



Your Next Postcard is a social travel site that intends to connect travelers with each other and allow them to share their experiences with each other. It doesn't intend to compete with sites like Kayak, Expedia or Orbitz.

Let's go through the site and understand the intent and some of the interactions and design patterns.

Home Page. The post card itself on the home page is intended to be a window into your next trip experience. This could be your next postcard. The post card graphic is a throwback to simpler times and the edge captures the location of the background graphic. The stamp is the site logo, a basic outline that is easily reversible. The navigation is a standard design pattern and allows visitors to learn about the site, see what jobs may be available, and contact the owners. The navigation has simple hover interactions that change the links when moused over.

The profile photo is shown only when a user is logged in, otherwise there is an additional link for signing up. This profile photo would have a tooltip like hover overlay to display the name of the user logged in. The profile photo in the right hand is a very typical design pattern for user login sites.

The search is the center piece. It is intended to be an extension of the card and is the starting point of finding your next trip. An autocomplete interaction is employed here. Once the user begins to type, suggested locations are displayed. Also included on the page is a warm welcome and a little bit about the site.

The lower left contains an area to generate interest in other locations that may not have come to mind to the visitor. Each of these elements have a rich mouse hover interaction displaying additional information associated with the graphic; location and level of interest.

In the lower right there is a spot to add your own post card that others can learn about and add to their "wish list" of places to go. This would use a dialog overlay pattern that may contain additional actions besides the Add function.

The last pattern employed on the home page is the social media grouping. These icons are interactive with hover changes and is a well used pattern in todays web.

Let's move onto the remaining four pages.

Search Results. This screen uses a fairly basic design pattern found on many sites today. A title, description and a few other small metadata elements to help the user make a decision on a location. Within this pattern, lies another. The ratings design pattern. Probably more prevalent it is found with stars, other icons that make up this component could be hearts, thumbs-up or maybe even say, stamps?

The search results page is rounded out with links to top reviews from some of the well traveled members and the number of postcards the location has logged.

Details. The details page has a full description shown and once again includes the pattern of links to reviews by some of the members who have visited the place. It also includes a component that introduces the visitor to some other places they may enjoy that are similar to the current one they are reading about.

Account View. The account view page contains a standard pattern of an enlarged profile photo of the account holder. The visitors are lead into the profile with a quote from the member. The main section allows the member to tell the other members a little bit about themselves. Additionally there is a list of some places the members has been and some places they wish to visit.

These last two areas are relying on the accordion pattern thats typically employed to show, or hide, additional information. On the right side of the screen with the enlarged profile photo, there is the count of the number of places the member has logged. In addition to that statistic, there are several snippets from the their reviews that presented in a quote pattern.

Contact Form. The contact form is a tired necessity. This screen contains just enough form fields to allow the visitor to state their interest and contact information to ensure they get a response about said interest. There is a small micro-interaction that goes on while the user types their name in the form fields. The postcard to the right is then updated with their name and immediately they are "Thanked" for their feedback.

And those five screens are what are the basis of my original and creative brainchild for a travel site.



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MT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK

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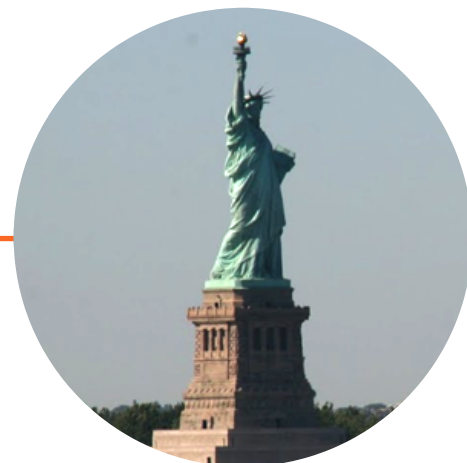
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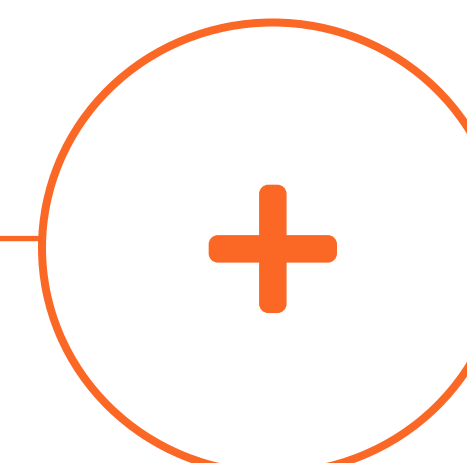
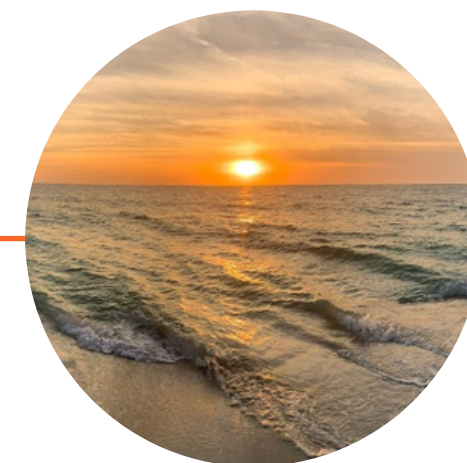
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Mt. Rainier

