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INTRODUCTION

Covid grinds on and lockdowns are reappearing as the dreaded virus moves into its second wave. Canadians can no longer enter the EU, due to contagion in Europe, and vice-versa, thanks to an upsurge in cases in Canada. New infections in the USA are at 200,000+ per day and tens of thousands of Americans are hospitalized. Easing of travel restrictions on cross-border travel to the USA are on hold indefinitely, as are trips to Europe and Asia. There is no good travel-related news anywhere in the world today, and nothing happening regarding mapping except lockdowns. As a result, this edition of the newsletter will focus on what I hope everyone can agree is positive news.

GETTYSBURG AND ITS RELEVANCE TO TODAY

America has just survived its most contentious election in a century. I won't say in its history, because elections in the decade prior to the Civil War were extremely contentious, but this one mesmerized not only America but the entire world. This particular election campaign, a nail-biter to the very end, saw the largest voter turnout in American history, and resulted in a decisive repudiation of Trumpist demagoguery. That said, rabid anti-democracy Trumpites have done their best to obfuscate what should be a 'normal' transition, which will make this particular shift to a new body of administrators somewhat unseemly, but this is merely churlish anti-American wanna-be dictators having their last pulling of the nation's tail. Traditional Republicans actually did very well electorally, but must now wrest power back from the Trumpites or risk decimation in 2022. The Democrats also did very well, if not as well as some hoped for, and are well-positioned to return America to normalcy, which is more important than being super-progressive. The past four years are already receding like a nightmare lived through, but the challenges of undoing all the harm to institutions done by Trump and his cronies will take years to overcome. This relatively brief era will be studied for many years to come. If nothing else, Trump has shown that the institutions of democracy all peoples hold dear are fragile indeed and norms need to be legislated more tightly to prevent future abuses.

Abraham Lincoln hastily wrote 'talking points' on the back of an envelope while waiting to address assembled dignitaries at the dedication of the battlefield of Gettysburg as a national memorial on November 19th, 1863, some 157 years ago. His words, as spoken, have moved into that rarified immortality that define a nation, and a world, ending with "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth". Amen to that. Thank you, America.

TRAVEL TRIVIA

This is a mapping/travel newsletter, not a political blog, and I do try to keep non-map-related comments to a minimum. Sometimes, momentous events need comment but we all could use some light-hearted anecdotes to relieve tension and get through the Era of Covid. Here are a few pieces of travel trivia:

1. Cyprus is the only country in the world to have a map of the country on its flag. Of course, that isn't technically correct, as the northern third of the country is occupied by Turkey, but the island of Cyprus is on the flag.
2. There are no national holidays in the USA. Does that surprise you? Holidays are determined by the States. Congress determines holidays for the District of Columbia, and for federal employees. New Year's Day, 4th of July, and Christmas are all determined by State enactments, not Federal. Amazing!
3. In New Zealand, the Maori words for tourist are te hunga topoi, which translates as "people who go around being amazed by what they see"!
4. Rome's famous Spanish Steps were actually a gift from France. Why aren't they called the French Steps? It turns out that the steps were built close to the Spanish embassy and the association stuck.
5. The Ponte Vecchio, in Florence, Italy, was first built in 50BC, but the current version was opened in 1345. It is the oldest bridge in the city, and was the only one in the city not bombed during WW2.
6. Budapest has nearly 100 hot springs. These feed 12 thermal baths (I have fond memories of having enjoyed an out-of-doors soak during a snowstorm). The city also has several renowned spa hotels.

