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INTRODUCTION

This was a busier-than-usual travel month for our ITMB crew. Lan enjoyed a week-long cruise to Alaska with a friend, Linh and Phuong finally were able to take a long-delayed visit to Turkey, and Uzi, one of our senior cartographers enjoyed a visit to Japan. I stayed home; my comfort level for concerns about Covid are still too high for me to risk exposure to infection. At month-end, Lan had to make a sudden return trip to Hanoi, as her father was ill and she was concerned he was failing. Travel continues to improve, judged by increasing map sales, but this is leading to glitches as various aspects of travel ramp up to meet fast-growing demand. See below.

TRAVEL IS IMPROVING, BUT...

For more than two years now, travel has been difficult at best and impossible at worst. Even though Covid is still a serious health risk, more and more individuals are resuming pleasure travel as an activity. This is good news for map sellers, but not necessarily for those travelling. Lan took a cruise this month from Vancouver to Alaska and back. Although Canadians do not now require testing before flying or leaving Canada by land, they still need to have a Covid test 24 hours before boarding a cruise ship in Canada. So do Americans joining the cruise. The airport in Vancouver is finding it difficult to process departing travellers in a timely fashion, causing many to miss their flights. Why? There is a shortage of security personnel to check out all the passengers suddenly wanting to fly somewhere. There is also a shortage of personnel to offload luggage from arriving planes and staff to process incoming passengers through passport control. This situation is being repeated at airports all over the developed world. For the past two years, use of all airports has been minimal. The sudden surge in travel results from the lifting of Covid restrictions imposed in 2020. This has put pressure on all aspects of travel. As another example, Vietnam has recently removed Covid quarantine requirements for arriving international passengers. As a result, all tours planned for 2022 are already fully booked. China, on the other hand, still has strong restrictions in place that make travel to that country challenging. Travel to Russia is still possible, but its popularity has dropped dramatically since its brutal invasion of Ukraine. Travel from North America to western portions of Europe is improving rapidly, but to Eastern Europe is lagging. There is, in other words, a growing difference between what is newly allowed and what is available in practice. These anomalies will be sorted out over time, but in the short term are still causing problems and raising hackles!

NEW TITLES RELEASED!

Please note our first-ever map of Austria, which has finally arrived in our warehouse, and our updated map of Ukraine, which we rushed into print due to the war affecting that country. This is not a 'war' map per se, but a country map as matters stand as of today. Our approach to mapping is that borders are as they are. In Ukraine's case, Crimea is still the legal authority for Ukraine, Russian takeover notwithstanding, as is the Donbas region, but the shifting fortunes of war could change borders as events unfold. For the moment, Ukraine is as it was, cartographically, before Russia's brutal invasion. We are also announcing our first-ever maps of the East Coast of Africa from Somalia to South Africa, another for the Dutch islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao as well as our first map of Caribbean Cruising, a double-sided map of the Med, a map of Dublin, and another of Richmond (BC). Last, but not least, our first map of the two Dakota states of America, combined with a map of Nebraska expand our USA coverage. Details are provided in the New Releases section, below.

WORK IN PROGRESS - all sellers/librarians please note

ITMB, as of late April, 2022, has ample inventory of almost all of the titles traditionally carried as part of our publishing line. We ask for your understanding if a particular title happens to be unavailable in the short term.

Abu Dhabi – We are re-introducing our map of this popular country due to an easing of restrictions on travel. The map is already at press, but I have no ETA at the moment.

Antigua & Barbuda – This title is now sold out, thanks to an unexpectedly large order. A fresh edition is in preparation, but at this stage, I have no ETA.

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China – This title is now out of print. The updating of a fresh edition has been completed and the map is at press; expected in mid-Aug. Please continue to order, using the 'old' ISBN.

Cook Islands/ Eastern Pacific Cruising – This is yet another brand new title for ITMB, being released as cruising the Pacific returns to popularity. The map is at press; no ETA.

Costa Rica – Our popular Costa Rica map is now out of print. Not to worry, an updated edition has been printed and should be available in mid-Aug. Please continue to order, but also please note that the new edition will have a different ISBN and a price of \$13.95. Please order for now using the old ISBN.

