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National Geographic Traveler: Costa Rica



Synopsis

All the travel experts agree—consumers want more and different experiences from travel than they did in the past. They want to deeply understand their destination before they go, feel a meaningful connection to the place while there, and return home feeling enriched and ready to share their experiences with others. With these trends in mind, and the results of extensive, proprietary market research, National Geographic Traveler has been enhanced with engaging new features and a contemporary redesign. Each guide begins with an introduction that enables the traveler to sample a bit of the culture, history, and attractions before they go and plan the trip based on their own interests and length of stay. Travelers can immerse themselves in active, in-country "Experiences" and "Off-the-Beaten-Path Excursions" they won't find anywhere else, like visiting a family in a South African township or learning to cook Maori cuisine with a renowned New Zealand chef. Other new features, such as "Insider Tips" from National Geographic photographers, writers, and experts, as well as "Not-To-Be-Missed" lists ensure that each person's visit will be one-of-a-kind and memorable. To make the most of these and all the other great new features, the guides' design has been simplified, opened up, and enhanced with easy-to-read tinted sections. Gorgeous color photographs, high-quality maps, and the popular walking and driving tours are still highlights of our crisp, new look. To complete the update, our new covers boast a striking, single image of the destination, along with the clear National Geographic branding that signifies quality, trust, and all the best in travel. With more than a century of travel expertise, new content, and a new look, National Geographic Traveler is the right guide at the right time—poised to meet the changing needs of today's traveler better than ever and better than anyone. Costa Rica is rich in flora, fauna, and adventure. Learn how to save macaws, speak Spanish, and immerse in the coffee culture.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book. My wife has been to Costa Rica many times, however, this is my first trip. So, I wanted to read something about the country before getting on the plane. After going through most of the book, my wife is saying that many of the helpful hints, suggestions for places to go and stories about the local life are right on the mark. The National Geographic Traveler: Costa Rica provides plenty of colorful pictures and helpful information to get you started on your first trip to Costa Rica. The author did a great job and provides plenty of helpful hints about the country, culture, wildlife and plants. The compact book will also fit in your hiking pack nicely. It's about half the thickness of the Frommer's and Froder's guides.

To get the most from our trip, I bought the Fodor's, Frommer's and National Geographic guides to Costa Rica. We got the most benefit from the Fodor's, in conjunction with TripAdvisor(dot)com. I gave the Frommer's to a less-well-prepared traveler on the trip, since it largely reproduced the Fodor's information. The National Geo guide contained few details about specific recommendations for hotels and restaurants, making it only moderately useful as a tour guide. However, it does offer far more about the parks, types of animals, and other interesting aspects of the country, such as scenic drives, scuba dives, and beaches than the other guides we tried. And as you'd expect, the photographs are terrific. As an additional reference, this is a valuable complement. Just don't rely on it to plan your complete itinerary.

This book did a great job summarizing Costa Rica for the traveler. It reviewed the historical, geographic, social, political and cultural significances of the country. This is a nice preparation for us as we hope to plan a trip sometime in the future to this visit this wonderful country. We do not have any comparisons available since this is the only book we have read on this country. It was, however, recommended by Collette Travel as a should read for travel to Costa Rica.

We traveled with two other guide books (a old Moon and the new Frommer's) and I have to say that we didn't really used the National Geo a lot except to learn more about the Costa Rica itself and the Parks we where visiting. Nonetheless it is a beautiful book (nice pictures and clear paragraph).

great map, made with heavy plastic, print is large, routs are defined, would be very useful for getting

around costa rica,

Recommended this guide book to honeymooners for their trip in late June. They knew they wanted to visit there, but didn't have any info about it.

We love these books as we have done a lot of traveling. They help you not to miss all the important fun things to do. Never travel out of the country without one.

There were maps in it but only the size of the book page. Would like to have a bigger map. The information within was good and there was a lot of history about Costa Rica.

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