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7. The largest building housing a parliament is in Bucharest, Romania. The palatial building, started under the Communist megalomaniac Ceausescu (executed 1989), has 4,500 chandeliers, two bunkers, eight escape routes, seven underground levels, and caused 40,000 houses to be demolished to make room for it.
8. The first sunglasses were smoke-darkened glasses worn by judges in ancient China (circa 1430), worn so their eyes couldn't be seen by anyone. The first modern sunglasses were created for the US military for aviators. They were issued for general use in 1937, as Ray-Bans.
9. The oldest continuing-operating inn in North America is the Olde Angel Inn, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, operating since 1789. At that time, the capital of British North America was Fort Niagara and the western portion of New York State was still controlled by Britain. By Jay's Treaty, 1796, the border was moved to the Niagara River and the British decamped to Niagara-on-the-Lake, making it their capital briefly, building Fort George, which still exists. The capital soon moved to the north shore of Lake Ontario, to Fort York, which has become Toronto and is now the capital of the Canadian province of Ontario, as well as the most populous city in Canada (4.5 million).
10. Club Med, founded in 1950 by a Belgian former Olympic champion, was the first to offer the all-included resort concept that we take for granted today. The company still exists and has numerous vacation resorts.
11. **BONUS:** The Holiday Inn hotel chain was founded in 1952 as a safe and moderately-priced family accommodation chain by a man with three children who became annoyed by the then-common practice of charging extra for bringing children into hotels. The owner named the chain after the popular movie with that name, which starred Bing Crosby, whose rendition of I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas is arguably the best known song of all time. I guarantee that the movie will be shown on TV this Christmas season!

DODGED YET ANOTHER BULLET

In the Era of Covid, there is precious little map-related news to report. Covid, however, affects all of us. How many readers of Axis have been tested for the virus? How many people that you know have become infected, have been forced into quarantine, or have been hospitalized? How many businesses locked down? It isn't pleasant. Recently, I developed what might be Covid symptoms – fever, chest congestion, difficulty breathing, and dry cough. Lan and I drove to downtown Vancouver to a clinic that was open for testing until 10:00pm. Arriving around 8:30, we waited in line as others were processed before we were processed ourselves. They wouldn't test Lan, as she was showing no symptoms, but I was escorted to an examination room within minutes. The nurse stuck a swab up my nostril, creating the most violent sneezing fit I've ever experienced, which went on for several minutes and exhausted me. However, I felt immediately better than I had for the previous couple of days. I guess that whatever was on the swab cleared out my sinuses completely!

Twenty-four hours later, the test came back negative, fortunately, but in the meantime I had been self-isolating from all family members at home. When the results arrived on Lan's cell phone, she ran into the bedroom, ecstatic. Grandson Johnny was right behind her. The expression on his face told me all I need to know about how important it is that I remain healthy until he is old enough to fend for himself. As he later expressed, "I had no one to talk with for two whole days! Now I can't remember all the things I had to tell you." Don't worry, Johnny; we still have lots more good times to share, and with Kenzie. My cold, by the way, went away in a week, as would normally happen, or seven days if taking medicine.

WILLIAM CONGREVE AND HIS AFFECT ON AMERICAN HISTORY

In this era of Covid, little is happening in the world of mapping, so I'm catching up on some reading. A historical novel by Bernard Cornwall, about the Peninsular War that pitted Napoleon's massive army against Wellington's much smaller British forces in the Iberian Peninsula (perhaps better known as Spain and Portugal), was interesting and historically correct in one important aspect. The British introduced rockets to the world of warfare during the fighting in Spain, in 1810. Wellington was not impressed, but the Rocket Corps proved to be effective; for example, dropping parachute flares, enabling night attacks. Needless to say, no one really knew how to make these self-propelled weapons work to advantage, but they proved incredibly effective in terrifying anyone being aimed at! The Chinese had used gunpowder-filled rockets for centuries, but the Napoleonic wars to 1815 were still being fought under obsolete medieval rules of chivalry that should have been discarded centuries earlier. Also, as is common in warfare, most generals are reluctant to try out experimental and off-beat weaponry, and the British army of that era was no exception. Keep in mind that tents were just being introduced for ordinary soldiers,

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and that all armies were accompanied by wives and children, merchants, and thousands of oxen.

Wellington was a great general. He was not a great innovator, although the Peninsular War saw several innovations, such as Skirmishers (riflemen snipers who largely acted independently of military command). He was forced to accept a new weapon, the rocket, because the Prince of Wales, known for some reason as the Prince Regent, was a patron of William (later Sir William) Congreve, an engineer who developed the concept of a new kind of artillery called a rocket. We take such technology for granted today, but in 1810 it was so innovative that most soldiers (who had never seen a steam engine let alone some explosive device that could kill from a distance) could not imagine how such a device could work. They soon learned, however, to be terrified of what it could do.