Washington, US

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Mt. Katahdin

Maine, US

Mount Katahdin (/kəˈtɑːdɪn/ kə-TAH-din) is the highest mountain in the U.S. state of Maine at 5,267 feet (1,605 m). Named Katahdin by the Penobscot Native Americans, which means "The Greatest Mountain", it is located within Northeast Piscataquis, Piscataquis County, and is the centerpiece of Baxter State Park. It is a steep, tall masiff formed from a granite intrusion weathered to the surface. The flora and fauna on the mountain are typical of those found in northern New England.



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Smoky Mountains

North Carolina, US

The Great Smoky Mountains are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. They are a subrange of the Appalachian Mountains, and form part of the Blue Ridge Physiographic Province. The range is sometimes called the Smoky Mountains and the name is commonly shortened to the Smokies. The Great Smokies are best known as the home of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which protects most of the range. The park was established in 1934, and, with over 11 million visits per year, it is the most visited national park in the United States.



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Mt. Rainier is considered one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the world, and it is on the Decade Volcano list.[8] Because of its large amount of glacial ice, Mt. Rainier could produce massive lahars that could threaten the entire Puyallup River valley. "About 80,000 people and their homes are at risk in Mount Rainier's lahar-hazard zones."

Mount Rainier was first known by the local Salishan speakers as Talol, or Tacoma or Tahoma. One hypothesis of the word origin is [tə'q'u?bə?] ("mother of waters"), in the Lushootseed language spoken by the Puyallup people. Another hypothesis is that "Tacoma" means "larger than Mount Baker" in Lushootseed: "Ta", larger, plus "Koma (Kulshan)", Mount Baker. Other names originally used include Tahoma, Tacobeh, and Pooskaus.

The current name was given by George Vancouver, who named it in honor of his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier. The map of the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806 refers to it as "Mt. Regniere".

Although "Rainier" had been considered the official name of the mountain, Theodore Winthrop, in his posthumously published 1862 travel book *The Canoe and the Saddle*, referred to the mountain as "Tacoma" and for a time, both names were used interchangeably, although "Mt. Tacoma" was preferred in the city of Tacoma.

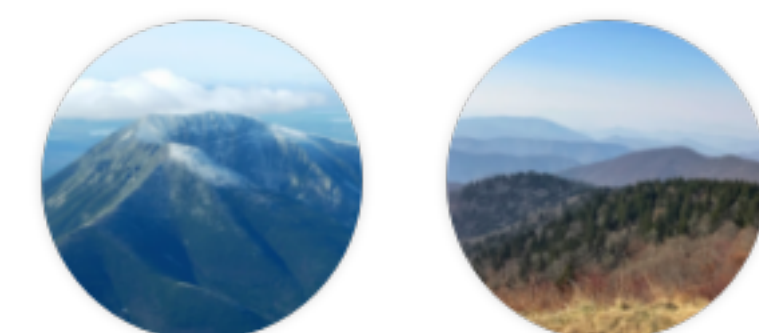
In 1890, the United States Board on Geographic Names declared that the mountain would be known as "Rainier". Following this in 1897, the Pacific Forest Reserve became the Mount Rainier Forest Reserve, and the national park was established three years later. Despite this, there was still a movement to change the mountain's name to "Tacoma" and Congress was still considering a resolution to change the name as late as 1924.