Florence and Northeastern Italy – One of the most-visited cities in Europe is Florence. This second edition map is being developed as a double-sided city and regional map covering all of Tuscany and surrounding provinces. The city itself needs no introduction to map sellers, so all I'll say is that it covers the urban area in excellent detail at an incredible 1:5,000 scale, showing all attractions. This map was ground-truthed during December and dozens of improvements noted. The artwork is being modified as a result. The regional side is completed, covering from Venice to Milan to below Sienna. No ETA

France Riviera/Mediterranean Coast – The south of France is very popular touristically, but it is traditionally divided into two parts – western Languedoc and eastern Provence (or Riviera). The distances involved are not great, so we are developing a double-sided map to show the entire coastal area. The line work has been completed, but the final touches will probably take another few months. No ETA.

Galapagos Islands – This title is now out of print. A fresh edition is already at press and expected in Jul.

Honolulu/Oahu – Most visitors to Hawaii stay in Honolulu, usually in close proximity to Waikiki Beach, so a detailed map of the area seems called for. The map is at press and expected in July.

Indian Ocean – There has never been a travel map of the Indian Ocean. Ian thinks that the world needs such a map; therefore, ITMB is generating yet another first-of-its-kind maps, focusing on the touristic islands of this part of the great Pacific. It will be a double-sided map, with the Seychelles on the other side. Line work is advancing quickly, but it will take a few more months of effort to complete the artwork; no ETA.

Mexico – This title is now out of print. A fresh edition is already at press and expected in July. Please continue to order using the previous ISBN for now.

Nepal – This title is now at zero inventory. A fresh edition has been completed and is at press. Due to continuing pressure on supply chains, at the moment we cannot predict when this title will arrive. We hope for July.

New Caledonia – This exotic South Pacific island is about to be added to our range of Pacific island maps. The artwork is at press and expected this summer.

Qatar – We are almost out of copies of this Gulf country. We have re-worked the artwork to create a double-sided map. Due this summer.

Russia's Heritage Cities – Due to the war in the Ukraine, this title is suspended indefinitely.

San Diego – We are soon to run out of copies of this popular title. A fresh edition is being prepared; no ETA.

Seychelles Islands – This will be another brand new title for ITMB. The artwork is progressing well, but there is still a lot to do before this map can go to press. No ETA. (See Indian Ocean, above).

Strathcona Park is now out of print and discontinued.

Uganda – Someone knows something that I don't! Suddenly, demand for Uganda has surged dramatically, and we have run out of inventory much sooner than expected. This forces us to adjust priorities and prepare a new edition, which is underway; no ETA at the moment.

NEW RELEASES, MAY, 2022

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Africa East Coast Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:3,400,000 ISBN 9781771299234 UPC 817712902344 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – As far as I know, there has never been a map covering the entire coastline of the Indian Ocean portion of Africa, from Djibouti all the way south to Port Elizabeth, in South Africa – until now! This double-sided map encompasses a vast region, including all of Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, and Swaziland (which now prefers to be called Eswatini), as well as an inset map of Madagascar. Large portions of several other countries are included, such as South Africa and southern Ethiopia. This would be an excellent map for anyone travelling overland from Nairobi to the Cape. All road and rail routes are shown, as well as major touristic attractions, national parks and game preserves. A Top Attractions list is included, noting Ngorogoro, Kruger, Victoria Falls, and lesser-known attractions such as the Tuli Block and Sibebe Rock. **AVAILABLE**

Aruba, Curacao, & Bonaire/Caribbean Cruising Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:80,000/1:3,200,000 on waterproof stone paper ISBN 9781771290258 UPC 817712902580 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – This is a brand new, double-sided map title for ITMB, printed on waterproof stone paper. The Dutch Antilles islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao are popular Caribbean resort destinations, with pristine beaches, interesting colonial architecture, and even a desert. Settlements like Rincon, on Bonaire, were founded eighty years before Jamestown, in Virginia, and the islands first welcomed Europeans in 1499. As a result, the islands are steeped in a rich history. This map expands our Caribbean series. Each island is shown in detail, filling one side of the sheet. The other side is filled by our first-ever map of the Caribbean from the Florida Keys and the Bahamas south to the coastline of Venezuela and from Central America east to Barbados. Every cruise ship destination is shown on this map, including one that no cruises will visit. Tiny Navassa Island is a speck of land disputed as to who owns it – Haiti or the USA! Naturally, all of the island nations well-known to visitors are included, but also lesser-known paradises of the beaten track – for example, Margarita (Venezuela), Cayo Mayor (Honduras), or San Andres (Nicaragua). This map also expands ITMB's growing range of popular cruising maps. This title has two covers, so can be marketed as a Caribbean Cruising map or as a map of three interesting islands. **AVAILABLE**