Rockets did work, and here is the point of my story. The British also used rockets during the siege of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, absolutely terrifying the defending troops. (The war should more properly be called the War of 1812-1815, and was a side show to the fighting between Britain and France). A participant at the British assault on Washington wrote a song about the bombardment of the fort, and 'borrowed' the music from a famous drinking song used by his club in London (the Anacreon Club). Those words, and that song, are now known as 'The Star Spangled Banner', the American national anthem, and if you don't believe me, recall Sir William's invention in the anthem's line "and the rockets' red glare". The world of today is the culmination of events great and small that happened in the past. This is yet another example of how today is based on history.

VIRTUAL TRAVEL TO AFRICA IN THE ERA OF COVID

Let us think positively and plan for the future and virtually travel to a fascinating part of the world – Africa. As contemplating the entire continent in a couple of paragraphs is unrealistic, allow me to focus on one of the most significant Europeans to have blessed that wonderful continent in a meaningful way. David Livingstone, a Scot, qualified as a doctor and sailed for Africa as a medical missionary after meeting with Dr. Moffat, a renowned missionary leader, in 1840. He settled in what is now Botswana, then Bechuanaland, at the Kuruman Mission and determined to travel to meet patients rather than limit himself to those able to come to his clinic.

Between 1852/56, he walked across Africa from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, discovering the source of the Zambezi River and the enormous waterfall that he named after Queen Victoria. A statue of Livingstone still graces the Zimbabwean side of the Mosi-a-Tunya (the Smoke That Thunders). He then travelled down the Zambezi to Tete, and finally Quelimane, in Mozambique, becoming the first European to cross the continent. He wrote a book about his experiences and became rather famous. This attracted the attention of the British government, who commissioned him to undertake further explorations in East and Central Africa. For this big undertaking, he based himself in Nyasaland, now Malawi, in a mission station built from stone to resemble a Scottish town – now called Livingstonia. The mission he founded still exists and can be visited.

During his East African travels, he encountered the scourge of the slave trade and became a lifetime advocate of eliminating that activity from Africa. His letters often took months to be carried to a port for onward transmission to England, and most were published, increasing his fame. He led several expeditions of exploration up the Zambezi and Shire rivers, then started an expedition in 1866 towards Lake Tanganyika from Zanzibar, where he fell ill and was nursed to health, ironically, by Arab slavers. By 1869, he had explored much of the interior of East Africa and settled at Ujiji, in modern-day Tanzania. Finding the source of the Nile was a European obsession and he made

one more trip to the Congo, where he mistook the Lululaba River as the source of the Nile. What he really discovered was a well-established Arab trading post. He returned to Ujiji, sick and disheartened, and there met Henry Stanley in 1871. They spent five months together as Livingstone regained his strength.

Stanley eventually left for Zanzibar and Livingstone attempted one more expedition, dying at the village of Chetumbu (specifically, in Chitambo's village) in modern-day Zambia, April 30, 1873. His faithful attendants buried his heart under a tree, which site can still be visited, then carried his roughly-embalmed body all the way across Africa to Zanzibar – a stupendous accomplishment taking months, carried out in a continent which was at that time very lightly explored and full of tribes hostile to each other. It took a year for the body to reach England and be interred in Westminster Abbey, where, of course, his monument can be visited to this day.

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His effect on modern Africa is still so profound that even the most rabidly perverse governments revere him. Kuruman Mission still exists, as does Livingstone Mission. Lake Nyasa, which he named, is now called Lake Malawi, but Lake Tanganyika retains the name he gave it, as does Victoria Falls. Livingstone, in Zambia, was officially renamed Maramba, but is still commonly called Livingstone. The phrase "Dr. Livingstone, I presume", by Stanley, upon meeting the famous explorer, has become one of the best-known phrases in the English language. By all means, when the time is right, stand beside the statue of Livingstone in Victoria Falls and gaze in wonder over the Smoke That Thunders, and pay tribute to one of the greatest explorers Africa has ever known.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020

Normally, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of November is a day we honour those who died not only in the First World War, but in all wars. This year, there were no parades, no memorial services, and no attempts to gather together. We still remembered. In an effort to pass on the meaning of what is, for me, an important occasion, I took my two grandsons to the cenotaph in central Richmond to lay down the poppies they had been given at school and hopefully teach them a small lesson. Johnny is wearing his great-grandfather's North Vietnam Army helmet, which almost fits him now, and Kenzie is wearing my BSA Police bush hat from my time in Rhodesia. The lesson attempted is that brave men, and women, fought in wars. Many survived, but many didn't. Treasure those who did and honour those who didn't. Lest we forget.



