

WHERE IN THE WORLD WAS JACK LONDON?

Jack's many travels highlight his "protean faculty of adaptability" and sense of adventure.¹ Here are some of the places he lived and traveled.

1876-91 (birth to 15 years old)

- **CA:** San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, San Mateo County (between Pedro Point and Moss Beach), Livermore, Benicia

1892 (16 years old)

- **CA:** Sacramento
- **Nevada:** Reno

[Jack rode on the roof of a train from Sacramento over the Sierras to Reno.]

1893 (17 years old)

- **Japan:** Bonin Islands, Yokohama

[January 20, 1893 – August 26, 1893, Jack sailed on the seal-hunting vessel, Sophie Sutherland, to Japan.]

1894 (18 years old)

- **CA:** Sacramento, Truckee
- **Nevada:** Reno, Carlin, Winnemucca, Humboldt County
- **Utah:** Ogden
- **Wyoming:** Evanston, Rawlins, Laramie, Rock Springs
- **Nebraska:** Omaha
- **Iowa:** Underwood, Council Bluffs, Walnut, Atlantic, Wiota, Anita, Casey, Harvey, Stuart, Dexter, Earlham, Van Meter, Bonnevill, Des Moines, Ottumwa, Keosauqua, Keokuk
- **Missouri:** Hannibal, Kansas City
- **Michigan:** St. Joseph
- **Illinois:** Chicago
- **Maryland:** Baltimore
- **New York:** Niagara Falls, Buffalo²
- **Massachusetts:** Boston
- **Canada:** (east to west, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia)
- **Washington:** Seattle

[April 6, 1894 – Fall of 1894, Jack tramped/hoboed across U.S. to East Coast then up to Canada, across Canada to the west coast, down to Seattle and then took a ship back to California.]

1895 (19 years old)

- **CA:** Yosemite National Park

[Jack camped with the Applegarths at Bridal Veil Camp, Yosemite, during the summer.]

¹ From the first paragraph of Jack London's short story, *In a Far Country*.

² From June 29 – July 29, 1894, Jack was imprisoned in Erie County Penitentiary in Buffalo.

1896 (20 years old)

- **CA:** U.C. Berkeley

[Jack attended one semester at UCB.]

1897 – 1898 (21-22 years old)

- **CA:** Belmont³
- **Washington:** Port Townsend, Seattle
- **Alaska:** Juneau
- **Yukon Territory/Klondike:** Dyea, Dawson, Henderson Creek, Split-Up Island, Lake Lindeman, Lake Bennett, Lake Tagish, Lake Marsh, Lewis River, Box Canyon, Lake Laberge, Little Salmon River, Fort Selkirk, Stewart River, St. Michaels, Eagle, Fort Yukon, Muklukyeto, Andreakey, Kutlik, Point Romanoff

[Jack left on July 25, 1897 for the Yukon gold rush and returned in July 1898.]

1899 (23 years old)

- **CA:** Mill Valley, Mt. Tamalpais, Sausalito

1900 – 1901 (24-25 years old)⁴

- **CA:** Oakland, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Forestville, Santa Cruz

[From March – Sept. 1901, after rains flooded the family home, Jack moved into “La Capricciosa Villa,” the home of his sculptor friend, Felix Peano, in Oakland.]

1902-1903 (26-27 years old)

- **CA:** Piedmont Hills, Glen Ellen, San Quentin State Prison⁵, Muir Woods
- **New York**
- **England:** London

[In the summer of 1902, Jack went to London where he lived as one of the unemployed men in the East End writing *People of the Abyss*.]⁶

1904 (28 years old)

- **Japan:** Yokohama, Nagasaki, Moji
- **Korea:** Chemulpo, Seuol, Kunsan, Sunan, Ping Yang (Pyongyang), Wiju
- **Manchuria:** Antung, Feng-Wang-Cheng
- **CA:** Oakland, Glen Ellen, Bohemian Grove, Piedmont, San Francisco

[Jack was a war correspondent covering the Russo-Japanese conflict over Manchuria from January 7, 1904 – June 1904.]

³ Jack worked doing laundry for Belmont Academy for a brief period in Spring 1897.

