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Just got back from one week in Cuba. Got my useful info online (tripadvisor and lonely planet forum). This book was good for history, culture, etc, but not very helpful in planning the details. Partly I think it is because it is a big country and so it is very thin on most places. But I didn’t even really get a clear picture of where to go (besides Havana) from it. I checked out a couple of other guidebooks from the library and was not impressed with those either.

OK, but not as comprehensive as LonelyPlanet

This is a very informative and entertaining book.

Its important to find the newest publication when looking for a guide book in Cuba as its changing fast. This worked well. Have fun in cuba, stop at O’reily 304 for a few drinks when you are in Havana!

Wow we had a great time in Cuba! I highly recommend this book when traveling to Cuba.

I’ve done a lot of traveling and had never used the National Geographic guides before, but I chose to this time because I wanted to most up-to-date source due to quickly changing circumstances for travelers from the United States. This book was very disappointing. It seems that the actual business of giving travel information was incidental to historical and cultural analysis. When we got to Cuba, we found that some places in Habana were not accessible by foot, for example, which fact would have been very useful to mention. The first several chapters cover history, as I have mentioned, but the actually crucial information, like booking accommodations and exchanging money, are relegated to the back few pages of the book and glossed over, quite like an afterthought. I’m not going to trust a National Geographic source for my travel needs in the future.

Valued by my friend who is a BIG Cuba fan!
Very informative and educational.

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