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Lonely Planet Philippines (Travel Guide)



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Kindle edition is difficult to navigate. The maps are pretty much useless. Lonely Planet isn't what it used to be. They are more focused on upmarket travellers than they used to be, and their preachy political correctness causes them to leave out a lot of information. The printed Jens Petersen book is a little older but far more useful.

This guidebook is the product of deeply uncurious minds. It goes on and on and on about beaches, diving, snorkling, with virtually no discussion or detail about architecture, tribal cultures or any of the things many folks travel to see. Sure, it will say there is a tribal market - but provide no information about tribal villages in the region, whether they exist, are worth visiting, etc. This is true even in an island as rich in tribal culture as Mindanao. In the chapters at the end of the book, there are about 2 pages whichever list, and very briefly describe, the tribes. The same is true where architecture is concerned. Spanish Colonial? Art Deco? Why bother? Also, information on museums is minimal. Yes, it tells you what they have, hours, etc. - but surely there are large museums in Manila that deserve more. I am about to read the Rough Guide, a series I dislike, to see if they are better. Otherwise, I'll use LP for transportation and general information and rely on Google, and books, for real information.

I just came back from my four-week long vacation in the Philippines. God, it's such a beautiful country and I'm glad I was able to enjoy my stay thanks to this travel guide. It was very helpful during my trip and I highly recommend it.

Great quick resource for finding key activities. Maps of key spots. Not too many pictures, but many top 10 type lists and phone numbers, web sites, cost range, narrative on description of event or hotel or eating or other activities or geographical area. Great organization with good index and

legend.

I use the Lonely Planet series to prepare for trips. I study the travel guide and take notes. But, the books are too thick and heavy to take on the trip. Use them to prepare and leave them at home. Photographing the most important pages with your smart phone is a good way to take the information with you.

Best PI guide out there. I've been to the PI at least 10 times, and this book always reveals surprises and thoughtful insight. Lonely Planet delivers again.

LP never lets me down! It has the best suggestions ranging from dirt cheap hole-in-the-wall finds, but classy 5 star recommendations. It is curtailed to all travelers with all tastes. I'll never use another travel guide again!

Great resource for traveling to the Philippines. Very detailed information - many maps and information about many, many areas besides the usual tourist spots.

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