Caribbean Cruising Travel Reference Map, see Aruba for details

Dublin & Ireland Travel Reference Map 3rd Ed. 2022 1:10,000/:500,000 ISBN 9781771292344 UPC 817712923448 \$13.95cdn/us E9.59 8.95GBP – We are pleased to present our most recent edition of Dublin, combined with a map of the Republic of Ireland (Eire) on the reverse side. The cover notes the Republic of Ireland, which is the focus of attention, but most of Northern Ireland (Belfast area excluded) shows as well. Regardless, one side of the sheet is a detailed map of Dublin, the capital of the Republic and a very popular travel destination. The coverage goes far beyond the norm, extending from the River Tolka in the north to south of the Grand Canal, and from Phoenix Park in the west as far east as Dublin Bay. The River Liffey, of course, flows across the centre of the page. Dublin has two rapid-transit tram lines, both of which are prominently shown, as is the city centre, all parks, as many hotels as we could find reliably (a lot closed as casualties of Covid), shopping areas and restaurants, theatres and educational institutions, embassies, the ferry terminal, and much more. The Top Attractions are also noted. The other side of the sheet presents a very detailed travel map of the Republic, showing all motorways, highways, and secondary routes, as well as rail lines. Touristic attractions, such as Blarney Castle and the Rock of Cashel are highlighted. This would be an excellent map for those touring the Republic by road.

Ireland/Northern Ireland Travel Reference Map, see Dublin, above AVAILABLE

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Mediterranean Cruising Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:2,200,000 ISBN 978177129 4782 UPC 817712947826 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – We are very pleased to present our very first cruising map covering the Mediterranean Sea. This is a double-sided map covering the eastern portion on side A and the western part on side B. We were presented with a dilemma in designing this map, in that the shape of the sea is such that to include the straits of Gibraltar and the Dardanelles on the same map, a compromise would be necessary. As few cruise ships now go to the North African coast, we concentrated on showing only the portion from Morocco to Tunisia so we could show Spain, France, Italy, Greece, the Balkans, and the Eastern Mediterranean, including the Black Sea. Little did we know that war in Europe would impact so intensely on what should be a pleasurable touristic map. Regardless, almost all of the ports of call for cruise ships in 2022 are shown on this map, including those favoured by smaller liners in the Adriatic Sea. We have also included common ferry routes between Italy and Greece and Marseille to Algiers. This map now joins our growing list of maps focused on cruising – the Caribbean, the South Pacific, Alaska, and the Indian Ocean. **AVAILABLE**

Nebraska Travel Reference Map, see North/South Dakota, below

North/South Dakota & Nebraska Road and Rail Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:900,000 ISBN 9781771298513 UPC 817712985132 \$11.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – ITMB is gradually extending its range of detailed travel maps of the fifty American states. This map covers all of North Dakota, South Dakota, and, on the reverse side, Nebraska. A portion of neighbouring Minnesota is included. Although the focus of the map is on its road network, we have emphasized the Amtrak rail network that passes through Bismarck, ND and Omaha, further south. This is prairie country at its best, stretching from the border with Canada's Manitoba south all the way to Kansas City, and from Montana east to well into Minnesota. This portion of the USA is legendary for its role in settling the west, with evocative names such as Topeka, Rapid City, Fargo, and historic Pierre. All motorways and highways are shown, as well as hundreds of secondary roads that connect all the smaller towns within the region. Of particular interest to visitors, Badlands National Park, with its herd of bison, and the Enchanted Highway are favourites, but nothing beats South Dakota's Mount Rushmore as an attraction! **AVAILABLE**