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WORK IN PROGRESS - all sellers/librarians please note

During the current public health crisis, travel is limited. Internal travel from one country of Europe to another appears to be closing down as the virus resurges. Generally speaking, international travel is still extremely limited, and this state will probably continue for the rest of 2020 and much of 2021. The following titles are under development, with our best guess as to the future:

Amsterdam and Central Holland – The city of Amsterdam is one of the most touristic cities in Europe. It is also special to me, as I lived on Singel canal for a summer as a young man and had the opportunity to explore the city in depth. Like many cities, Amsterdam is evolving into a more pedestrian-friendly city, with an increasing number of streets in the city centre closed off to vehicular traffic. As part of our long-term plan to gradually expand ITMB's coverage of Europe, a new edition of Amsterdam is long overdue. The other side of the sheet is still evolving, and might either be a detailed regional map of the hinterland of the city, or complete coverage of the country.

Balkans – ITMB has mapped many of the Balkan countries as individual maps that would constitute the region known as the Balkans, but never the region itself. This is in the process of rectification. Lan is in the early stages of preparing a double-sided map showing the entire Balkans region, plus Greece, on one side, and a detailed map of the mountainous interior of the region on the other side. This should be ready for release sometime in 2021.

Burkina Faso and Niger – This title is out of print and in the process of being updated and changed into Burkina Faso and West Africa, a double-sided map that should prove to be more useful for travelers visiting this part of Africa. Niger has already been updated and released as Niger and Nigeria, a more logical combination. Due in 2021.

Cape Town and the Garden Route – This is a title we have wanted to do for years. South Africa, as a country, has stumbled badly since ZANU took over the reins of power. However, things seem to be getting better touristically, so we have started developing a new double-sided map of one of the most touristic parts of all of Africa. The city side artwork is almost completed, and we are working on the southern coastline of South Africa at the moment.

Cyprus – This is a popular European travel destination. We spent two weeks here a couple of years ago and felt that ITMB could produce a better map than any we could find. The country has a troubled modern history, and finds itself divided into two semi-hostile portions. The southern two-thirds are what used to be 'British' Cyprus and is now the remaining portion of the EU country called Cyprus. It is prosperous, part of the EU, and very touristically attractive, basically Greek as a population. The northern third is known as Turkish-controlled Cyprus and results from a Turkish invasion over 30 years ago and is predominately Turkish populated. It is an interesting, if somewhat less prosperous, part of the island of Cyprus. One can travel between the two portions. Left to themselves, the two portions dividing the island would probably have reached an accommodation years ago, but the island has become one of those enigmas wrapped in a puzzle that defies solution. Regardless, we were fascinated by our time spent there and are gradually creating a map that we hope will portray both sides of a lovely island positively. Due sometime in 2021.

Dubrovnik and the Croatian Coast - We were privileged to participate in a ten-day cruise from Porec to Dubrovnik and found it to be such a wonderful learning experience that we wanted to create the perfect map of this wonderful area. Covid has enabled us time to concentrate on developing new titles, and mapping Dubrovnik has been a real treat. As with all brand new titles, this one will be ready when it is ready, and not a day sooner. Due in 2021.

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, showing all attractions. The regional side is still a work in progress, but by its name, should cover from Venice to Milan to below Sienna. As with other Covid-era mapping projects, this one will await a safe travel advisory for release.

