

JUNGLE FEVER

(wish you were here)

London – Beirut– Singapore....

3 journeys and their remains



london, jungle fever, trip, snapshot, amanda couch, may 2011

This project is the outcome of ongoing practice-based research exploring personal cultural borders and various forms of verbal, visual and physical (de)construction of the everyday.

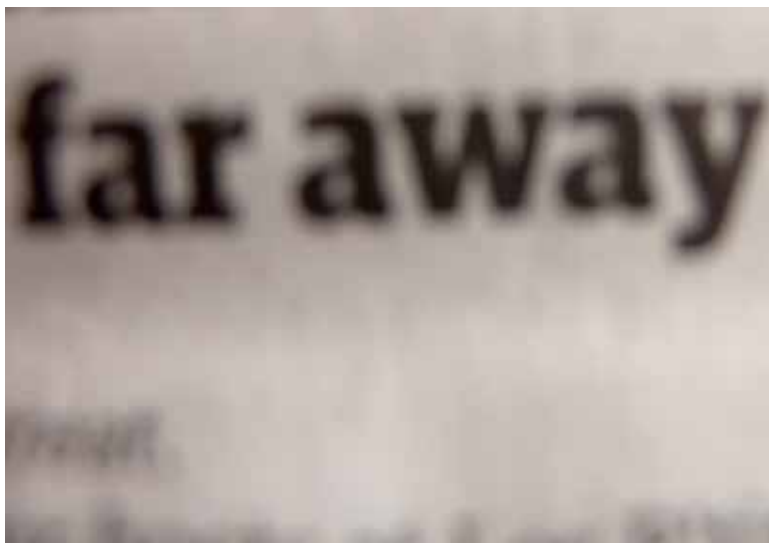
JUNGLE FEVER (wish you were here) attempts to re-invent tourism as a collective exploration of personal borders as if they were exotic sites . Tourism, the media and the global economy have progressively transformed the world and its inhabitants into manufactured attractions. We are all busy justifying our presence within existing packages, be it social, cultural, financial or political ones.

JUNGLE FEVER aims to reclaim leisure using the tools and strategies of their consumption; travelling, sightseeing, walking, playing, exercising, discovering new places, trying out new things, socialising... The artist, as an experienced guide, lead groups of willing participants to (their) unchartered territories, whatever these may be. Adventures, friendships and memories are gathered along the way, as well as a few snapshots, home movies and postcards.

By taking part one becomes altogether producer and consumer, and sometimes object of consumption. There is no boundaries between the work and its consuming audience.

The project is inspired by Tourism and travel advertising collected from English newspapers; the headlines speak of authenticity, escapism and out of this world experience against the same visual combinations of sea, sun and (promises of) sex; regardless of the destination's cultural, social or political make-up.

" Leisure will have an important role in society. ... The role of the artist is to promote the creative use of leisure and creativity as a way of life, but also as a weapon against alienation". Robert Filliou, Teaching and learning as performing art, 1970.



jungle fever, departure lounge, diaporama
3 images from a growing archive of closeups from travel advertising

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in London



Strike, London, 7th May, day trip, 12 travellers

" you don't even have to go to the airport and fly there. " (Karen)

" The best trip is when you can properly let go " (Amanda)

*" Travel being a form of self- discovery not that self-absorbtion
is a favourable constant in life" (Robbie)*



london, jungle fever, trip, postcard
snapshots taken by participants become postcards of the destination
set of 6 postcards - 10.5x15cms each



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in Beirut



16th to 18th May - Zico house, Sanayeh, Beirut
20th may - Sunflower theatre, Tayouneh, Beirut

1 departure lounge evening - 15 travellers
1 day trip - Zico house - 4 travellers
1 excursion by the seaside - 2 travellers
1 day trip - Sunflower theatre - 10 travellers
1 24h indoor marathon - Sanayeh - 15 travellers



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beirut, jungle fever, trip, postcard
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set of 5 - 10.5x15cms each



beirut, jungle fever, trip, home movie, martyr square
video stills - participants final voyage - video - 9'50



beirut, jungle fever, trip, home movie, Fellini
video stills - participants final voyage - video - 6'22

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in Singapore



23rd 24th June - Singapore
Substation theatre, botanic garden

part of R.I.T.E.S festival (rooted in ephemeral speak)

1 day trip - Substation dance studio - 12 travellers
1 excursion - botanical garden - 8 travellers
Singapore story performance - Substation theatre



singapore, jungle fever, trip, postcard
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singapore, jungle fever, trip, home movie, botanic garden
video stills - participants final voyage - video - 5'38



jungle fever, trip, postcard
snapshots taken by participants in London, Beirut and Singapore
a postcard book of 15 postcards in a clear cellophane bag with jacket
10.5x15cms each

JUNGLE FEVER TRACES
from LONDON - BEIRUT - SINGAPORE

jungle fever, departure lounge, diaporama
a growing archive of closeups from travel advertising
slideshow of around 45 images - single screen

beirut, jungle fever, trip, home movie, Fellini
participants final voyage
single screen video - 6'22

singapore, jungle fever, trip, home movie, botanic garden
participants final voyage
single screen video - 5'38

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This is not the end.

Other destinations are in the pipeline in the U.K, France,
Germany and Spain.

New horizons are being explored

- Collective investigation of historical sites
- collective investigation of photo archives
- a multilingual JUNGLE FEVER user's guide so that JUNGLE FEVER can be reached without the need of the artist as tourist guide.

Friendships will continue to be made, memories, snaps and home movies will be created along the way. Images and videos are 'tagged' so that they may be shared online.

In the words of Robert Filliou;
Art is what makes life more interesting than art

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/MOltravellnc/>
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jungle-Fever-wish-you-were-here/154694304595238>

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