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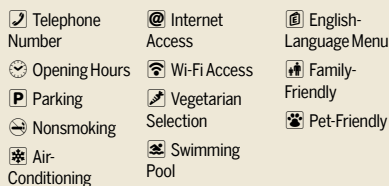
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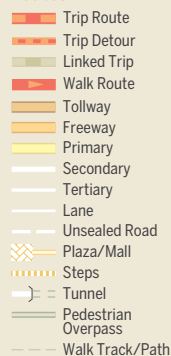
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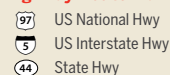
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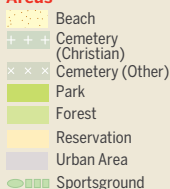
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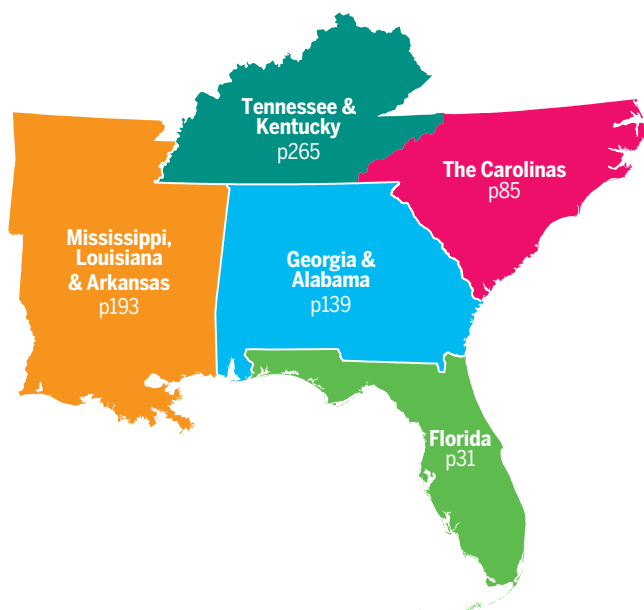
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**My Favorite Trip** **20** **Cajun Country** for unique landscapes and cultural encounters, from crawfish boils to fiddle dancing.



**Mariella Krause** As someone who was born in Oklahoma, lived in Texas and writes about Florida, Mariella considers herself an expert on states with a panhandle. Seven years ago, she had an epic Florida adventure while researching her first-ever Lonely Planet guidebook, and this marks the third time she's cruised up and down the entire length of the state in search of the best key lime pie, alligator encounters and tacky tourist attractions.

**My Favorite Trip** **5** **Overseas Highway to Key West** because you get to drive out into the middle of the ocean.

# OUR WRITERS



## OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end –

broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.



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**My Favorite Trip** 19 **The Blues Highway** takes you from one of America's secretly great cities, Memphis, to the fertile ground where American popular music was born.



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**My Favorite Trip** 7 **The Great Smokies** for the safari-like drive through Cades Cove, where deer, turkeys and a bear or two romped just beyond the windows.



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