth (editor numbers peaked '07)
- All the easy stuff has been covered?
- Too hard technically to edit?
- Too many rules?
- Other fun things to do?

How to find new contributors?

Attracting new user groups:

- Women
- Youth (field trips with school classes and learning writing articles on WV)
- Tourism organisations (expedition active!)
- Promoting new ways of traveling (biking, boat cruising ...)
- Activities - not only diving.. kitesurfing, running, triathlon
- Collaborating with other communities - geocaching, orienteering ...

The Popularity Problem

- 'Search Expedition' created to attract views
- Increase awareness / readership
- Google pagerank for English main page is currently 0/10
- Increase collaboration / reuse by other projects (WikiSherpa or Kivix allows downloading of travel guides and maps for your phone)

Recent and running projects

- Editathon on Spanish Wikivoyage (thanks to WM Mexico)
- Collaborating with the municipality of Wennigsen (Deister) in Lower Saxony to create an article template, corporate design, a perfect article to be shown to new contributors
- Collaborating with local youth associations in Upper Lusatia to persuade them to write articles after doing field trips

Maps are key

- Wikivoyage:Mapmaking Expedition
- Wikivoyage:Dynamic maps Expedition
- Active collaboration with Open Street Maps

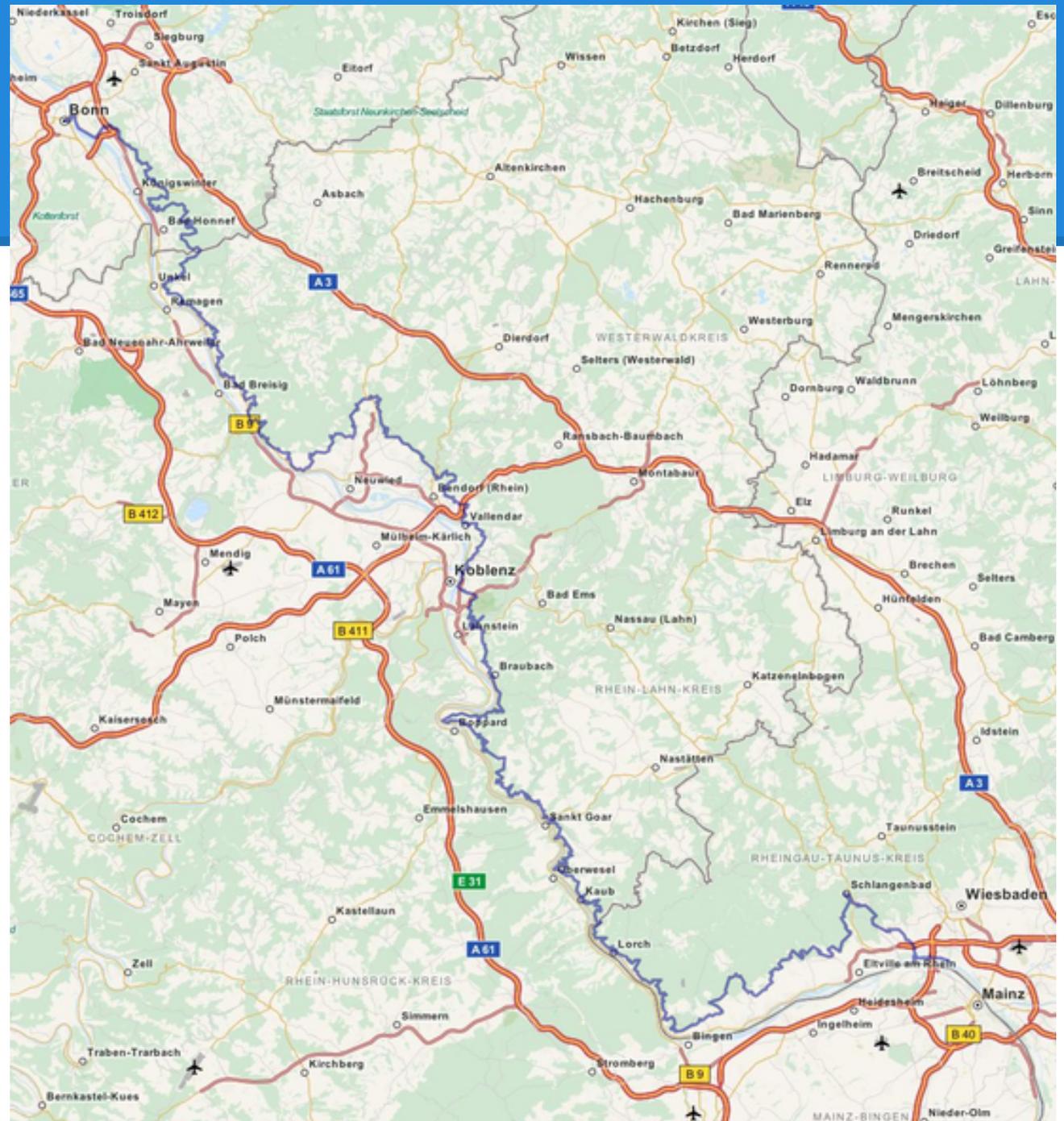
- 1 Roppongi Crossing**, a big intersection of **Roppongi-dōri** (六本木通り), under the elevated highway, and **Gaien-higashi-dōri** (外苑東通り) is the heart of Roppongi.
- 2 National Art Center Tokyo** [📍](#) (国立新美術館), 7-22-2 Roppongi (*Nogizaka stn, exit 6*). W–M 10:00–18:00. Tokyo's latest and greatest art museum, housed in an undulating wave-shaped building designed by Kisho Kurokawa and devoted entirely to changing exhibitions. Entry fees vary by exhibition, some are free.
- 3 Nogi's house and shrine** [📍](#) (乃木神社), Akasaka 8-11-27 (*Nogizaka stn, exit 1*), ☎ 03-3478-3001, fax: 03-3478-3005. 06:00–18:00 daily. General Nogi's house is a great example of Western architecture constructed during the Meiji period (19th century), mixing Japanese and Western elements. The general killed himself here after the Meiji Emperor's death. Descend the stairs to reach the shrine that was dedicated to him in 1917. Lonely place, very photogenic. Free.

