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Frommer's Costa Rica 2016 (Color Complete Guide)



Synopsis

No one on earth matches the knowledge of what tourists seek and expect in Costa Rica than Frommer's author Eliot Greenspan. He not only has, over the years, written extensively about this popular Central American nation, but also operates a successful tour operation there, personally conducting many of the tours offered by his company. Costa Rica is the unchallenged star of Central American tourism, a nation that has respected and protected its environment and thus kept it inviting and memorable. The 500-some-odd pages of Frommer's Costa Rica 2016 are illustrated with colorful maps and photographs. In the back of the book is a valuable glossary of the top Spanish phrases tourists will need and use in Costa Rica.

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Customer Reviews

Eliot Greenspan is a poet, journalist, musician, and travel writer who took his backpack the length of Mesoamerica before settling in Costa Rica in 1992. Since then, he has worked steadily as a travel writer, food critic, freelance journalist, translator, and personal travel consultant, while continuing his travels in the region. He has authored Frommer's Cuba, Frommer's Ecuador, Frommer's Guatemala, Costa Rica for Dummies and Costa Rica Day by Day. He resides in Costa Rica.

This book was ok if you are into the regular touristy things. I really needed something that would give me helpful tips on how the culture works (transportation, food, money, addresses etc). We started going to some of the places recommended and were really disappointed - they weren't off

the beaten path or even all that neat to see. We ended up ditching the book and doing our own thing which was so much better. Between the internet, the hotel front desk employees, and locals we were able to get so much better information. We ended up seeing and doing things that were awesome and never mentioned in the book. This book would be great for people who love tourist areas; which we are not. Next time I'll just borrow some books from the public library before I decide which one to take (if any at all).

This book is great for anyone planning a trip to Costa Rica. My daughter (who lives in another city) and I are leaving September 1. We have used this book to plan our trip over the phone since we are not taking a tour. It is thorough, and it has wonderful suggestions about places to stay, places to go, and excursions to see the sights. I'm too old for zip lining so it's really great to find alternative side trips to make our vacation special..

Excellent guide. It is clear the author is intimately familiar with Costa Rica. I relied on the advice for San Jose and the Central Valley. Everything written was spot on. From what to see in downtown San Jose, surrounding areas, and hotel recommendations. I even walked through a few of the hotels described in the guide (that I did not stay in) just to see how they looked. For the sights I visited, I would not change a single word of the author's description. Also, I read the entire book cover to cover, even though I didn't leave the Central Valley, just because I enjoyed Mr. Greenspan's insider knowledge.

In 2008 this was our go-to guide with excellent info and equal attention to high-class and budget experiences. Unfortunately that is no longer the case. Low-cost resources, when mentioned, are down graded and little information is shared. Very disappointing.

Package/book arrived somewhat significantly dented but had to gift it anyways due to timing of the gift-giving and the recipient's trip so did not have time to deal with a return.

Wanted more information about hotels & beaches.

One of the best publications covering many aspects of travel to Costa Rica..

Good input for itineraries and Local transportation systems

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