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Synopsis

With this all-you-need-to-know Galapagos guidebook you can choose the ideal cruise for your trip. You can plan every detail of your once in a lifetime Galapagos vacation with tips on transportation, packing, time in Quito and wildlife spotting. You can also discover alternative ways to explore the Galapagos like SCUBA diving, trekking, kayaking, volunteering or island-hopping. Headquartered in Quito, VIVA knows Galapagos like no other guidebook company can.

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Customer Reviews

Normally I'm a Lonely Planet or Rough Guide guy. I have used them all over the world. There were hardly any recent guide book out there for my trip in May and took a chance with this guy (also the LP reviews for the old Galapagos guide were awful). This guide did a really good job of highlighting what there was to see at each location - especially animals. If there were any hassles to beware of the author mentions them without seeming paranoid. The history sections and mini-Quito section were really useful. The lack of solid maps was the biggest negative, but I just paid \$5 for the Galapagos Lonely Planet chapter download and kept it on my iPhone. I didn't need it always but it was useful to have the maps when we got turned around in the cities.

WE ABSOLUTELY TREASURED THIS GUIDEBOOK. IT HAD MAPS OF EACH OF THE SIGNIFICANT HIKES, GREAT PROSE DESCRIPTIONS, COMPREHENSIVE LISTS OF WHAT WOULD BE SEEN, MIGHT BE SEEN, UNLIKELY TO BE SEEN AT EACH PLACE, AND GOOD HISTORICAL AND BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION. THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MATERIAL WAS

LOGICAL. IT WAS SUCH A GOOD RESOURCE THAT I GAVE IT TO A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WHO WAS ON THE TRIP TO HELP ORGANIZE WHAT HE HAD SEEN WHEN HE RETURNED HOME TO THE US AND WANTED TO BE ABLE TO RECALL EACH DAYS ACTIVITY OF OUR WEEK LONG TRIP.

Very helpful on our trip

good book

This is a great book for travellers going to the Galapagos and don't need to buy a whole book about Ecuador as a whole, though who will also have (by necessity of the travel legs involved) a few days or so on the mainland before flying over. I went to the Galapagos Islands a few months ago and it would have been great to have had this guide book with me back then. My time on the islands was very enjoyable - had a great tour and saw wonderful wildlife; stayed at good budget places (coincidentally many recommended by Viva, and I have to say I agree with their recommendations) and enjoyed the food. My enjoyment of the trip was undoubtably increased by the fact that I did a lot of research about the islands, going through lots of internet sources - had the book been published earlier, it would have saved me a lot of time as though I still wouldn't ignore other sources, the book contains a wealth of information about travelling to/from/through the islands that I think would be essential for anyone (budget travellers through to divers and luxury-class travellers) considering visiting the Galapagos. The guide provides good, comprehensive information about the different hotels, restaurants, islands and the wildlife inhabitants of the different islands (land- and marine-based), and about the background and types of wildlife you would be likely to see at each location. Had I had this book beforehand, it would have been extremely helpful in enabling me to find exactly the right tours for me. It also provides interesting stories about various aspects of the history of the islands and animals which help the visitor to appreciate the islands even more. During my trip to the Galapagos, I did not particularly think much of Quito - probably because I didn't do much research about what to see and do in the city. This book is also extremely helpful in this regard as it gives a good overview of what can be done in this and other cities, as well as other parts of the country for any traveller who might have a few extra days on their hands. I will go back to the Galapagos again one day because they are wonderful islands, and I will be taking a copy of this guide book with me.

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