⁴ Jack married Bess Maddern on April 7, 1900, and they traveled on a short tour of northern California.

⁵ Jack visited San Quentin and was not an inmate.

⁶ Jack originally accepted a commission from the American Press Assn. to report on post-Boer War conditions in South Africa but when he arrived in New York, he learned that the APA was going to cancel his trip because the South African officials he was supposed to interview had left Cape Town for Europe. He then met with George Brett (Macmillan Publishing) and proposed writing on the London slums to which Brett agreed.

1905-1909 (29-33 years old)

- **Iowa:** Mt. Vernon, Ames, Oskaloosa, Indianola, Newton, Des Moines
- **Illinois:** Mattoon, Chicago, Lincoln, Evanston, Champagne
- **Missouri:** Kansas City, Columbia
- **Indiana:** Indianapolis, Elwood
- **Ohio:** Toledo, Oberlin, Oxford, Sandusky, Elyria
- **Wisconsin:** Madison, Lake Geneva, Milwaukee
- **North Dakota:** Grand Forks, Fargo
- **Pennsylvania:** Mercersburg, York, New Kensington
- **Massachusetts:** Boston (Harvard – 1905)
- **Conn:** New Haven (Yale - 1906)
- **New Jersey:** Orange, Brooklyn Heights
- **Maine:** Brunswick, Ellsworth, North Eden, West Eden, Mt. Desert
- **New York:** Oneonta, New York City
- **Oregon:** Portland
- **Jamaica**
- **Cuba:** Havana
- **Florida:** Key West, Miami, Daytona Beach, Tomoka River
- **Hawaii:** O'ahu (Honolulu), Moloka'i, Maui (Haleakala), Big Island (Hilo, Wainaku), Kaua'i (Waimea)⁷
- **Marquesas Islands:** Taiohae Bay, Nuka Hiva (Typee/Taipei)
- **Tahiti:** Papeete, Paepara (Parapa)
- **Society Islands:** Morea/Mo'orea, Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora
- **(American) Samoa:** Tutuila (Pago Pago), Manu'a (Manua) Islands
- **(German) Samoa:** Apia, Vailima, Savaii, Matuatu, Upolu
- **Fiji:** Namu/Namotu, Viti Levu Island (Suva), Nanuku Islets
- **Vanuatu (New Hebrides):** Mallicollo, Tanna, Erromanga, Efate (Sandwich Island), Bank Islands
- **Solomon Islands:** Santa Cruz Islands, Gudalcanal (Isatabu), Santa Ana (Owahara; Port Mary), Ugi, Su'u, Langa Langa, Sio, Lord Howe, Meringe (Ysabel/Isabel Island), Mala (Malaita), Ontong Java Atoll, Florida Islands (Ngela, Nggela), Pelau, Cape Marsh, Kiaba
- **New Guinea:** Tasman Islands (Nukumanu) an atoll of Papua New Guinea
- **Australia:** Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne
- **Tasmania:** Launceston, Hobart
- **Ecuador:** Guayaquil, Riabambo, Quito
- **Panama:** Culebra Island
- **Louisiana:** New Orleans
- **Arizona:** Grand Canyon
- **Nevada:** Goldfield, Reno

⁷ Not every island nor every place on each island they visited is named here. (See the first few pages of A. Grove Day's book, *Jack London in the South Seas*, for a more detailed itinerary.) Besides Australasia, the larger island groups Jack visited were Polynesia (includes Hawaii to Samoa – over 1,000 islands), Melanesia (includes Fiji through New Guinea – over 2,000 islands). Oceania, which encompasses Polynesia, Melanesia, Micronesia, and Australasia, has over 10,000 islands. Some of these islands have different names and some of the names have changed over the years.

- **CA:** Los Angeles, Oakland, Glen Ellen, San Jose, San Francisco, Geysers, Willits, Ukiah, Alpine, Ft. Bragg, Greenwood, Boonville, Cloverdale, Altruria,⁸ Colfax, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, San Rafael, Sausalito, Bohemian Grove, Boyes Hot Springs, Aqua Caliente Hot Springs, Napa, Stockton⁹

[Jack's lecture tour across the United States was from Oct. 22, 1905 - March 18, 1906 and included Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maine, New York, Massachusetts.]