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Georgia and Tbilisi – The Caucasus region has been volatile ever since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1989. ITMB first published a map of the Caucasus region in the mid-1990s, noting various breakaway mini-states/autonomous regions and the fracturing of the region into mutually hostile nation states. As a result, it is very difficult to map a country like Georgia accurately. How does one portray the various autonomous regions? What is the correct border between Georgia and its neighbouring states? How can one prepare a map of Georgia without including parts of Russia, Turkey, and Azerbaijan? One might as well ask 'What is the sound of one hand clapping?' The time has come to prepare a detailed map of Georgia as it is today without unduly combining it with artwork covering neighbouring states as an integral part of the artwork. Thus, Lan is working on a detailed map of the country on one side, and a first-ever detailed map of Tbilisi on the second side. We had planned to visit Georgia in 2019, but delayed the trip due to difficult flight arrangements. Now, of course, we wish we hadn't as it is much more impossible to visit Georgia today than a year ago. ITMB publishes an excellent map of Georgia combined with Armenia, another country we would love to visit. We are not expecting Georgia to be completed before mid-2021.

Maui – I'm not yet sure exactly what Lan is preparing, but it has long been our goal to expand our coverage of the various islands of Hawaii and the Maui/Lanai portion of the state is the only part left unmapped. We already have a map of the State as an entity, with separate maps of Big Island, and Oahu/Honolulu, it is about time that we concentrated on the remaining islands. Details will follow.

Nevada and Northern California – This will be a double-sided map focused on the State of Nevada on one side, and somewhat more than the northern half of the adjacent State of California. I've proofed the artwork once, and the title should be released in the spring of 2021, yet another expansion in our range of American titles.

Russia's Heritage Cities – The current edition is out of inventory and consideration of a fresh edition suspended until travel to the central portion of Russia is more safely accomplished. The heartland of Russia is known as 'the Rus', covering a relatively compact geographic area centred on seven heritage cities – the Golden Ring. Russia has been particularly hard-hit by the virus, so at the moment, travel to that country is extremely risky. This may change if their newly-announced vaccine proves effective, but at the moment, we are pausing this title.

Slovakia and Hungary – Inventory of this title has sold out. We are re-working this title into a brand new double sided map called Slovakia and Bratislava, with the country filling one side and an excellent city map being on the opposite side of the sheet, for release sometime in 2021. Hungary and Budapest was released in 2019.

Solomon Islands – For some unknown reason, this particular map seems to be selling better at the moment than any of our Pacific Ocean island maps. We still have inventory in stock, but Lan is happily re-working this map into a double-sided one with some sort of Pacific Ocean map on the reverse. Like most such titles, this one is a work in progress and will be completed when it is finished, and not a day earlier! It will not, however, be sent to press until travel generally becomes safe again.

Sri Lanka and Southern India – We have run out of copies of the current edition. However, a new edition is ready for printing and should be available by the end of 2020. For now, please order using the old ISBN.

Surinam – This title is out of stock indefinitely. We hope to re-release it in 2021, depending on safe travel provisions.

NEW RELEASES FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

Atlantic Canada Travel Reference Map 2nd Ed 2021 scale varies ISBN 9781771291705 UPC 817712917058 on waterproof paper \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – It is necessary to point out an error in the edition number of this map. The artwork notes this as a first edition; it is actually a second edition of the title and area of coverage. The first edition was published in 2000 using artwork under licence. This edition uses original ITMB artwork. Side 1 covers Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island as well as Quebec's Magdalen Islands at a scale of 1:800,000. This side also includes the Top 10 Attractions of the three provinces. The second side is devoted to the Canadian Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, with the much smaller island portion being a half-page inset at 1:150,000 scale and the larger mainland portion being at 1:1,700,000. The northernmost tip of Quebec/Labrador belongs to Nunavut. St. Pierre et Miquelon, a French overseas possession just south of Newfoundland Island, is also included, as well as the map's only urban inset, historic St. John's, one of North America's oldest cities. The

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map also includes a listing of 9 Top Attractions. ITMB also publishes maps of the individual provinces, but the advantage of this regional map is that it combines together four interesting parts of Canada on to one sheet, ideal for someone making a grand circle trip. It is printed on durable, waterproof, decomposable stone paper.

