

# TRAVELERS' ✓✓ by Ann Hattes

## WINTER READING for ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

**Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 of the World's Greatest Trips** (National Geographic, \$40) spans the globe to highlight the best of the world's most famous and lesser known sojourns. Every continent and every possible form of transport is covered from ocean cruises around Antarctica to horse treks in the Andes to rolling through the outback on Australia's famous Ghan train. The book also features 22 fun top10 lists like the world's top 10 elevator rides, bridges to walk across, and underground walking adventures. The 400-page guide includes 400 color photos and 200 color maps packaged in an oversize volume to treasure for years to come.

**The Joy of Pilgrimage** (Catholic Book Publishing, \$6.95) by Lori Erickson explores the meaning of pilgrimage at sacred places including Lourdes in France, Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Iona in Scotland and Buddhist holy sites in South Korea and Japan. "Certain places speak to us deeply, triggering some mysterious alchemy of growth within us that cannot happen if we refuse the call to become a pilgrim," says Erickson.

**Osterlandet** (<http://php.osterlandet.com>), meaning "The Orient" in old Swedish juxtaposes two generations of travel and photography as two friends venture through Egypt and Jerusalem tracing the footsteps of a great grandfather. The amazing journey compares sights and culture with matching photos set 100 years apart, illuminating an irretrievable historical past.

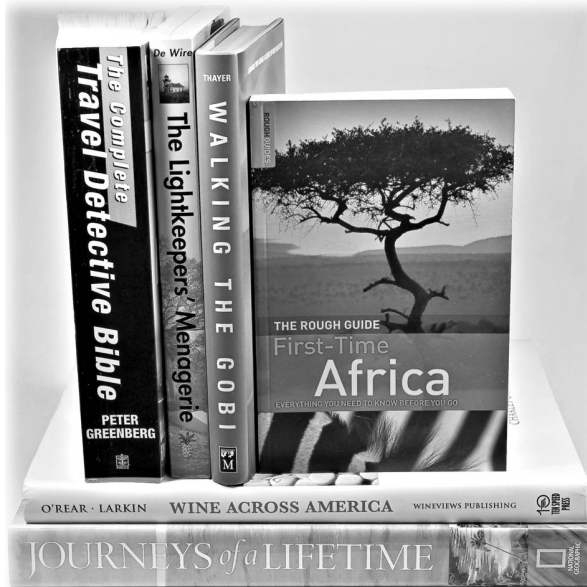
**The Complete Travel Detective Bible** (Rodale Books, \$17.95) by Peter Greenberg, trusted travel editor of the *Today* show, offers an encyclopedic look at every aspect of the travel process, domestically and internationally. Greenberg, who travels more than 400,000 miles a year, now shares every one of his hard-gained, ingenious insider secrets.

**First-Time Africa** (Rough Guides, \$16.99) profiles 41 countries from Algeria to Zimbabwe with recommended places and sites to visit, plus travel health and survival tips. Between man-made marvels like the Pyramids of Egypt and natural wonders like Victoria Falls and unrivaled wildlife, embarking on a journey to this most varied of continents can be as daunting as it is tantalizing. This guide is the perfect starting point for planning an African adventure.

**Walking the Gobi A 1600-Mile Trek Across a Desert of Hope and Despair** (The Mountaineers Books, \$23.95) is renowned adventurer Helen Thayer's account of her 60 day trek across Mongolia's Gobi desert through 126-degree temperatures. She and her 74-year old husband and two camels battled fierce sand and lightening storms, freezing nighttime temperatures, dehydration, dangerous drug smugglers, wolves and ubiquitous scorpions. Through their journey they came to know the landscape and the nomadic people whose ancestors have lived in the Gobi for thousands of years.

**Wine Across America** (Ten Speed Press, \$35) captures in 300 photographs the spirit and passion of American's enterprising wine pioneers on an 80,000 mile, two-year road trip through 50 states. Americans are growing grapes at 6,400-foot elevation in Colorado, under a layer of straw in sub-zero weather in Minnesota, and even on the slopes of a volcano in Hawaii.

**The Lightkeeper's Menagerie** (Pineapple Press, \$21.95) gathers together animal stories from lighthouses all around the world. Where else would a dog learn to ring a fog bell, a cat go swimming to catch a fish for its supper, or a lightkeeper swim a cow home? Sometimes, fur, feathers and fins tell the best tales.



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