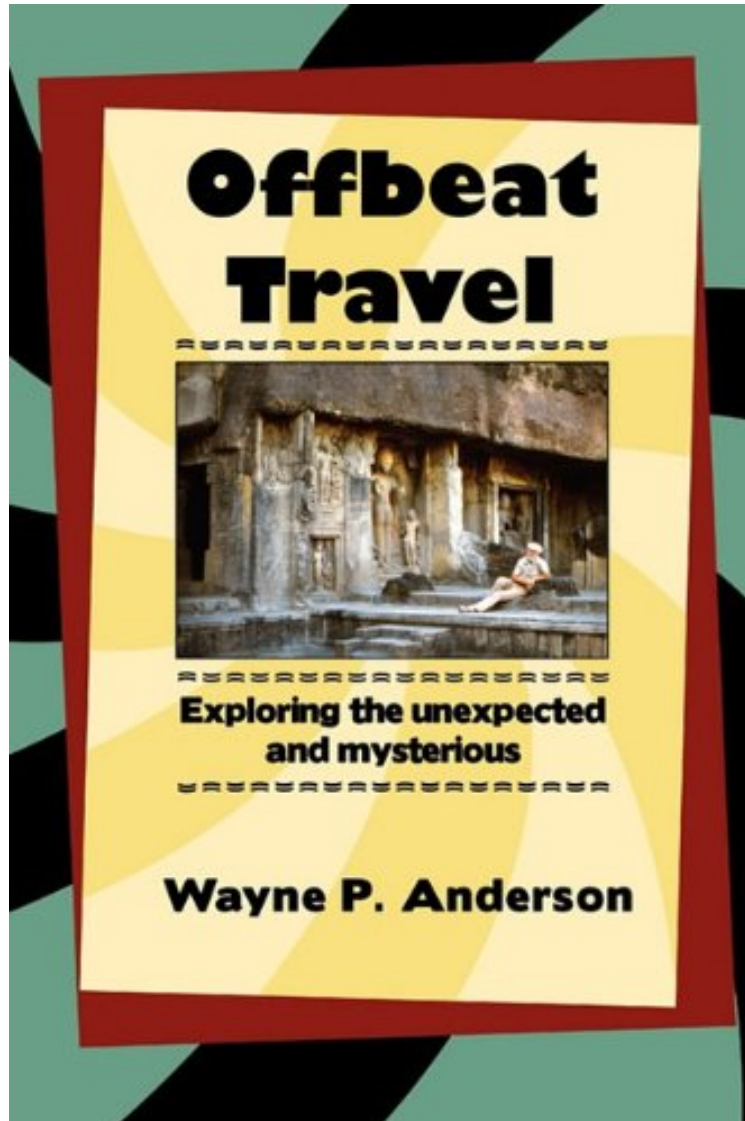


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Explore the offbeat and unusual places that Wayne Anderson describes in this different kind of travel book. From unexpected finds, to haunted houses around the globe, it's time to tour places off the beaten track. Wayne's bright wit and humor bring these lively "haunts" to life!

