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Features comprehensive coverage of the island's attractions, from the nightclubs and bars of Rejkjavik to the rugged wilderness of the interior. Includes extensive information on the many activities on offer, from snowboarding across glaciers to whale watching in the Atlantic.

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Mo says

An excellent guide so far, we'll see how I feel about it after the trip to Iceland ;)

Alisha says

Generally, this was good. Lonely Planet is not my favorite travel guide, but it is always more than adequate. I wish it addressed winter travel more. I also felt like it could be a lot longer and explore some more things outside of Reykjavik. I felt like a lot of the sights were the same types of things over and over. Usually in a tour book I find a lot of things I am wild about doing and also a bunch of things that are somewhat less interesting to me, but most of this felt like it fell in the middle somewhere without a lot of variation. But maybe it just really is all hiking and is more fun in person than to read about. :) Either way, it was still very helpful and I am excited for my trip! (And I will be checking out more guides.)

Ashley says

woohoo! excited for my trip. thought this was a nice primer to Icelandic culture and history, and plan to check out the referenced books and films at some point in the next few months. left lots of bookmarks.

Christine says

An amazing guide to a spectacularly beautiful country!

Maria says

20150730 ♦ It's *Iceland*. READ THIS BOOK AND GO.

Anders Petersen says

If you are going to Iceland, I highly recommend this travel guide. Although people have complained, about it now having enough pictures, I don't think that matters to this book.

I am travelling to Iceland this Winter, and having read the chapter with Reykjavik, I feel like I am ready to take on Iceland.

It really have all the details, I find supply-able for a journey.

It has both restaurants, points of interest, places to see like museums and galleries etc.

It doesn't only contain details of Reykjavik, but also of other parts of Iceland.

I must admit, it really awoken my interest for travelling to Iceland in the summer time, to experience the West Fjords and attain the various festivals.

I'm glad I bought this book, I wouldn't be without it, when I am leaving. If you are going to Iceland, or have an interest in seeing it, buy this book.

9/10

Caitlin says

I thought I would never finish this book! I am off to Iceland next week and I read this entire book. Unfortunately the time of year we are going a lot of areas are off limits due to icy conditions. So I paid particular attention to the places I think we can go. Anyway, this is an incredibly detailed book about all aspects of Iceland. Despite its small size and sparse population, this island has so much to offer culturally and scenically. It is gorgeous with staggering waterfalls, calderas, boiling mud hot spots, geothermal pools, active and inactive volcanoes and so much more. The writers insisted that at parts of the Westfjords and the Northeast coast makes it feel like you are at the edge of the earth.

Iceland is not technically part of the arctic, it is just South of the arctic circle. The islet of Grimsley is the only part that is in the arctic. The writers of this guide split Iceland into sections. This way you can plan your trip by going to whatever area you want, or you can read straight through like I did. Just make sure you have highlighters and book marks.

I wish there were more pictures, but I guess with Iceland you just have to be there. I think the book did a really good job discussing basic cultural things with advice how to not be insensitive. Apparently a lot of Icelanders believe in trolls and hidden people but they don't like to be asked about it because they don't like to be made fun of. I am a person who loves folklore and I could see myself asking someone about it with genuine interest. Now I know not to. Iceland is a weird place that builds weird stories and festivals and music and this book gave a great introduction.

The only complaint I had was it seemed like place names would show up but then not be repeated or there wouldn't be enough details. I got a little lost sometimes. But it is a reference book so I can always go back. Unfortunately for me the new version of this guide comes out in June, and I am going at the end of April. Oh well. I hope the information is still accurate.

Paula Bear says

My husband and I, along with two friends just returned from a 13 day ring road trip around the country of Iceland. **Iceland is Stunning.** I read this book front to back over the summer and then we brought it with us on our trip. It was a huge help, we basically planned our entire trip off this book and then used it while in Iceland to help narrow down where to eat and shop. It is well organized and easy to use. The maps in each section also were a great highlight and reference for quick checks while we were driving. We used lots of sticky notes to help map out our trip.

No travel book can be perfect, however, as a lot of the important sights can be opinion based. These were the few things I felt the book missed.

