Travels with Jane and Carole

After sorting at my parent’s house I went home for a week and looked at my bookshelves. Here is what I found...lots of travel books. During this time of no travel it was fun to look back to past trips and imagine future ones. We always buy used travel books whether we are going to the country or not. It is always fun to armchair travel through a guidebook! Come along with me.

Rough Guide to Morocco

For our birthday we did a bike trip in Morocco. Such a fascinating place to travel especially slowly by bike. We found the people welcoming and warm and the food wonderful. Some funny moments since we speak no French and no Arabic and had questionable maps!
Moon guide to Norway

Our last trip was to cross country ski in Norway last winter. The Norwegians are crazy for cross country skiing! We saw two year olds up to 80 year olds on the tracks which were perfectly groomed and never ending.

Lonely Planet Guide to Thailand

For ten summers I had the greatest job ever. I traveled the world and lived in developing countries with American students. We got to stay with families and work on projects in small villages around the world. One of the best programs was in Thailand. We lived and worked on an organic farming cooperative. Needless to say, the food and hospitality was amazing.

Lonely Planet Guide to Cuba

Jane and I had a wild idea to ride our bikes for three weeks in Cuba before it opened up to Americans. We had a great time riding around the backroads of Cuba and staying in people’s homes along the way. Definitely interesting to explore a country that holds so much mystery for Americans.

Lonely Planet Guide to New Zealand

For two summers Jane went to New Zealand to teach cross country skiing in Wanaka on the South Island. I went to visit her both summers for a couple weeks. We did some weekend trips but mostly skied and hung out with her wonderful NZ friends. Beautiful country, great coffee, friendly people. What’s not to love?

Cancun, Cozumel & the Yucatan

Okay we have taken two trips to the Yucatan and I highly recommend this as an easy place to travel and enjoy some amazing sites. This past fall we went back with my parents. My mother had been to Merida 65 years ago and wanted to go back and revisit. We also went to Tikal in Guatemala. This was one of my all-time favorite trips.
Lonely Planet Guide to Russia

One summer I went to visit Jane in Siberia. She spent 4 summers in Russia teaching English. We met in Siberia and traveled to Lake Baikal and then back to Moscow and St. Petersburg. Growing up when Russia was "the enemy" it was fascinating to see the real people and come to know the country through Jane's friends.

Lonely Planet Guide to Peru

Machu Picchu, Nazca lines, Lake Titicaca, Cuzco, Amazon, Lima....no need to say more! This small country is chock full of cool sites, friendly people and good places to practice Spanish.

Rough Guide to Kenya

Kenya, what an adventure! The animals alone are worth the trip but the families and the culture make it special. It will always have a hold on my heart as I fell in love with the families that I had the great fortune to know and live with.