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Lynn A. Levine : Frommer's Turkey (Frommer's Complete Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frommer's Turkey (Frommer's Complete Guides):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Supplement to Coach Tours in Turkey By Michael Ballack I recently went to (mainly Western) Turkey on one of those 2 week coach tours in 2011. This book really helped me "connect" with the historical significance of the places I went to. The historical research contained within

the book is worth its weight in gold. This book is not meant to be read from cover to cover. By that comment, I mean that there is a particular way to fully utilise this nugget of gold. For my coach tours, this is the way I used the book. On my way to any of the historical "tourist" sites, I read the relevant portion during the journey itself. Being stuck on a bus for at least 2 hours gives one the motivation to do something like that. ;) My tour guide also dished out the usual information and facts during the journey. I found that I really enjoyed my Turkish vacation as the book and tour guide's historical tales gave me a better appreciation of the numerous Roman/Greek/Anatolian ruins which we visited in Turkey. Those piles of rubble really came alive with the historical facts and were not simply just a pile of rocks lying in the desert. The author also has a zany sense of humor which I liked. For example, we visited the house where the Holy Virgin Mother Mary lived after the death of Jesus. The author mentioned that in their religious fervour, Christians and Muslims have no qualms about "elbowing" you out of the way whilst they partake in their own religious prayers. This is just one of the many hilarious comments made by the author which really made my tour bus ride more entertaining than usual. It also has the concrete facts, local myths and stories about the place. For e.g., it has the story about how the German Nun was informed about this place from a dream which she had. The information is also very recent. I visited one of the museums in Turkey on my own with another fellow traveller who was armed with a Lonely Planet guide book. The entrance fee listed in the Frommer's guidebook turned out to be more accurate than the Lonely Planet one. The main drawback about this book is the lack of pictures and photos. For that, I recommend the DK Travel guides, which I also brought along for the trip. Another drawback (which this author also admits to) is the lack of information about Eastern Turkey. Most coach tours to Turkey usually only cover the Western portion. So this was not a major flaw in my book (pun intended). Final conclusion: This product is highly recommended as a supplement for coach tours to Turkey. It can also serve as a travel journal with the required details for the various usual tourist sites one is likely to see on a standard coach tour to Turkey. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Guide By Jane Blythe This really is the complete guide to Turkey with lots of valuable information. Frommer's you've done it again. This is a must for anyone going to Turkey if you want to find all the things and places that will make it a trip of a lifetime! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Ann Great just as described.

Frommer's Turkey, 6th Edition explores the highlights of a country that is an amazing and diverse treasure trove of architectural styles and ancient ruins. You'll learn how to navigate the chaotic bustle of Istanbul, buy a rug and get the best deal, find the best undiscovered ruins, and learn the ins and outs of getting a Turkish bath. Insider tips on bargaining at bazaars and seeking out hidden beaches. Readers also get language and etiquette tips, exact prices and directions, logistical advice, detailed two-color maps, and much more.

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