



# Ziggy Ling

Guitar

As an emerging Geocaching rock band on the verge of stardom, it seems that adding a muggle to your lineup would be the last thing on Earth you'd want to do. But that's exactly what **The Travel Bugs** did when they brought guitar sensation Ziggy Ling on board.

The lead guitarist for the wildly successful glam-rock band **BubbleSparklePop**, Ziggy Ling was already famous across Asia when the band met him. His reputation for blistering solos and for consuming copious amounts of bamboo, a habit which unfortunately left his bank account constantly drained, were well known.

When the **Bugs**, then just a foursome, saw him in a Hong Kong club one night, they decided they had to add him to the lineup. Mistaking their offer of "unlimited caching" for a solution to his financial woes, he immediately accepted the job. "I just didn't know there was more than one kind of cash.", he recalls.

But turning in his glitter stretchy pants and black eye-liner (which, quite honestly seemed redundant) was the perfect move. **Bugs** founder Marvin T. Stuckmeyer happily relinquished the guitar to the more talented Ling, who found the band to be a more nurturing and collaborative environment. **The Travel Bugs** saw him not just as a hired gun, but as a songwriting partner.

Ziggy rose to the opportunity, adding a new depth and power to the band's music, and on stage his high-energy theatrics, rock 'n' roll attitude, and flamboyant style immediately made him a crowd favorite at live performances.

"I don't regret the move at all", he says, "although sometimes I do miss the stretchy pants."

**The Travel Bugs** debut album "*Found It!*", released in 2010, is available online, and more information about the band's activities can be found at [www.thegeocachers.com](http://www.thegeocachers.com).

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