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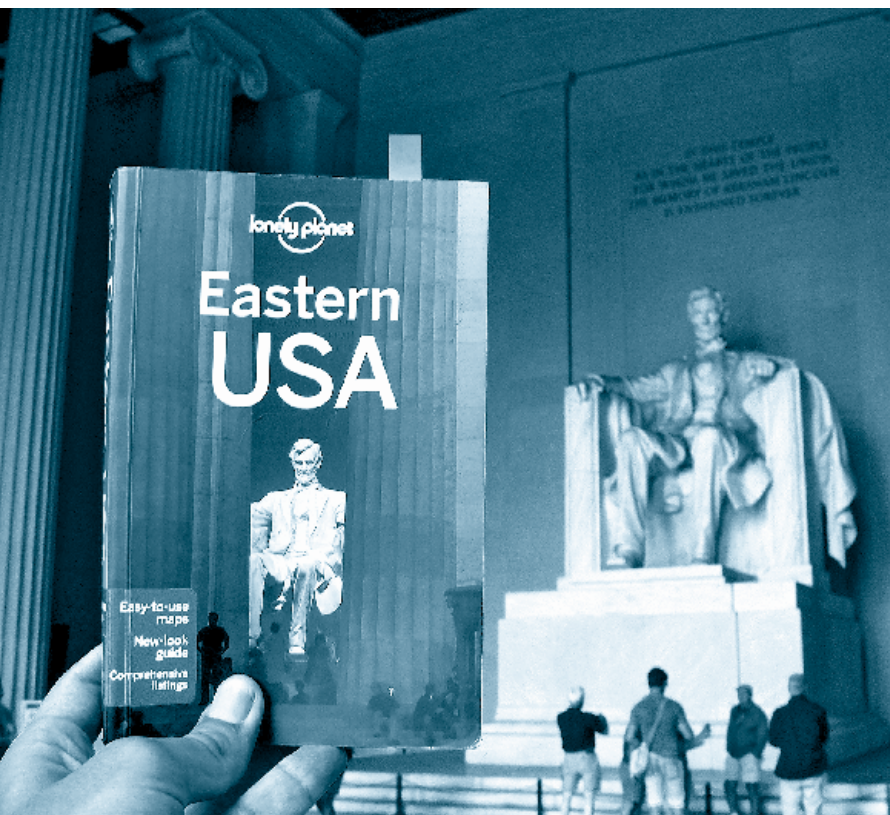
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**Southwest** Greg Ward has been exploring the deserts of the Southwest for more than twenty years and has written several guidebooks to the region. He also writes extensively about history, music and European destinations. He lives in London, and his website is [gregward.info](http://gregward.info).



**Karla Zimmerman**

**Washington, DC & the Capital Region, Great Lakes** As a life-long Midwesterner, Karla is well versed in the region's beaches, ballparks, breweries and pie shops. When she's not home in Chicago watching the Cubs, and writing for magazines, websites and books, she's out exploring. For this gig, she curled in Minnesota, caught a wave in Michigan, heard the curds squeak in Wisconsin and drank an embarrassing number of milkshakes in Ohio. She also covers DC, where she

never fails to shake hands with Racing Abe Lincoln at Nationals Park. Karla has written for several Lonely Planet guides to the USA, Canada, Caribbean and Europe.



### **Adam Karlin**

**The South, Florida** Adam has written around 50 guidebooks for Lonely Planet and he always enjoys exploring his native stomping grounds: the US. On this trip, he stumbled into Key West secret gardens, discovered Miami speakeasies, took shots with Birmingham bartenders, weathered tornado watches in Mississippi cotton shacks, found pizza on Arkansas mountain tops, listened to music in dozens of Louisiana bars, paddled through clear Florida mangrove channels and ate

a lot of barbeque. He wants you to know that there is a lot of good light in the world, but the way it attaches to a late spring day in the South is something else.



### **Becky Ohlsen**

**Rocky Mountains** Becky Ohlsen grew up in the Rockies and seizes every chance she gets to explore the region. She has a huge crush on the Tetons, believes that jackalopes are real and likes to watch a storm roll in across a far-away horizon.



### **Zora O'Neill**

**New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania** Zora O'Neill has lived in New York City since 1998 – far from her home state of New Mexico, but very close to where, as a kid and the daughter of a New Jersey native, she spent a week nearly every summer 'down the shore,' eating pizza and fried scallops. Zora has written guidebooks since 2002; for Lonely Planet, she has covered Amsterdam, southern Spain and Egypt. She is online at [www.rovinggastronome.com](http://www.rovinggastronome.com).

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**Alaska** An expat Brit from Hampshire, England, now living near Vancouver, Canada; Brendan has long relished the 'thrill' of masochistic endurance events in remote wilderness areas and thus jumped at the chance to cover Alaska for Lonely Planet. He particularly relished getting his hands numb in Nome, re-reading Jack London, and bussing it along the Top of the World Highway from Chicken to the Yukon. When not scribbling research notes for Lonely Planet in countries such as Cuba, Peru, Spain

and Canada, Brendan likes refining his cross-country skiing technique, strumming old Clash songs on the guitar and experiencing the pain and occasional pleasures of following Southampton Football Club.



### **Ryan Ver Berkmoes**

**Great Plains** Ryan first drove across the Great Plains with his family in the 1960s. Among the treasured memories are marveling at the Jackalope at Wall Drugs in South Dakota and which he relived when he tried riding the big one out back this year. Through the years he never passes up a chance to wander the backroads of America's heartland finding beauty and intrigue where you least expect it. Find more at [www.ryanverberkmoes.com](http://www.ryanverberkmoes.com); @ryanvb



## 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 Franklin, London, Melbourne, Oakland, Beijing and Delhi, 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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**Coordinating Author; New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania; Washington, DC & the Capital Region; Texas** A Hoosier by birth, Regis grew up in a sleepy riverside town where he dreamed of big-city intrigue. He's lived all over the US (including New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans), and has crossed the country by train, bus and car while visiting remote corners of America.

Favorite memories from his most recent trip include crab feasting on Maryland's eastern shore, hiking through striking state parks in west Texas, catching music jams in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and going eye-to-eye with wild horses on Assateague Island. Regis has contributed to more than 50 Lonely Planet titles, including *New York City* and *Washington, DC*. Regis also wrote the Plan Your Trip, Understand and Survival Guide sections of this guide.



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**New England, The South** Amy has hiked, biked and paddled her way across the US. Raised in the South, she's been visiting the Outer Banks since childhood and for this trip she backpacked along the Appalachian Trail in the Great Smokies. In New Hampshire she explored the White Mountains and tackled Mt Monadnock for the first time. She has authored 26 guidebooks for Lonely Planet and has written for *Backpacker*, *Redbook*, *Southern Living* and the *Washington Post*.



### Sandra Bao

**Pacific Northwest** Sandra has lived in Buenos Aires, New York and California, but the glorious Pacific Northwest has become her final stop. Researching this region has been a highlight of Sandra's 15-year-long authoring career with Lonely Planet, which has covered four continents and dozens of guidebooks. She's come to appreciate the beauty of this region, how much it has to offer and how friendly people can be in those tiny towns in the middle of nowhere.



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