Tourism, Technology and Heritage
an approach from history of technology and conservation studies

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The workshop analyses the history of tourism and the technology behind traveling as well as questions of cultural heritage and conservation: which technologies are connected to traveling itself and which were important for tourists? How to describe tourism as a technology-based system? Influenced their experience in a foreign place and the feeling of vacations the tourist’s appropriation of technology? If technical artefacts become attractive sites for tourists – what does this say about the societal impact of technology? How tourist regions are shaped by tourism? What’s to do with remaining artefacts from earlier periods of tourism as hotels dating back to the 1950s and 1960s? Are they already part of the cultural heritage?

Boat train at Victoria station. Before the Channel Tunnel was opened in 1994, the boat train from Victoria to Dover, using “4-CEP” coridored electric multiple units, was the quickest way for rail passengers between London and Paris. A backpacker sets off on an Interrail holiday in 1985 © Stephen Craven