

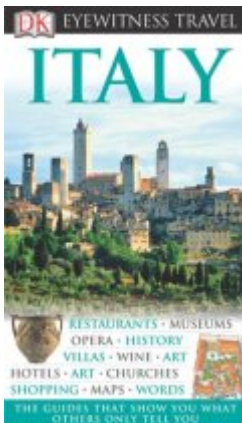
# Guide to Travel Guides



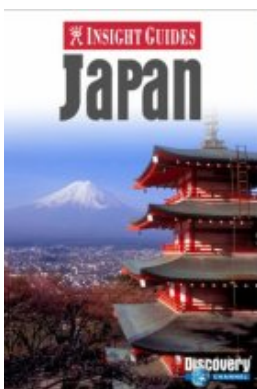
One of the more popular series of the Study Abroad staff at KSU, **Lonely Planet** guides offer a realistic, upbeat look at hundreds of travel destinations. From the UK to Tibet, Lonely Planet covers countries, cities, and languages. Our favorite: Shoestring Guides, which give you options for Europe, South America, Southeast Asia, and Central America when traveling on a budget.



**The Rough Guide** is another series many seasoned travelers rely on for information about their destinations. A standout of these guides is the *First Time* series, a collection of excellent books for the first-time traveler. These include Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Around the World. Use these guides for information about maps, the best modes of transportation within and between countries, major attractions, cultural activities, local festivals, and stories and advice from other travelers to the area.



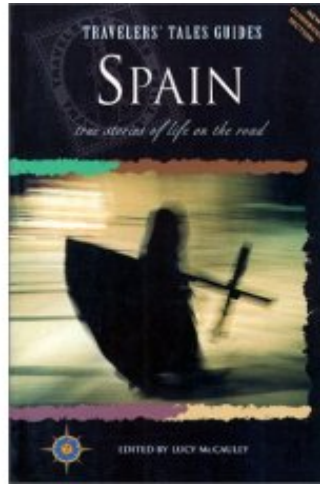
For a more colorful guide to your country of destination, choose an **Eyewitness Travel Guide**. Major landmarks, cultural destinations, and historic sites are illustrated or photographed throughout the book, with cultural and historic facts included. These guides also provide practical information for getting to, paying for, and enjoying sites.



**Insight Guides** takes a slightly different approach to the travel guidebook. Articles about different locations are written by travel journalists, with many of the photographs taken by them, as well. Insight Guides are often excellent supplements to any of your other guidebooks, as Insight will provide information about the people and culture of a country and give you great preparation for your travels before you leave.

# Reading about Travel

For a perspective of travel that isn't in guidebook format, choose some of the following titles to get started on your journey!



**Bill Bryson** is a travel writer known for his amusing look at the culture and geography of different countries. If you're heading to Australia, check out his book **In a Sunburned Country**. For a crazy, off-the-beaten path look at Europe, read **Neither Here nor There: Travels in Europe**. And, if you're at all interested in what your reaction to the United States might be when you get home, pick up **I'm a Stranger Here Myself**, where Bryson returns to the US after living in Europe for 20 years.

Students heading to Southern Spain may want to look at **South of Granada** by Gerald Brenan, or the classic **Tales of the Alhambra** by Washington Irving. For more geographically general short stories about Spain, read **Traveler's Tales: Spain**, by Linda McCauley.

The United States, Central America, and South America are all visited in Paul Theroux's **Old Patagonian Express**. In this book, Theroux leaves his home in Medford, Massachusetts and travels by train through the Western Hemisphere, down to Patagonia on the southern tip of Argentina.

There are also some good websites to look at while preparing for your time abroad.

**Karen Brown's World of Travel:** <http://www.karenbrown.com/>

**Lonely Planet—The Thorn Tree:** <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree/index.jspa>

**Rick Steve's Europe Through the Back Door:** <http://www.ricksteves.com/>

**Moon Travel Planner:** <http://www.moon.com/>

**Rough Guide:** <http://travel.roughguides.com/>