Richmond & Vancouver Bike and Hike Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:20,000 ISBN 9781771296694 UPC 817712966940 \$10.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP - Vancouver consists of 23 municipalities loosely linked together. There is no such thing as Metropolitan Vancouver, but there is a regional council of mayors that coordinates water supply and similar features necessary to an overall urban area that stretched for a hundred kilometers and houses two and a half million people. Richmond is an island in the middle of the Fraser River housing the city's international airport, most of its restaurants, most of Canada's blueberry crop, and housing for over 200,000 people – and growing. The city has not had a travel map until now, and while the international market potential may seem low, Richmond is more important than one might think. Its YVR international airport is the gateway to Asia, with more flights than any other North American airport. It is the largest Asian city outside of Asia, hosting over 800 restaurants. The Reifel Island Bird Sanctuary is the winter home of 30,000,000 Siberian Snow Geese. Steveston is the west coast's fishing port and the site of the world's largest cannery (now a national museum). It is also the home of ITMB, the little company that could. This map is double-sided, with Richmond gracing side A and Vancouver City side B. The map focuses on air, rapid transit, road, bicycle, and pedestrian travel. Naturally, the Vancouver side is more intensely developed, having the university, Pacific Spirit Regional Park, the famous Stanley Park, and the downtown area. The Richmond side focuses on the airport, the protected agricultural lands, and its many hiking & biking trails. We are mapping the Vancouver area one portion at a time, because the urban area is far too spread out to fit on one map. We have had a map of the City of Vancouver for some years, and recently added a title covering the Northshore communities of North and West Vancouver, Mapping Richmond proved to be difficult, because no data base existed, but now it has been done. Lan is now working on the municipalities immediately east of the City. **AVAILABLE**

NEW RELEASES: APRIL, 2022

Arizona – See Grand Canyon, below

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Austria Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 on waterproof stone paper 1:380,000 ISBN 9781771290210 UPC 817712902108 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – At long last, our map of Austria has arrived! The map was originally printed and sent to us last November, when we discovered that one side was badly out of register. We tried negotiating with the printer, but finally had to send the artwork to a different printer, so now the artwork is properly printed. Austria is both an ancient country and a modern country. It was a powerful empire prior to the French Revolution (Marie Antoinette was an Austrian princess prior to her marriage to the king of France), and WW1 was strongly influenced by the Austro-Hungarian empire. The aftermath of that war resulted in Austria becoming much diminished in power, but despite WW2, its borders remain much as they were in 1918. That said, today's Austria is a lovely and safe place to visit. 75 years of peaceful neutrality has restored the country to prosperity and the country is loaded with picturesque villages, lovely mountain scenes, historic castles and palaces, wonderful churches, and museums galore. This map emphasizes the rail network that is the best way to travel around the country, but also shows motorways and ordinary highways, parks, scenic attractions, and connections to surrounding countries. **AVAILABLE**

British Columbia, North Half – see Yukon, below

Grand Canyon & Arizona Travel Reference Map 2nd Ed. 2022 on waterproof stone paper 1:90,000/1:1,000,000 ISBN 9781771293211 no UPC code \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Arizona is an amazingly attractive State to visit, with Route 66 attractions in the north, bustling Phoenix in the centre, and a strongly-influenced Mexican influence in the south. Thus, a travel map for the state makes sense, and this one shows camping sites, local attractions (including Tombstone) and includes inset maps for Flagstaff and Grand Canyon Village. Its main attraction, however, is Grand Canyon, a deep defile carved out over millennia by the Colorado River, on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. This is one of nature's wonders, and a 'must see' for everyone. This results in a very interesting and useful map, covering both one of the most interesting States in America AND one of the great natural phenomena of the world. The map is printed on waterproof and biodegradable stone paper, which is a technological marvel in its own right, in this case for durability rather than to protect against moisture. **AVAILABLE**

Ukraine Travel Reference Map 3rd Ed. 2022 on waterproof stone paper 1:1,000,000 ISBN 9781771298537 UPC 817712985378 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Within days of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we ran out of copies of the then-current edition of our map of the country. We have rushed the 3rd Ed. To press, and it has just arrived in our warehouse. Ukraine is the largest country in Europe (Russia doesn't count, as it is mostly an Asian country). It has been independent since the collapse of the USSR in 1990, but had a pro-Moscow government and orientation until 2011, when it opted to focus on aligning itself towards the rest of Europe and disengaging its close relationship with Russia. This enraged Russia's leader, who invaded Ukraine in 2014 and has made life miserable for Ukrainians ever since. In 2022, as we all know, Russia invaded in force, attempting to take over all of the Ukraine. To date, Ukrainians have strongly resisted massive bombardments and tens of thousands of troops, forcing Russia to concentrate its efforts in only part of the country. As I write, the outcome of the war is still uncertain, but the world needs a good map of Ukraine, and here it is! Double-sided, on waterproof paper, our map shows the entire country in detail. We show portions currently under Russian control, but not battle lines, because this information is changing each day. We also cannot emphasize damaged areas, as these changes by the minute. Many roads, rail lines, and airports are out of commission due to the war. For now, this is a reference map, not a travel map, but the fighting will stop eventually, and the world will need a re-building map. The map is at press and expected in July.

