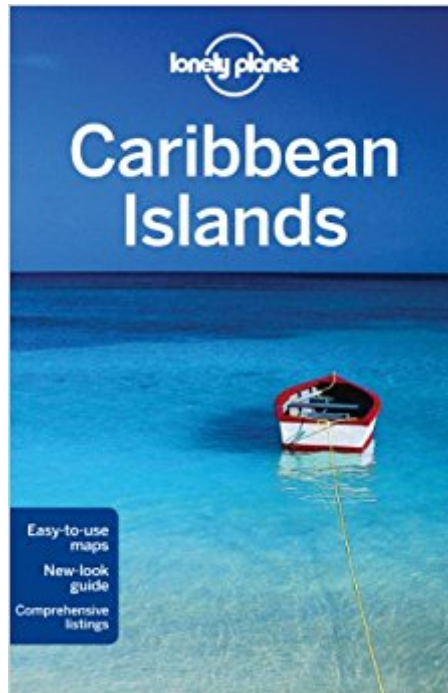




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Inside Lonely Planet Caribbean Islands Travel Guide: Color maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries show you the simplest way to tailor your trip to your own personal needs and interests Insider tips save you time and money and help you get around like a local, avoiding crowds and trouble spots Essential info at your fingertips - including hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, and prices Honest reviews for all budgets - including eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, going out, shopping, and hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Cultural insights give you a richer and more rewarding travel experience - including customs, history, art, literature, cinema, music, politics, landscapes, wildlife, and cuisine Over 85 local maps Useful features - including Month-by-Month (annual festival calendar), Budget Caribbean, and Travel with Children Coverage of Aruba, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Barbados, the Bahamas, Cuba, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Turks & Caicos, Martinique, the Dominican Republic, St. Martin, Dominica, and more

The Perfect Choice: Lonely Planet Caribbean Islands, our most comprehensive guide to the Caribbean Islands, is perfect for those planning to both explore the top sights and take the road less traveled. Looking for just a few of the destinations included in this guide? Check out Lonely Planet's Travel Guides to those particular destinations.

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Customer Reviews

Ryan Ver Berkmoes grew up in a beach town and always feels at home with a little sand lodged between his toes. He's written about beaches worldwide but still can never get over the stunningly turquoise Caribbean and its often blindingly white beaches. Yes it's a cliché, but it can also be breathtaking. As a journalist who has covered a lot of stories worldwide and seen a lot of cultures, Ryan is still surprised at the diversity of people and places within the Caribbean.

I downloaded the kindle version. It is difficult to use and find what you are looking for by location. I wish I had the paperback version.

The best travel guide for the Caribbean, hands down! First, it includes the Bahamas, Cuba, and Hispaniola, which other guides do not. Second, everything is organized very well, and there are lots of useful maps. Each island has an overview, and is then divided into regions, so you get more detail. It has a comprehensive list of restaurants, hotels, and attractions, as well as very good travel advice and information on each island. If you are travelling to the Caribbean, be sure to buy this book, and bring it with you. Some people say it's too heavy to bring, but it's really not that heavy. I think it's amazingly compact for all the information it has. It's also good for discovering islands that aren't in the mainstream travel packages. Oh, it also includes information on transportation to, from and on each island. I could ramble on for an hour about how great this guide is, but I think you get

the point now. If you're visiting multiple islands, this is especially good since 65 islands are covered. It's worth every penny I paid for it.

I purchased this book in prevision of my wife and I trip to St-Martin for our honeymoon. I couldn't find "Lonely Planet" specifically for the island, so I got this one hoping that I'd have enough information to help us enjoy our time in St-Martin at the maximum. I must say that I was a bit disappointed when I found out there wasn't much said about St-Martin. Information is provided, but not as much as I hoped, so I barely used it! As a matter fact, I left it behind when we went to island, I didn't need it! Information collected on the Internet was more useful.

With so much useful information about the Caribbean islands (including Bahamas which is not formally a Caribbean one), this guide is a must for anyone planning a trip or wondering where to travel in the Caribbeans. It helped me a lot before and during my family vacations in St Maarten and St Barth.

Here are the reasons why this is the best guidebook for the Caribbean: 1. Includes Cuba, Haiti, and The Bahamas, all very much part of the region culturally, and friendly to tourists 2. Frames each country (or commonwealth) with an appropriate amount of historical and cultural context, to satisfy your interest but not to bore you 3. Includes special recommendations for outstanding listings (i.e. "Top choice") presented with an insider's perspective 4. Includes a very useful, "If you like..." section that directs your attention to places most likely to interest you (beaches, food, diving, colonial charm...), and includes historical and cultural attractions 5. The entire book is introduced with 25 top attractions which are honest and thought through The only negative I can think of is the relative age of the guide. This one is based on data gathered in 2010 and 2011. Other guides are right up to the last few months. You'll have to decide which is best for you, but this book is, without question, the most comprehensive guide to the region. Don't be fooled by numbers of pages. There's more here in 950 pages than in other guides' 1,200.

I read through it and sent it to my "bestie" so we could start to dream and plan. I think it helped us narrow down some locations based on our travel preferences. I think with these I would also like a little more included about specific places to see, or top rated attractions by visitors. All in all, it's fun to look through. (Oh...very few pictures).

Great book

Good maps, basic information, and a lot of it. After planning a trip in the Caribbean for three weeks, some to islands we know very well and some not at all, I looked at this travel book. I tend toward the Lonely Planet guides and Rough Guides, and this did not fail me.

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