

## INTRODUCTION

The idea for this issue of YA Hotline came during Susan MacIntosh's French immersion course at l'Université de Moncton, NB, in summer 2003. For a presentation topic, a classmate who had just graduated from high school asked us for traveling tips and advice. I gave her my suggestions along with others in the class, but the idea stuck with me as I later pursued my own travel research. While there is an enormous amount of print and online travel information, there do not seem to be many comprehensive Canadian-based resources aimed at the specific needs of young adult travelers. *Wanderlust: A Travel Guide for Young Adults* is a proper answer to my classmate's question. I know there are growing numbers of young adults who have the same desire to explore unknown places, but, like her, may not know where to begin to acquire much-needed information about this large and varied subject.

My co-authors and I have developed an overview of some resources we've found to help young adult travelers make wise and well-informed decisions about where, when, or if they want to travel within Canada or abroad. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list; instead, it gives an introduction to the world of overseas travel for work, volunteer experience, or to broaden your perspective of yourself and the world. We hope you find this publication a practical resource for traveling, volunteering and/or working abroad.

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