[Jack took a break from the lecture tour from Dec. 27, 1905 – Jan. 1906, for his and Charmian's honeymoon which included Jamaica, Cuba, Florida.¹⁰]

[Jack and Charmian left on the Snark voyage on April 23, 1907 and returned to Glen Ellen on July 24, 1909, traveling home by way of Ecuador, Panama, Louisiana, and Arizona. All the islands listed, except for Cuba and Jamaica, were part of that voyage.]

1910 (34 years old)

- **CA:** Carmel, Petaluma, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, San Francisco, Napa, Rio Vista, Walnut Grove, Stockton, San Joaquin River, Georgiana Slough, Antioch, Benicia, Redwood City, Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Escondido, Menlo Park
- **Nevada:** Reno

[Jack traveled to Reno on June 22 to cover the Johnson – Jeffries fight.]¹¹

1911 (35 years old)

- **CA:** Calistoga, Geysers, Ukiah, Willits, Ft. Bragg, Boonville, Cloverdale, Altruria, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Catalina Island
- **Oregon:** Pistol River, Gold Beach, Port Orford, Langlois, Bandon, Coos County, Coquille, Rock Creek, Roseburg, Canyonville, Wolf Creek, Grant's Pass, Medford, Crater Lake, Jacksonville, Ashland, Coombs Canyon

[June 12th – Sept. 5th, 1911, Jack and Charmian's four-horse wagon trip to Oregon.]

1912 (36 years old)

- **New York**
- **Massachusetts:** Boston
- **Pennsylvania:** Philadelphia
- **Maryland:** Baltimore
- **Chile:** Cape Horn (sailed around)
- **Washington:** Seattle

⁸ Altruria had been a utopian community founded by Ed Payne (Netta's second husband) northeast of Santa Rosa (Mark West Springs area). While it disbanded soon after being formed in 1895, Dr. Burke, an osteopath, took over the property turning it into a healing retreat. Jack and Charmian visited Dr. Burke's sanitarium there.

⁹ In 1905, Jack moved into what became known as "Jack's House," a cottage next to Wake Robin Lodge in Glen Ellen. After returning from their buggy trip to Oregon, Jack and Charmian moved into the cottage on the Beauty Ranch in Glen Ellen on Sept. 5, 1911. Jack lived there until his death on Nov. 22, 1916.

¹⁰ Jack and Charmian married on Nov. 19, 1905, in Chicago, Ill., during Jack's lecture tour.

¹¹ Jack and Charmian's daughter, Joy, died on June 21st, shortly after her birth, but Charmian insisted Jack honor his commitment to cover the fight.

[March 2 – July 26, Jack and Charmian sailed on the Dirigo from Baltimore around Cape Horn to Seattle.]

1913 (37 years old)

- **CA:** Calistoga, Modesto, Suisun, Napa, Davis, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Bohemian Grove, Sacramento¹²

1914 (38 years old)

- **Texas:** Galveston
- **Mexico:** Vera Cruz, Tampico
- **New York**
- **CA:** Los Angeles, Fetter's Hot Springs, Caliente Hot Springs, Angel Island

[Colliers commissioned Jack to report on the Mexican Revolution. Jack and Charmian traveled to Texas and Mexico from April-June for this assignment.]

1915 (39 years old)

- **Hawaii:** O'ahu (Honolulu, Kailua), Big Island (Hilo, Volcano House, Pu'u Huluhulu, Pahoa) Molaka'i, Maui (Kahului, Wailuku)

[Jack and Charmian made two trips to Hawaii in 1915. The first trip was from February - July 1915. The second trip was from December 1915 - July 1916.]

1916 (40 years old)

- **Hawaii:** O'ahu (Honolulu, Kailua, Waunaialu¹³), Big Island (Kukuihaele, Kohala, Kapa'ahu, Hilo, Waimea)
- **CA:** Bohemian Grove

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¹² Jack also visited Sonoma Developmental Center (previously known as "Home for Feeble Minded") in Sonoma during this year.

¹³ Probably referring to Waialua, Waimalu or Waimānalo on O'ahu.

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