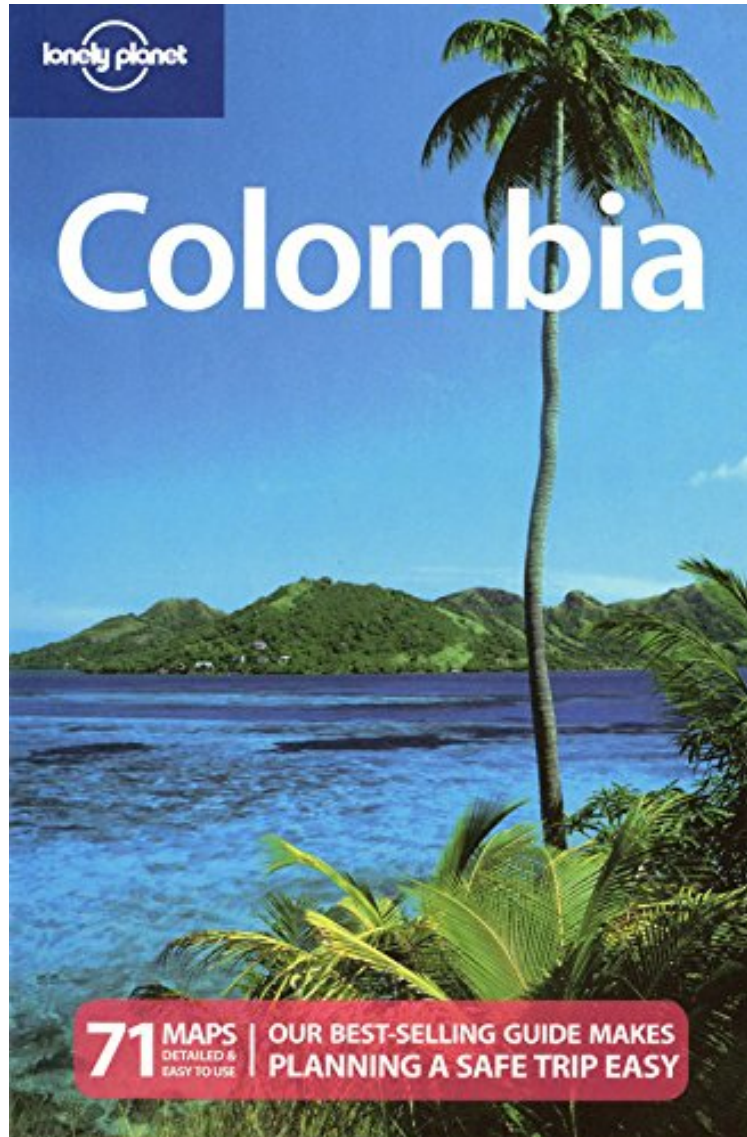


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Kevin Raub, Cesar G. Soriano, Robert Reid, Jens Porup : Colombia (Country Travel Guide) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Colombia (Country Travel Guide):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not especially useful
By tachi1
The guide is just adequate. It really does not give you a good feel for the area you are researching (Cartagena, in my case). While it gives you brief descriptions of sites and sights of interest, but does not provide any guidance as to the general location of the various options or how organize your day to visit nearby attractions in a logical way. There isn't a useful map (only a small 3/4

page map of the old town), no suggested walking tours, two paragraphs on "shopping", only one page on "eating" (which covers all price points), no color or black and white photographs of anything. Granted, it does give you some information as introduction and something is better than nothing. If you have never been there before, you at least get the names of places that sound interesting, and you can then research them on the web. There really aren't too many options available on Colombia travel guides (this one seemed the best of the bunch) and even the Cartagena Tourism Board website doesn't give a lot of detail (although it does at least have beautiful photography). I have read every page on Cartagena and my review is based exclusively on this portion of the book. The rest of the book, which I have only skimmed over, appears to be at the same level of superficial detail.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful.
Disgrace of a book!! By Yair I am a loyal reader and user of the Lonely Guides. I am an avid backpacker and I have traveled all over the world using your books. I bought this book prior to my trip in Colombia, and I am currently in my 4th week of my trip. This book is really bad! This is the first time I write you about any book, and I hope you get my feedback. Obviously, I am not writing about the inaccuracy of prices etc: It is more than 2 years old and understandably inaccurate. However, the book is really not meeting the standard of writing: it is extremely superficial. It fails to talk and mention important towns, cities and villages. For example, Doradal, a beautiful little town right outside of Rio Claro reserve, is not even mentioned! I met many travelers who cannot afford staying in Rio Claro, and end up in Doradal. This is just one example of many. Also, the explanations are poor: for example, the village of Guatapé has a wonderful artificial lake that was created by a large dam that wiped out a whole village. No where this is mentioned. Also, often there are mistakes (Cabo de la Vela is northwest of Riohacha!!??). Some of the most important places to tourists has no maps!! e.g. Salento, San Gil, Manizales! There are many other reasons that I think that this book is terrible. I hope the new edition will be much better than this disgrace of a guidebook.

Yair 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful.
Not the best Lonely Planet By Isabel I have used these guides on many trips, but I found the Colombia version to miss a lot of info. I have traveled with it twice now, two years ago with the hardback and this past winter with the Kindle version. I am only a fan of the Kindle version because it is less weight to carry, but harder to navigate. My boyfriend and I found ourselves in many cool places in Colombia that the book barely mentioned, or not at all. I know a guide cannot contain every little town there is, but it seemed quite lacking. Maybe similar to the chapter of Colombia in the Lonely Planet South America. When buying a guide for a specific country I would hope it has much more extensive info. and after two years the guide is already outdated with prices and hostels. Colombia is becoming more and more off tourist destination and changing quickly. I would have hoped the Kindle version could have more updates.

Lonely Planet knows Colombia. Whether you want to stroll the cobbled streets of colonial Cartagena, bask on a dazzling Caribbean beach, sample some of the world's finest java on a coffee plantation or show off your salsa moves at a packed Cali nightclub, our 5th edition takes you there. Lonely Planet guides are written by experts who get to the heart of every destination they visit. This fully updated edition is packed with accurate, practical and honest advice, designed to give you the information you need to make the most of your trip.

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