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Synopsis

This newly revised and updated guidebook introduces you to the wonders of Peru, from the high Andes peaks to the slow-moving waters. Be it learning about the four breeds of camels native to Peru or exploring the markets of Cuzco, you'll pick up the best suggestions for getting the most out of your trip. The guide begins with a detailed account of the country--what not to be missed, Peru today, food and drink, land and environment, history, and the arts--followed by nine regional chapters, including Lima, the Southern Lowlands and Southern Highlands, Cuzco and Machu Picchu, the North Coast via the Central Highlands, Huaraz & the High Andes, and ending with the Northern Highlands and the . A detailed Travelwise section tells you how to get there and how to get around, with author-picked hotels and restaurants. Special features include walking tours along the famous Inca trail to Machu Picchu and the Cordillera Huayhuash Circuit, as well as city strolls through Cuzco and Colonial Lima; experiencial sidebars that detail how to learn Quechua, volunteer in the highlands, visit native artisans, and stay with local families; and Insider Tips from National Geographic and local experts that point you to where the locals go. Aimed at active travelers who want authentic, enriching, cultural experiences and expert advice from a trustworthy source, National Geographic Travelers provide ways for people to experience a place rather than just visit, and give the true feel of each destination not easily found online.

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2015 Lowell Thomas Gold Award for Best Guidebook of the Year

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Gave me a background on the places we were going to be on our trip to Peru (amazing country, BTW). It was so well organized, only had to read up on the areas we were going to. Had some history of the area for a background. We didn't need too much info about places to stay, eat, etc as we were with a guide and the trip was set up entirely customized to us but it was good to know some about where we were going and what to expect.

This seemed the best of the other books of the choices that I saw, but still had some challenges. I went to only two regions- Cusco/Machu Picchu and the Northern Coastal area. For Machu Picchu I needed to supplement with a book just for it and for the Northern Coast it had very little. I think that for someone planning a trip as a broad overview it would help with that, but as a book to get you around it wasn't as good (put perhaps still the best option). The photographs as is true of most of the NG series were great, which is why I gave it an additional star.

This is a well written book, easy to read and concise. The only problem I had was that there were a limited number of recommendations for hotels and restaurants. It was also missing some other travel details, like how to get there as well as details on entrance fees and what you get for the price. Some of the distances were not precise enough as well as bus/train stations numbers and addresses, museum's hours of operation and fees. So I had to spend a significant time of my vacation to do additional research, and whenever I trusted this book I ended up being somewhat misled. I think the problem with this travel guide as it is with most of them is that the information is not first hand (there is not an actual person who stayed in the hotel writing the review) and even though this is a recent publication some of the info is outdated. One thing I like about the book is that it has a 'must see' list attached to each location. This way I was enabled to be selective about

what I should visit and what I can just skip.

Love the book, and love Peru. Lots of good info in this guidebook. I highly recommend it for travel planning and also using while in Peru for detailed info on the go.

It is very good

I found this guide to Peru satisfactory and took it with me on my trip. I usually rely on several books rather than just one. But If you want to purchase only one then this one will do. It is often a matter of taste and prejudices when deciding which is the best.

Excellent guide. Complete. Time saver. Great tips and 'how-to' get around and enjoy a unique country.

Nice travel book, packed w/ tons of info for our upcoming trip.

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