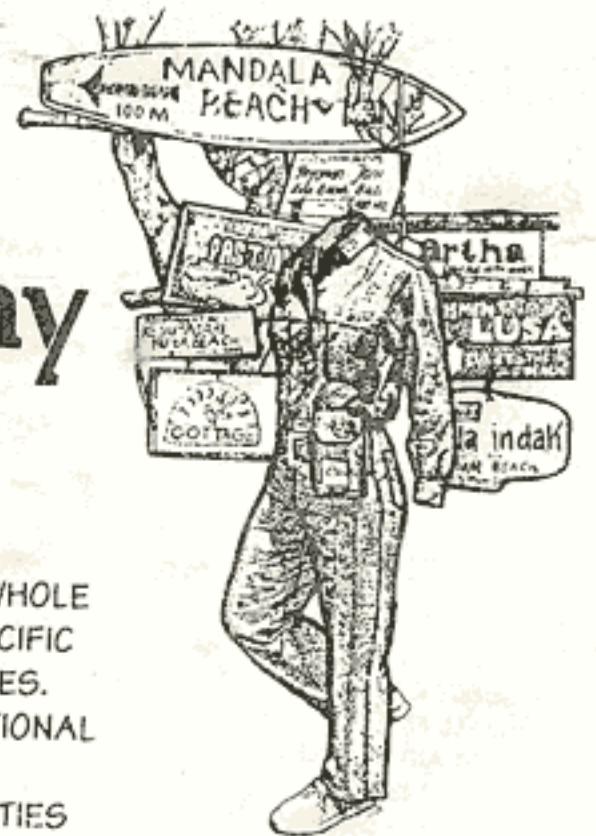




# Whole Earth Provision Company



BE SURE TO PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR VACATION. THE MORE YOU CAN PLAN AND ORGANIZE HERE THE MORE TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE TRIP. WHOLE EARTH PROVISION COMPANY HAS A GREAT SELECTION OF GUIDE BOOKS FOR SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND MOST FOREIGN COUNTRIES. WE ALSO HAVE NUMEROUS TOPOGRAPHICAL AND ROAD MAPS AND GUIDES TO NATIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD. MORE THOROUGH AND DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT TOURIST AND INFORMATION CENTERS IN MAJOR CITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS WISE HOWEVER, TO BE AWARE THAT LOCAL GUIDEBOOKS IN SOME COUNTRIES MAY BE USELESS - SO CHECK THEM CAREFULLY BEFORE BUYING.

SOME COUNTRIES HAVE AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF VERY FINE CAMPGROUNDS WITH BATHROOM AND SHOWER FACILITIES, STORES AND RESTAURANTS. THE FEE IS BASED ON HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE CAMPING, AND THE TYPE OF CAMP (CAR/CAMPER OR TENT) YOU INTEND TO SET UP. INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS IS MORE READILY AVAILABLE IN MORE DETAIL IN THE COUNTRY YOU ARE VISITING, AND MOST LIKELY TO BE CURRENT - BUT BE SURE TO CHECK.

MANY PERSONAL ITEMS, SUCH AS TOOTHPASTE, SOAP AND ASPIRIN MAY BE PURCHASED AS YOU NEED THEM IN ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY - A VITAL CONSIDERATION WHEN WEIGHT AND/OR SPACE IS A FACTOR. REMEMBER TOO, WHEN PACKING, HOW IMPORTANT AND BENEFICIAL LAYERING YOUR CLOTHING CAN BE. PROVIDING A MORE DIVERSE SELECTION OF CLOTHING FOR THE SAME WEIGHT. FOR INSTANCE, YOU COULD TRAVEL WITH ONE HEAVY COAT, OR FOR THE SAME WEIGHT AND SPACE YOU COULD TAKE INSULATED UNDERWEAR, A WOOL SHIRT, DOWN/PILE VEST AND 60/40 PARKA OR RAIN PARKA, PREPARING YOU FOR A VARIETY OF CLIMATES AND WEATHER CONDITIONS. THIS SYSTEM DEPENDS UPON SEVERAL LAYERS OF INSULATION AND THE DEAD AIR TRAPPED BETWEEN THEM, A MORE EFFICIENT AND VERSATILE APPROACH TO CLOTHING COMFORT AND STYLE THAN A SINGLE HEAVY LAYER.

SOME RESEARCH ON LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CULTURE BEFORE YOU LEAVE IS ALSO IN ORDER. YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE A DOWN VEST IF YOU PLAN TO HIKE IN THE ALPS EVEN IN SUMMER, BUT IF YOU ARE VISITING THE YUCATAN IN WINTER, YOU WILL WANT TO TAKE ALONG A SWIMSUIT. ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT MANY FINE RESTAURANTS AND MOST PLACES OF RELIGION DENY YOU ENTRY IF YOU ARE NOT DRESSED "PROPERLY". YOUR CLOTHING SHOULD ALSO BE DURABLE AND EASY TO CARE FOR, SINCE YOU MAY WANT TO WASH ITEMS FOR USE THE NEXT DAY. FOR THIS REASON SYNTHETICS, BLENDS AND PERMANENT PRESS ALL SEEM TO WORK BEST.

REMEMBER, PLAN AHEAD! A LITTLE PREPARATION WILL GIVE YOU MORE PRECIOUS TIME TO ENJOY YOUR VACATION.



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