AVAILABLE

France North Rail and Bike Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:700,000 ISBN 9781771292863 UPC 817712928634 on waterproof paper \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – The northern half of France is fairly flat, making it an ideal area for biking. However, it is also a rather large area, covering several provinces of France, so we have combined rail access with biking. All the motorways and main highways are also shown, so this map is ideal for someone wanting to drive to, say, Brittany, and bike during their stay in the Breton peninsula. Side 1 covers Normandy, Brittany, the Loire, and the Poitou region west of Paris. Side 2 covers all of northern France from Calais to Strasbourg and south to Lyon. Small adjacent portions of Switzerland and Italy are included. A Top 9 Attractions list is included. France South was published a little while ago, so the entire country is now available in detail. The map is printed on waterproof stone paper for durability. **AVAILABLE**

Yosemite National Park and Central California Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:90,000/1:800,000 ISBN 9781771299220 UPC 817712992208 on waterproof paper \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – The USA is blessed with many wonderful parks, forests, and natural monuments that have been preserved for all to enjoy. The second most-visited national park (after Yellowstone) is Yosemite (pronounced Yo-sem-i-tee), in the eastern portion of central California. Side 1 covers the central portion of California from a bit north of Sacramento to greater Los Angeles and focusses on major motorways and highways. A list of Top Attractions is included. Side 2 concentrates on Yosemite National Park, located east of the San Francisco region close to Nevada. There are several paved access roads into the park from the west and one from the east (none from the north or south). There are numerous camping/RV areas inside the park. As well as motels and resorts, mostly located in the vicinity of Yosemite Village The Top Attractions are all noted, including Glacier Point, the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoia trees, and Olmstead Point. Just outside the park boundary, visitors can ride the Sugar Pine Railroad, a restored historic line. The map is printed on waterproof stone paper for durability, and is decomposable. No plastic was used in its preparation, nor were any trees torn down. **AVAILABLE**

NEW RELEASES IN OCTOBER, 2020

Japan Central Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:600,000 ISBN 9781771293907 UPC 817712939074 \$13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – This is a brand new title for ITMB, a double-sided map covering the 'core' regions of Japan most visited by tourists exploring Japan. Side 1 covers from Tokyo north to Sendai/Nigata and west to Nagoya. Side two covers all of Japan as far as Hiroshima, with insets of the Osaka/Kobe and Kyoto/Nara regions. Naturally, all touristic attractions are noted. **AVAILABLE**

Mount Fuji/Kanto Region Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:65,000/1:600,000 13.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP - The volcanic cone of Mount Fuji is Japan's most popular touristic attraction. Located a short train ride west of Tokyo, Fuji attracts millions of visitors each year. Side 1 focuses on the mountain itself, showing rail connections, surrounding towns, roads on the lower slopes, hiking trails, and accommodations close to the summit. Side 2 shows the overall region from Tokyo to Nagoya and north to Nigata. This is a brand new ITMB title. **AVAILABLE**

Spain North Rail and Road Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:700,000 ISBN 9781771297226 UPC 817712972262 \$13,95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Spain is the most visited travel destination in Europe, but no one has published a rail map of the country – until now. This map covers the northern half of the country from Barcelona to Santiago de Compostela and as far south as Madrid/Toledo. Side 1 concentrates on the northeastern portion of Spain and Side 2 on the northwestern area and the far north of Portugal. The emphasis is on train travel, but all roads and physical features are included, as well as museums, camping spots, and major attractions. A separate map covering the southern half of Spain is in preparation. This is a brand new map for ITMB. **AVAILABLE**

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Tofino & Southern Vancouver Island Travel Reference Map 1st Ed. 2021 1:47,000/1:200,000 ISBN 9781771298001 UPC 81771298014 \$11.95cdn/us E9.50 8.95GBP – Vancouver Island is one of the marvels of tourism in Canada. It is, in fact, so big that it needs to be explored in sections to reach its full potential. Tofino is the westernmost town on the island and is home to the great Pacific fleet of fishing boats. It is also the westernmost leg of the ten thousand kilometer-long Trans-Canada Highway, and the beginning of the Trans-Canada National Hiking Trail. Side 1 concentrates on the immediate surrounds of Tofino, Seven-Mile Beach, and Kennedy Lake. Side 2 covers the southern half of the large island, from Victoria north to Courtenay, and includes the Broken Islands region off the west coast, the West Coast Hiking Trail, Cathedral Grove old growth forest, the Gulf Islands, and all the ferry connections with Vancouver and various islands, as well as all the Backroads logging roads that are the main way to explore the interior of wonderful Vancouver Island. **AVAILABLE**

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