

TRAVEL GUIDES

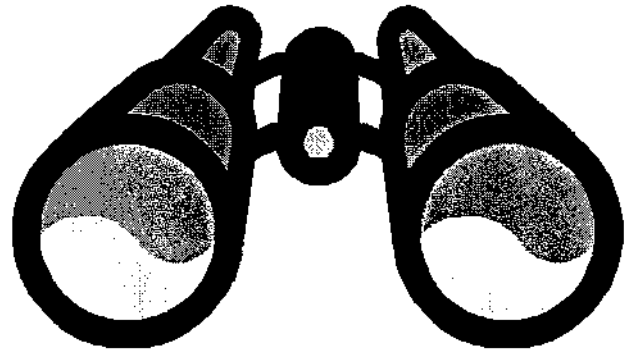
**What are travel guides and what are they used for? Travel guides provide comprehensive information about a particular country or region, including history, geography, people and economy. But their real value is in their detailed contents: places to visit, main tourist attractions, festivals, hostels, hotel prices, restaurants, city and country maps, and directions of bus routes & schedules. The following titles are valuable sources of information, but travelers must keep in mind that they must verify that the information is still current; consult the travel guide web site or government web sites, or your country's embassy or consulate to a particular country for the most current and accurate information.

Lonely Planet

- Australian publication: TV series, guide books, phrase books, travel writing, web site: www.lonelyplanet.com
- Specializes in detailed, neutral descriptions for every corner of the globe
- Separate section for women travelers
- Monthly advisories on their web site
- Specialized publications on cities, countries, regions, & world cuisine
- Guides for specific purposes: *On a Shoestring* for budget travelers, *Survival Kit* for comprehensive information

The Rough Guide

- British publication: Travel books, phrase books, travel writing, web site: www.travel.roughguides.com, music CDs, books about travel experiences
- This publication provides more opinionated information about various places than Lonely Planet, but provides practical information



Let's Go

- Travel books, web site: <http://www.letsgo.com/>
- American publication focused toward younger travelers, particularly college-aged and gap-year people who want to travel to places that cater to this younger crowd
- Hostelling information & reservations can be made via their web site
- Includes resources such as travel advisories and various web/media resources for all regions

Footprints

- Travel books based out of the UK.
Web site:
www.footprintbooks.com/
- Their web site focuses on marketing information about purchasing their products; it does not provide the comprehensive information of other sites

