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Peru Handbook (Footprint - Handbooks)



Synopsis

Peru is home to more archaeological sites than any other country in South America. However, with mangroves, cloud forest, oases in the desert and glacial lakes, it is also a country of incredible natural diversity. Footprint's 9th edition Peru Handbook will guide you from spectacular and spiritual fiestas to the awe-inspiring sights of the Sacred Valley. Great coverage of the top activities and sights in the region, including trekking, ancient ruins and surfing. Loaded with information and suggestions on how to get off the beaten track, from discovering the incredible wildlife to enigmatic Inca sites. Includes comprehensive information on everything from transport, practicalities to history, culture & landscape. Plus all the usual accommodation, eating and drinking listings for every budget. Full-color planning section to inspire and help you find the best experiences. From uncovering the best gourmet spots in Lima to the sapphire shores of Lake Titicaca, Footprint's fully updated 9th edition will help you navigate this incredible destination.

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"Expert authors Ben Box and Robert & Daisy Kunstaetter have travelled extensively throughout the country researching our new edition of Peru. Comprehensive coverage of all the region's attractions, from Inca trails to jungle lodges. Extensive, reliable listings and advice to help you choose the right hotel, restaurant or trekking guide. In-depth background section to help you understand the region's history, culture, people and politics"

Robert & Daisy Kunstaetter have been regular correspondents for Footprint, contributing to the

South American Handbook and other Latin American titles for many years. Based in Ecuador, they travel frequently to Peru & Bolivia. Ben Box has been working on the South American Handbook for over 30 years and is a Latin America expert.

Excellent tour guidebook overall. I would buy it for my friends and anyone else I knew who was going to be traveling widely throughout Peru. For my first two weeks I traveled with a guide who lives in Lima. While she knew about many of the locations listed, even she was impressed by some of the history detailed in this guide. Each segment/area of Peru is broken up into areas with suggested timeframes for seeing the sights whether it be outdoor hiking, supporting local art/crafts, or my favorite, food. Due to this detail, it would actually be most helpful to get this book in the planning stage prior to your trip as there is a lot of helpful insight. Used most: information on where to stay, what to see, when to get a guide/go with a group and local tips (which areas have ATMs, when to bring cash/how to prepared for power outages). Used least: Maps (they aren't detailed enough to use for navigation), restaurant tips (while some were right on, this section is likely to be outdated due to the fluid nature of restaurants in Peru). Bottom line: Buy this book if you want a comprehensive tour guide for Peru! Cheers and enjoy your travels.

I used this book for a 2 week trip to southern Peru. I primarily used it for museums/things of interest to do, as well as the historical or cultural info on specific areas. It did a very nice job of giving a good background on geographical areas. For some reason the layout was a little hard for me to follow, not many pics. I recommend this book. Nice maps.

This made my trip to Peru perfect. Footprints is the only company that updates their SA handbooks annually; the food recommendations were almost always spot on, and there were plenty of uncommon places recommended that was a huge surprise. After my experience, I will only be using Footprints for any future South American travel.

If you try to ship it to Peru you get in burocratic trouble. They have some kind of law that needs a review of items that contain maps of Peru from ministry of foreign affairs or so. (As if there would not be google maps accessible here) Many bring it with them and that's ok but if you want to send it- oh hell.

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