-Gjain: This place was barely mentioned in the book, it was a small paragraph noting it as a small oasis and

Game of Thrones filming location. The only reason we stopped here was because it was within walking distance of Stöng (viking ruins). Gjain was gorgeous, it was unlike any of the other waterfall places we had been (and there are A LOT in Iceland) you can do a full 360 and have waterfalls in every view. It was also one of the most plant and tree heavy places we went (and we drove around the entire country).

-Driving: This was probably this biggest frustration I had with this book. I felt like I couldn't get clear answers on where I could and couldn't drive with a 4x4. Sometimes the book said it was required, other times the book said even a 4x4 couldn't get you there and you need to hire a guide (for the same location). I ended up having to read a couple blogs and travel question sites to get a clear answer on this. It also did not prepare us for the nasty roads into the West Fjords: Hair pin turns on gravel roads, steep grades, at one point it was a 16% incline & 15% decline, the roads are narrow and you may have to pull over for the local truck drivers, and it's all on cliffs with no guard rails. Not a fun surprise.

-Weather: There is very little information about the weather in Iceland. Part of this I am sure is because of how unpredictable and quick it is to change, but this book offers barely anything.

-Shops: Some of the places that are rated highly to visit, just ended up being a disappointment for us. My best example was in Akureyri. The book lists the Geysir souvenir shop as a highly rated spot to stop. We stopped in the city specifically for this, and were extremely disappointed. It was mostly a clothing store with an emphasis on leather and wool goods that were extremely expensive. There is also a larger store in Reykjavik, which should have been a comment. This also happened in Borgarnes with another shop for us as well. Expectation is the root of all disappointment I guess.

I will note that this book was written in 2014, and advertised for 2015, and we went in 2016. For most places this probably isn't that big of a deal, but Iceland's tourism is rapidly increasing and there for so are the accommodations for tourists. Some of the information was a little outdated.

What I did really like about the book is the historical or relevant information that was included with most sights, as well as resources and links to find more information.

The book did not lead us astray on the food places it recommended. It also listed some sights that were not really advertised that ended up being some of our favorite spots, Landmannalaugar being one of our treasures, the arctic fox center, and several of the geothermal pools.

Overall this book was worth every penny and I would highly recommend to anyone travelling to Iceland, with the disclaimer of doing some extra research on the side. Reading blogs of other travels was very helpful.

Kirsty says

We took this on our trip to Iceland last year, and found it a fantastic resource. Not only does it extensively cover Reykjavik; there are sections on every Icelandic district, as well as ideas for planning your trip.

Liz Anjos says

This was good for getting a jump start on planning my trip to Iceland. It would be nice if they came out with a newer edition, because nearly all of the prices listed were inaccurate. Some museums that were once free now have an admission fee. The hotels listed as moderately priced are now insanely expensive. Great guide overall, though.

Judith says

So excited for my trip!!!

Cristina says

5/5 sin acabar la guía, sin abarcar la isla.

Islandia es blanca, negra y verde.

Glaciares gigantes que lamen el mar. Espuma salada que besa la arena volcánica. Tierras calientes y campos de lava. Rocas basálticas, refugio de aves infinitas. Manto de hierba de terciopelo salpicado de granjas, ovejas y cascadas enfurecidas.

Noches blancas
en verano.

En invierno
isla blanca de cielo oscuro iluminado de madrugada por la verde aurora.

Miranda says

Useful and exhaustive guide to visiting Iceland for a wide range of budgets (SPOILER: Iceland is expensive no matter what). Great suggestions, useful maps, phrases, etc. etc. If you are planning a trip this is indispensable.

The ending will surprise you!

Ashley says

I got this book to be my companion on an Iceland trip in late March. It was useful for finding beautiful sites

to visit and yummy food to eat. I would recommend it to others, and I will use it again when I get back here some summer!

Abby says

Candid and helpful resource for us while planning our first trip to Iceland. I haven't read another Iceland guidebook yet, so I have nothing to compare it with, but I liked its easy reference format and its tongue-in-cheek perspective. It impresses me that a guidebook like this is so much more valuable and helpful than Google when planning a trip to an unfamiliar country.