USA Pacific Coast Travel Reference Map 4th Ed. 2022 ISBN 9781771298506 UPC 817712985064 \$11.95 cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Our west coast map, covering from Vancouver down to Tijuana has proven to be one of the most popular maps published by ITMB. This edition closely resembles previous ones, in that it focuses on the road network from north to south, covering all of Washington State, Oregon, and California on one double-sided sheet, showing all passenger-service railway lines as well. By the shape of the area covered, the western portion of Nevada is also shown as well. Space limitations did not enable us to include insets, so travellers should be advised to obtain ITMB city maps of Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego to supplement this map with more detailed coverage. This map also includes Yosemite National Park, for which ITMB also provides a separate detailed map. Hundreds of wilderness campgrounds are also included. **AVAILABLE**

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Yukon & British Columbia North Travel Reference Map 9th Ed. 2022 1:1,400,000/1:1,000,000 ISBN 9781771291033 UPC 817712910332 \$13.95 cdn/us E9.50 8.95 GBP – Yukon is one of our most popular titles, but we have re-formatted it in this edition to match it up with the northern half of BC. The Yukon itself doesn't change much, so why combine it with BC North? There are two reasons; first, all the roads to the Yukon pass through BC, except two from Alaska, so it makes sense to show the complete road network for the northern portion of BC. Second, we wanted a better-scale map of the northern half of BC anyway, and this enables us to publish the first-ever map of the northern half of the province. There is a third aspect, and that is that the Dempster Highway starts in the Yukon and moves into the Northwest Territory close to the Arctic Circle, and continues to the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyaktuk. This is one of the great adventure highways of the world, so it is included on this map, as is the entire Alaska Highway as far as the border with the USA, the Chilcoot Highway from Skagway, and most of the Liard Highway towards Yellowknife. All of this combines to produce an excellent map for enjoying the northland. The map is at press and expected in July.

NEW RELEASES: MARCH, 2022

Africa Travel Reference Map 3rd Ed. 2020 1:4,800,000 on waterproof paper ISBN 9781771290173 UPC 817712901736 \$15.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Africa has been a severe Covid casualty area for the past two years. So has travel to Africa and sales of maps related to Africa. ITMB ran out of copies of the previous edition in the fall of 2021. We then began providing copies of this updated version to distributors and retailers, intending to provide a press release and write-up in the New Releases section of the newsletter. We forgot to do so until now. Mea culpa. Africa is a huge continent. No one apart from us has successfully prepared a digital data base for the entire continent and this edition includes numerous updates to road information and shifting political realities. As a continental map, this title is a bit different than most that we do. It needs to be printed on a larger press, for example, than is available in Canada. Fortunately, we were able to get it printed in the USA and shipped to us despite lockdowns and border restrictions at the height of Covid. Interest in, and travel to, Africa is now resuming. This map has actually been in circulation for the past six months, so this is not so much a press release of a newly-arrived title so much as it is an accounting of a very important title in the ITMB repertoire that we wished to bring to the attention of all of our contacts. When considering a continent as diverse as Africa is, the normal comments about updates doesn't apply. Yes, we have updated roads whenever reliable data indicates improvements, such as connections between the southern tip of Morocco and the road leading to Nouakchott, in Mauritania. Politically, we all know of things that do not affect maps – the closed border between Algeria and Morocco, the coup in Guinea, the continued instability of Libya, the generally better degree of stability in Somalia, the on-going troubles in South Sudan – but generally, the continent of 54 nation states and a few colonial enclaves has survived two years of destabilizing Covid ravages rather well. Tourism is gradually recovering, and map sales improving. This is a very important map in that it brings all of the countries and islands relative to the African continent into perspective. We are pleased to bring to your attention an updated version of a part of the world that is crucially important.

