

Thousands of people chose the Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2013



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The Lexiophiles language blog and the bab.la language portal have published the results of this year's 'Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs' Competition, also known as IX13. The list features the top 100 blogs on living abroad and is based on thousands of user votes from around the globe.

This year's best worldwide blogs about the experiences abroad were chosen out of a pool of 300 nominations submitted by Lexiophiles readers and bab.la users, topping last year's record. The top 3 blogs – *Frussian Lit*, *A Foot in Two Campos* and *The Bike Wife* – are excellent examples of blogs expressing the joys, challenges and great discoveries of spending time studying or working in a foreign country. From a British girl traveling the entire world to an English woman learning Spanish and a California girl in New Zealand – the top 3 blogs only show some of the backgrounds and stories being told.

"You can really feel the dedication people put into sharing their abroad experiences with their family, friends and readers. The readers on the other hand showed their support, not only by voting, but also through hundreds of comments, tweets and Facebook posts" says Meri Sorgaard, IX13 project manager. She adds: "When reading the blogs there is one thing the bloggers have in common: Their excitement of living abroad. This hopefully motivates more people to study and work abroad. And then we will see even more blogs participating next year."

The ranking for the 'Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2013', including a Google map with the location of all bloggers, can be found at:

<http://en.bab.la/news/top-100-international-exchange-experience-blogs-2013>

About Lexiophiles and bab.la

The Lexiophiles language blog (<http://www.lexiophiles.com>) is an affiliate of bab.la. Lexiophiles acts as an information source for all language topics, both in English and foreign languages. It publishes language and culture related articles through its multilingual contributors.

bab.la (<http://bab.la/>) is an interactive language portal offering bilingual dictionaries, vocabulary lessons, language quizzes, and language games all for free. Currently available in 24 different languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish and Turkish), the site operates on a wiki-style model, allowing users to contribute content and feedback. bab.la was founded in 2007 by Dr. Andreas Schroeter and Patrick Uecker.

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