

TRAVELLERS ON A LONELY PLANET

Read the text and choose the appropriate word for each gap..

Tony Wheeler and his wife Maureen started the (0) _____ known as *Lonely Planet* after a year-long journey across Asia in 1973. They were amazed to find that their friends were (1) _____ to read their accounts of the (2) _____, which had taken them well off the (3) _____ track.

It was not long before they formed a company and began publishing guides to independent travel. In their early books they (4) _____ to write about those destinations for which there were no existing guidebooks. Since then, they've (5) _____ the company and have published more than four hundred guides which cover everything from (6) _____ exploration to more luxurious adventures. Even today, the *Lonely Planet Guide to Mongolia* is the only one of its (7) _____. Tony says it was easier to write the first guide than later ones because they had actually done the trips they were writing about. Nevertheless, the guides remain very popular and include information on every (8) _____ of travelling, from what brand of insect repellent to use, to where to get a haircut or have your clothes washed.

Tony and Maureen are (9) _____ of all of their guides but say their favorite is the guide to India. The couple have not stopped travelling -. they still (10) _____ backpacking themselves, and usually (11) _____ for the Himalayas, which they love. (12) _____ enough, on these trips Tony and Maureen take the *Lonely Planet Guide to India* with them!.