Roppongi Hills [\[edit\]](#)

- 4 Roppongi Hills** [📍](#) (六本木ヒルズ), 6-10-1 Roppongi (*Hibiya line, Roppongi station, exit 1C; Oedo line, Roppongi station, exit 3*), ☎ +81 3 6406-6000. 07:00–next day 03:00 daily. Roppongi Hills is an expansive shopping and entertainment complex, sleek and modern. It opened with much fanfare and remains



Hiking trails



Collaboration with other WMF projects

- Using country portal sites to interact with the WP contributors. Touristy content can be moved to WV
- Extending Wiki Loves Monuments - Adding some information to the corresponding WV article (facts, short history, how to go there)
- GLAM

Future directions

- Search issue (for some reason Google does not love us yet)
- Improve collaboration with other WMF sites
- Make it easier to add listings
- Ability to add reviews

Allowing reviews

feedback tool maybe?

.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Washington,_D.C./East_End



Museums

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The Verizon Center

- **American Art Museum** [↗](#), 850 G St NW, ☎ +1 202 633-7970. 11:30AM-7PM daily. Free. The collection here is a walk through encyclopedia of American Art—Gilbert Stuart's stern presidential portraits through Nam June Paik's house-sized America sculpture of neon and televisions. [\[edit\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- **International Spy Museum** [↗](#), 800 F St NW, ☎ +1 202 393-7798. 9AM-5PM or 9AM-6PM daily, last admission one hour before close. Adults: \$20, seniors: \$16, children (7-17): \$15, 4 & under: Free. D.C.'s newest hot attraction's principal claim to fame among locals is the extraordinarily long line that usually winds out the doors (not to mention the high price tag). Its popularity, while a bit disproportionate given all the other great free museums in town, is not unwarranted—its exhibits are interesting to anyone even marginally interested in espionage and Cold War history, and it also has a great exhibit tailored specifically to kids. [\[edit\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- **Koshland Science Museum** [↗](#), Corner of 6th & E St NW, ☎ +1 202 334-1201. W-M 10AM-6PM, last admission 5PM. \$7 adults, \$4 children, students, active duty military. Koshland is very much on the small side for D.C. museums, but it's great for kids, and for those happy adults who can let loose and act like kids. [\[edit\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- **National Archives** [↗](#), 700 Pennsylvania Ave NE, ☎ +1 202 541-2400. March 14, 10AM-7PM (March 15, 10AM-5PM). Exhibits include documents related to the Cold War, the *Declaration of Independence*, and the *Emancipation Proclamation*. [\[edit\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
- **National Building Museum** [↗](#), 401 F St NW, ☎ +1 202 637-2300. 10AM-5PM. Free to enter main hall and shop. Exhibits require \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 3-17 and those 60+. Located in the Pension Building, the building was the site of the first Presidential inaugurations. The building is also the site of the first inauguration and building of Washington, D.C. [\[edit\]](#) [\[review\]](#)
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International Spy Museum

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Peter Fitzgerald
Washington, D.C.

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01 February 2013

The Spy Museum rocked my world, despite monumental expectations of suck. Yes, it's expensive, but the exhibits are unique. I loved the exhibit on, blah blah blah...

Oh, and also babble babble...

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Claire Phillips
Manila

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17 July 2003

I was set to really like this place — my friends all told me it was great, and perfect for me (because of my background), but it's hard to have a good time when you are treated rudely. First the dude at the ticket office tells me that I'm going to have to...

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Abraham Lincoln
Springfield

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12 March 1843

I was thoroughly disappointed by this ill conceived museum. The art of espionage is not something to be put on

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The Verizon Center

The Wikivoyage Association

- Hosted Wikivoyage from start to Oct 2012
- Non-profit association with members from Germany and Belgium - and now from Canada and Pakistan
- Members during that period: 10, Finances: 800-1000 Euro per year
- Human resources: 1 admin doing the administration and the migration of all language versions.
- Still hosting the association website and new features like the new map features

The future of the Wikivoyage Association

- Supporting all Wikivoyage languages and coordinating collaboration between the languages
- Initiating local campaigns
- Doing advertising
- Interacting with news and online medias

How to support the Wikivoyage Association

- Becoming a member
- Becoming a supporter/volunteer

A new logo

- In May of 2013, WTO complained about the similarity of WV logo with their own.
- As we are both involved in "liberalization of international trade" this concern has real merit.



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



New logo needed end of Aug, 2013!

1. Submissions here: http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikivoyage/Logo_2013/Submissions
2. First results here: <http://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikivoyage/Logo/2013/R1/Results/Candidates>



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- Add some restaurants
- Upload travel photos or images from your community
- Edit pages about the last few places you have been
- Join in improving phrasebooks for your language

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