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Shawn Waite

“Photo or it never happened”.

Who Am I

I grew up in a small town in Northern Maine. When I say small, I mean.. no gas station, no stores, no traffic light small. The town population was a mere 170 people. That is small folks. I liked to explore my little town as a kid and adventure was always in my blood. I didn't have the means to travel until well into my adult life. I had the privilege to travel for work some and that ignited my desire to see new places all the more.

Now I have traveled to some really neat places that my twelve year old self would never believe I would have been going. I look forward to visiting many more places as time and resources permit.

Places I have been...



Places I want to go...



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“NYC truly is the city that never sleeps”

“Hiking the Appalachian trail in northern Maine is an experience I'll never forget.”

“Paddling the black water swamps of South Carolina takes you back to a time most have forgotten”



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We would appreciate any and all feedback you have to share with us.

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Reason for contact

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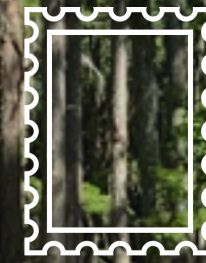
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- mountains in europe
- mountain trekking
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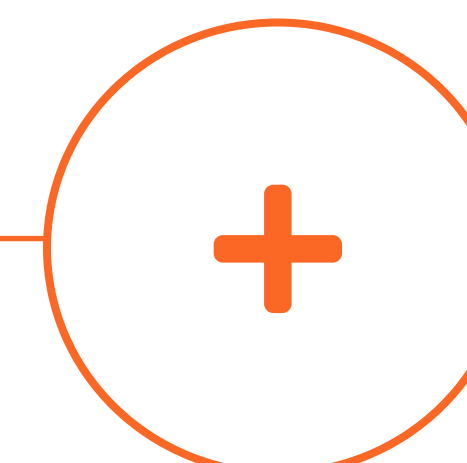
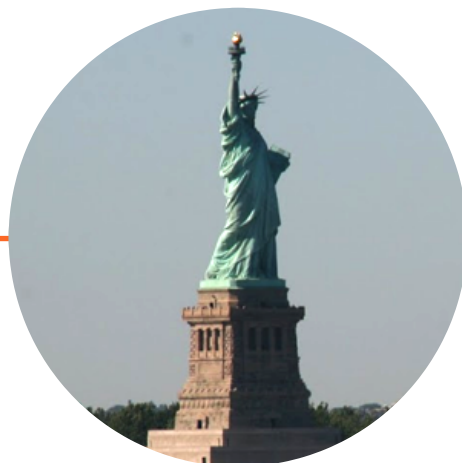
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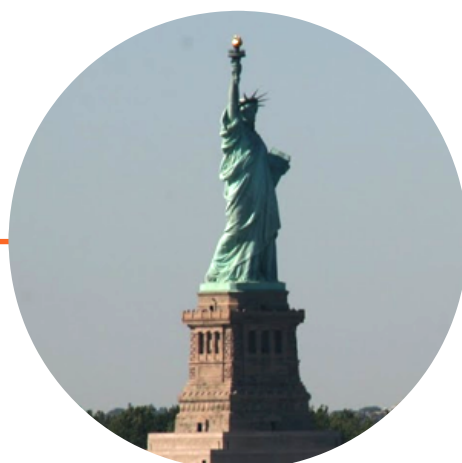
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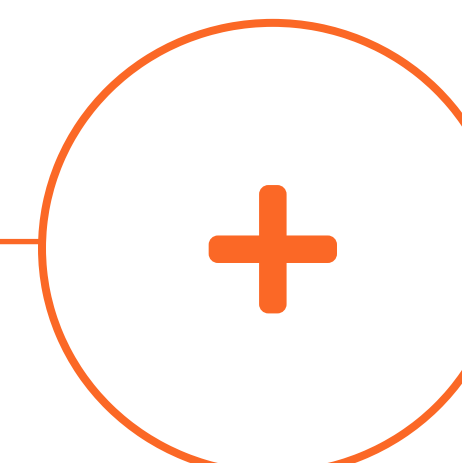
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