

SCHOTT'S WORLD TRAVELLER MISCELLANY

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TRAVEL BORES

*Travel is the most private of pleasures. There is no greater
bore than the travel bore. We do not in the least want
to hear what he has seen in Hong-Kong.*

— VITA SACKVILLE-WEST (1892–1962)

MYTHICAL ISLANDS OF NOTE

☞ In Celtic and classical myth, the *Fortunate Islands* or *Islands of the Blest* were a paradise in the Western Ocean, where the souls of selected mortals were welcomed by the gods. Both the Canaries and the Madeira Islands have been claimed as their location. (Canari was so named by Pliny the Elder, because of the large number of dogs that inhabited the island.) ☞ *Lemnos*, the Greek island in the Aegean Sea, is where Vulcan (the god of fire) fell after his mother Hera flung him out of heaven for being too ugly. The Lemnians are said to have perpetrated two dreadful massacres: the men killed all the children born of Athenian parents; the women killed all the island's men and male children. Thus a Lemnian Deed is one that is especially violent and barbaric. ☞ *Chaneph* is an island imagined by Rabelais in *Pantagruel* inhabited by religious hypocrites, holy mountebanks, tumblers of beads, mumblers of Ave-Marias, spiritual comedians, and sham saints. (Chaneph means 'hypocrite' in Hebrew.) ☞ In Voodoo myth, *Z'ile Minfort* is the underwater island home to Agwe (the god of salt- and fresh water) and his mermaid-consort La Sirene. ☞ Zeus imprisoned the winds within the tunnels and caves of the floating island of *Lipara*. Whenever the gods required assistance from a wind, Aeolus would stab a vent-hole with his trident to release the wind, before sealing it back up again. ☞