

on the move

As a performer on the international comedy circuit, **Brendhan Lovegrove** is a constant traveller. *Pacific* asked the new comedian cruiser to nominate five essential travel companions.

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Mixing character portrayals with observational story-telling and ruminations on philosophy and politics, Brendhan Lovegrove is one of New Zealand's most successful comedic exports. Tipping his bowler hat to iconic Australian comic, Greg Fleet, Lovegrove's comedy is raw heart and soul with a cynicism and survivor's wit he attributes to eight hard years in a New Zealand boarding school. With a mind further honed by a political science degree – cut short by his stand-up career – Lovegrove incorporates a fascination with philosophy and love of Mahatma Gandhi into a sometimes soft, sometimes brutal style of stand-up.

He has performed worldwide, gracing the stages of top comedy clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand as well as appearing on UK TV's *Live at the Jangleurs* and Australia's *Rove Live*.

Catch Brendhan's hilarious comedy on Pacific Pearl in December 2010.

5 things I always travel with

1

My Valium

"I have a massive fear of flying. After four or five times of getting on a plane, then saying, 'I'm sorry, I've got to get out', I had to do something. Valium makes me relaxed, so I can get to the plane. I'll still be freaked out, but it makes it easier."

2

My Bailter Space T-shirt

"I can't leave home without my Bailter Space T-Shirt. I always wear it on stage. They're my favourite band. I don't believe in good luck charms – it's just what I feel most comfortable in."

3

My bowler hat

"A guy I met after a comedy club gig in Malaysia gave it to me. He had this big collection of hats and said, 'Choose a hat and

I bet there will be something about it that says something significant about you'. I picked out my hat and it was the only one made in New Zealand!"



4

My mobile phone

"It enables me, at a moment's notice, to talk to my daughter, Ruby, who lives with her mum in New Zealand."

My iPad.

"On a flight I can chill out, play games and watch movies on it. I recently got into Tetris, then found I'd been competing with seven and eight year olds. Very embarrassing. But it's good fun, especially on a long trip!"

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