Where has Wayne Anderson been? By Aarik Danielsen Columbia Tribune Columbia Daily Tribune Sunday, March 13, 2011 Upon presenting his first-ever travel article to the Tribune, Wayne Anderson was met with a breathless question from an editor, duly impressed with his work: "Where have you been?" Anderson has, in a very real yet wholly other sense, been answering the same question for 13 years, writing a weekly travel column for the Tribune, telling local readers where he has been and taking them along on trips to locations exotic and enlightening, majestic and mysterious, 500 or 600 words at a time. Speaking to his whereabouts in a new medium, Anderson recently published his first anthology, "Offbeat Travel: Exploring the unexpected and mysterious" (AKA Publishing), a set of 54 columns that represent his most far-out, way-out journeys. The book is evocative and explanatory. As Anderson has exhaustively explored the United States and visited 64 countries, "Offbeat Travel" takes readers from the Capuchin Catacombs of Palermo, Italy, to Seattle's underground pathways, a confederate Georgia prison camp to the caves of India, even to the Twilight Zone and back. It features ghost tours, travel tips, dispatches from Civil War- and civil rights-related locales and moving anecdotes about how our journeys can intersect; for example, the tale of how Anderson and his wife learn the fate of historical characters they've assumed on a voyage to a Titanic exhibition is somber and suspenseful. Anderson's unique ability to capture emotional and historical detail is reflected here and is certainly a significant reason for his loyal following of local readers. Many of Anderson's faithful fans are older and have long since given up on cross-country or continental adventures, he said recently. Thus, he plays an important role in their illumination and exercise of imagination. "What they say to me, when they talk to me, is 'You do my traveling for me,'" he said. The natural effusive, educational tone to Anderson's work is a function of both his methodical note-taking and eye for interesting places to pause. No matter how fatigued he might be after a long day of sojourning and sightseeing, he, without fail, makes detailed entries each night on which he builds later, longer articles. Anderson gives readers an insight into that process in his new book with an entry titled "Keeping a Travel Journal." His wife -- and often his co-writer -- Carla, serves as a companion and editor, helping him further process the experiences they have shared. Another piece that really struck me was "Gumshoes and Trick Shoes: Spy Museum Amuses," an entry inspired by Washington, D.C.'s International Spy Museum, a location I desperately wanted to visit but failed to get to during a capital summer several years ago. As Anderson describes the space, the fascinating gadgets and interactive experiences within, he's essentially doing my traveling for me. As far as the reflexive journey between the book and other readers is concerned, Anderson already has done the going -- he now hopes readers come to the work with a subtle sense of awe, the same he experiences as he reads other travel writers, and a quiet hopefulness, musing on "what a wonderful world we have where there's all of these things to see and do," he said. "Offbeat Travel" is available via online booksellers like [Amazon.com](#) and can be found locally at Barnes and Noble. Want to know more about where Anderson has been? You can access his work on the Tribune's website, of course, at [columbiatribune.com](#) and his personal website, [venturebound.net](#). Reach Aarik Danielsen at 573-815-1731 or e-mail [ajdanielsen@columbiatribune.com](#). From the Author Introduction Come join me in exploring some offbeat places. Imagine descending into a catacomb in Palermo where eight thousand bodies, dressed in their finest, await to be the first to welcome Christ's return, or exploring Andersonville Prison where food was so scarce it took seven Yanks to make a shadow. These are only two of the stories in the first section, the Honored Dead. History from a Different Angle, section two, will introduce you to the ancient caves of Ajanta and Ellora in India and the underground city of Seattle that for years had been forgotten. Section three explores some novelty sites like the trials at Old Bailey in London and a store in Alabama where thousands of lost items from air travel are for sale at bargain prices. Adventures with relatives and children, including the story on living in a nine by nine tent with four little daughters, will regale you in section four, Family Matters. Section five, Getting Personal, describes my emotional reactions in trips such as a failed canoe trip with my brother in the water-starved river in North Dakota, overcoming the fear of flying, and crawling through a cave in Kentucky with fifteen Elderhostelers. Bribery, toilets, culture shock are all part of section six's Exploring the Foreign Scene. Finally in section seven ghosts around the world are discussed in Experiencing the Mysterious and Unexplainable. Included are the three outstanding ghost cities of the US: Savannah, St. Augustine and New Orleans. All of these stories were first published on the travel pages of the Columbia Daily Tribune. On most expeditions I have been accompanied by my

wife, Carla, who co-authored some of the stories and edited all of them with never losing her delight in also coping with the unexpected. From the Back Cover Wayne P. Anderson, PhD, is a Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Missouri-Columbia and is presently a travel writer for the Columbia Daily Tribune, an Adjunct professor, Columbia College Criminal Justice Program and for the past 15 years a member of the International Center for Psychosocial Trauma going into trauma zones to train teachers and mental health to work with traumatized children.