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Guam & West Pacific Cruising Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:55,000/1:12,000,000 ISBN 9781771293198 UPC 817712931086 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – For years now, I've been trying to persuade Lan to prepare a map of the US Pacific Territory of Guam. At first, she refused, because she mistook the name of the territory for the USS Guam, whose fighter planes had bombed Hanoi incessantly during the American/Vietnam War when she was growing up. Once she realized the difference, it took a few years for technology to catch up with reality and provide a good base map for us to use (thank you, American government!). We are very pleased to be (finally) able to publish the first travel map of the island of Guam. Certainly, this is the only map of Guam by any major cartographic publishing house. Here are some details: Guam is a north-south island considerably north of New Guinea, and forms part of the American-held group of islands known as the Northern Marianas. Its capital is Hagatna, and the main town is called Tamuning. The island has a well-developed international airport in the middle portion of the island, with a large US military airbase in the northeast corner. The vast majority of the island is touristic, and well worth a visit. The island was 'discovered' by Ferdinand Magellan in 1521, and Hagatna is the oldest 'European' city in the Pacific, dating from 1686. The town of Inarajan retains a decidedly Spanish appearance to this day. Other attractions include Tumon Beach and its many resorts, the Piti Underwater Observatory, and the famous Cocos Island dive wall. This is a double-sided map, with the Western Pacific Cruising map gracing the second side of the page. This side covers several island entities, and stretches from Australia in the south to Japan in the north and as far to the east as Hawaii and the Cook Islands, so includes such popular cruise destinations as Fiji, Tonga, New Caledonia, the Solomons, Papua, Samoa, Kiribati, and the Marshall Islands. It makes a lovely wall map! **AVAILABLE**

Mexico: Chihuahua & Coahuila States Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:750,000 9781771294768 UPC 817712947680 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Northern Mexico is a vast desert-like plateau deeply steeped in Spanish colonial heritage. The very first settlement inside what is now the USA was the town of Presidio (long before the English thought of settling Jamestown) and is still one of the few crossings of the Rio Grande into Texas (itself a former Mexican province). There are two major cities in the region, Chihuahua, 300 kms south of El Paso, and Monterrey, the largest city in northern Mexico. There are major touristic attractions at Monclova, Saltillo, Parras, Torreon, and Cuauhtemoc, the end of the famous Copper Canyon rail line. The map extends a bit into Sinaloa, to include Los Mochis on the Pacific coastline. The entire rail line is also shown. This is an important part of North American history. It may not be as well-known to Europeans who favour the beaches of the Yucatan, but it is a fascinating part of Mexico on the American border. Ciudad Juarez, for example, is larger than its partner on the Rio Grande, El Paso. An inset map of the old colonial city of Saltillo is included, as well as our Top Attractions list. **AVAILABLE**

Mississippi River Basin Nap, see New Orleans, below

New Orleans & Mississippi River Basin Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2022 1:15,000/1:1,800,000 ISBN 9781771295758 UPC 817712957580 \$11.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – ITMB is pleased to continue its detailed coverage of the USA with its first-ever map of the historic City of New Orleans. The urban area was settled by the French, and was the capital of the vast Louisiana Territory for many years. Napoleon, needing money to fight his many wars, sold the colony to the USA, in 1803, doubling the size of the new American nation overnight. The French Quarter, with buildings dating back 300 years, is the heart of the city and home to dozens of jazz emporiums. The British expulsion of the Acadians from what is now the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, added a vibrant component to the city, creating the concept of the Cajuns. The oldest cathedral in the USA, St Louis, has dominated the city's skyline since 1794, opened just as the French Revolution was at its height. The city offers much more than just music, however. The Louisiana State Museum is where the agreement to Purchase the colony was made. The National WW2 Museum is a great repository of artifacts from the war. The residential Garden District is loaded with historic mansions – but face it, we all go to Big Ol to enjoy jazz and eat seafood, don't we? The reverse side of the sheet is one of those unique maps ITMB enjoys preparing. The Louisiana Territory was essentially the river basin of the Mississippi River. On this side, we have portrayed the heartland of America. It has many names: The Mid-West, the Great Plains, the vast interior of America. Our map goes as far north as Milwaukee, Minnesota and as far west as Omaha, Nebraska, but is essentially a map of the great Mississippi River as it moves south through Dubuque to St. Louis, to Memphis, Vicksburg, and Natchez, to flow into the Gulf of Mexico; truly a magnificent map! **AVAILABLE**

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