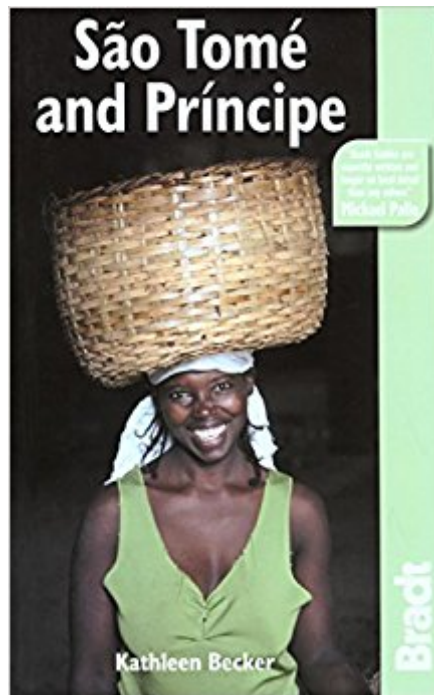




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Here in Brazil, I read this excellent Bradt travel guide book. This small book is about a small African country: São Tomé and Príncipe. The author, a German woman, made an excellent book. This book is concise, but even so, it has all that I wanted to know about São Tomé and Príncipe. These small islands are really well covered, in this book. I'll show below six good things in this book: 1- This isn't a propaganda-book for stupid tourists. This book really tells

about health problems of these islands, including good advices about malaria and foods.2-This book doesn't forgets about corruption and theft; even recognizing that crime in São Tomé and Príncipe is low. See page 69. Problems with electricity, prices, etc. are well covered in this book.3-All restaurants, bars, hotels are in this guide. You can read about their prices, quality, size, etc. before to travel.4-There's good maps in this book; the bests are next to the cover. Even the islet of Rolas has a good map (see pages 160 and 161).5-Brazil is remembered in this book, as a source of soap operas (page 110) and martial art capoeira (page 151) for the persons living, in these islands.6- On page 13, the author praises the Portuguese colonialism, with these sentences:"The Portuguese colonialists traditionally mixed more with the native population than the English; there is a saying that whereas English and French colonialists made enemies, the Portuguese made children."

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