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ABBREVIATIONS

Arg	Argentina
Bol	Bolivia
Bra	Brazil
Chi	Chile
Col	Colombia
Ecu	Ecuador
FG	French Guiana
Guy	Guyana
Par	Paraguay
Per	Peru
Sur	Suriname
Uru	Uruguay
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In South America, sustainable travel is still a new concept, but one that's gaining much attention following the media spotlight on eco-consciousness that's spreading around the globe.

We define sustainability in three ways: environmental (minimizes negative environmental impacts and, where possible, makes positive contributions – through reforestation and the like); cultural (respects native cultures and traditions and fosters an authentic interaction between travelers and hosts) and economic (brings financial benefits to local communities and operates on principles of fair trade).

Criteria for this list include involvement in the local community and culture; participation in local conservation efforts; production or utilization of local, organic foods; use of renewable-energy sources, effective recycling and waste-management programs. This list also includes organizations owned and operated by local and indigenous operators, which thereby maintain and preserve local identity and culture.

You can help us improve this list by sending your recommendations to www.lonelyplanet.com/feed back. Learn more about sustainable travel by visiting www.lonelyplanet.com/responsibletravel.

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Fresh from an epic journey across Europe, Asia and Australia in 1972, Tony and Maureen Wheeler sat at their kitchen table stapling together notes. The first Lonely Planet guidebook, *Across Asia on the Cheap*, was born.

Travellers snapped up the guides. Inspired by their success, the Wheelers began publishing books to Southeast Asia, India and beyond. Demand was prodigious, and the Wheelers expanded the business rapidly to keep up. Over the years, Lonely Planet extended its coverage to every country and into the virtual world via lonelyplanet.com and the Thorn Tree message board.

As Lonely Planet became a globally loved brand, Tony and Maureen received several offers for the company. But it wasn't until 2007 that they found a partner whom they trusted to remain true to the company's principles of travelling widely, treading lightly and giving sustainably. In October of that year, BBC Worldwide acquired a 75% share in the company, pledging to uphold Lonely Planet's commitment to independent travel, trustworthy advice and editorial independence.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with over 500 staff members and 300 authors. Tony and Maureen are still actively involved with Lonely Planet. They're travelling more often than ever, and they're devoting their spare time to charitable projects. And the company is still driven by the philosophy of *Across Asia on the Cheap*: 'All you've got to do is decide to go and the hardest part is over. So go!'

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ROUTES

	Freeway		Mall/Steps
	Primary		Tunnel
	Secondary		Pedestrian Overpass
	Tertiary		Walking Trail
	Lane		Walking Path
	Unsealed Road		Track
	One-Way Street		

TRANSPORT

	Ferry		Rail
	Metro		Tram
	Bus Route		Cable Car, Funicular

HYDROGRAPHY

	River, Creek		Canal
	Intermittent River		Water
	Swamp		Lake (Dry)
	Mangrove		Lake (Salt)
	Glacier		

BOUNDARIES

	International State, Provincial		Ancient Wall Cliff
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AREA FEATURES

	Airport		Land
	Area of Interest		Mall
	Beach, Desert		Market
	Building		Park
	Campus		Reservation
	Cemetery, Christian		Rocks
	Forest		Sports

POPULATION

	CAPITAL (NATIONAL)		CAPITAL (STATE)
	Large City		Medium City
	Small City		Town, Village

SYMBOLS

Sights/Activities

	Beach
	Castle, Fortress
	Christian
	Diving, Snorkeling
	Golf
	Hindu
	Islamic
	Jewish
	Monument
	Museum, Gallery
	Point of Interest
	Pool
	Ruin
	Skiing
	Trail Head
	Zoo, Bird Sanctuary

Eating

	Eating
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Drinking

	Drinking
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	Cafe
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Entertainment

	Entertainment
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Shopping

	Shopping
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Sleeping

	Sleeping
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	Camping
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Transport

	Airport, Airfield
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	Border Crossing
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	Bus Station
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	Cycling, Bicycle Path
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	General Transport
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	Parking Area
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	Gas Station
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	Taxi Rank
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Information

	Bank, ATM
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	Embassy/Consulate
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	Hospital, Medical
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	Information
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	Internet Facilities
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	Police Station
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	Post Office, GPO
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	Telephone
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	Toilets
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Geographic

	Lighthouse
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	Lookout
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	Mountain, Volcano
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	National Park
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	Pass, Canyon
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	River Flow
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	Shelter, Hut
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	Waterfall
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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Sleeping and Eating reviews are listed in budget order. Room prices in this guide are for rooms with bathroom. Exceptions are noted in reviews.

- telephone
- opening hours
- air-con available
- internet available
- swimming pool

- apt apartments
- d double rooms
- dm dorm beds
- f family rooms
- q quad rooms
- r rooms
- s single rooms
- ste suites
- tr triple rooms
- tw twin rooms

CONVERSIONS

TEMPERATURE

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \div 1.8$$

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32$$

DISTANCE

$$1\text{in} = 2.54\text{cm}$$

$$1\text{cm} = 0.39\text{in}$$

$$1\text{m} = 3.3\text{ft} = 1.1\text{yd}$$

$$1\text{ft} = 0.3\text{m}$$

$$1\text{km} = 0.62\text{miles}$$

$$1\text{mile} = 1.6\text{km}$$

WEIGHT

$$1\text{kg} = 2.2\text{lb}$$

$$1\text{lb} = 0.45\text{kg}$$

$$1\text{g} = 0.04\text{oz}$$

$$1\text{oz} = 28\text{g}$$

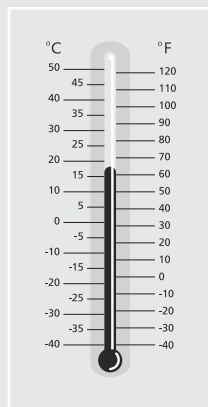
VOLUME

$$1\text{imperial gallon} = 4.55\text{L}$$

$$1\text{L} = 0.26\text{US gallons}$$

$$1\text{US gallon} = 3.8\text{L}$$

$$1\text{L} = 0.22\text{imperial gallons}$$



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