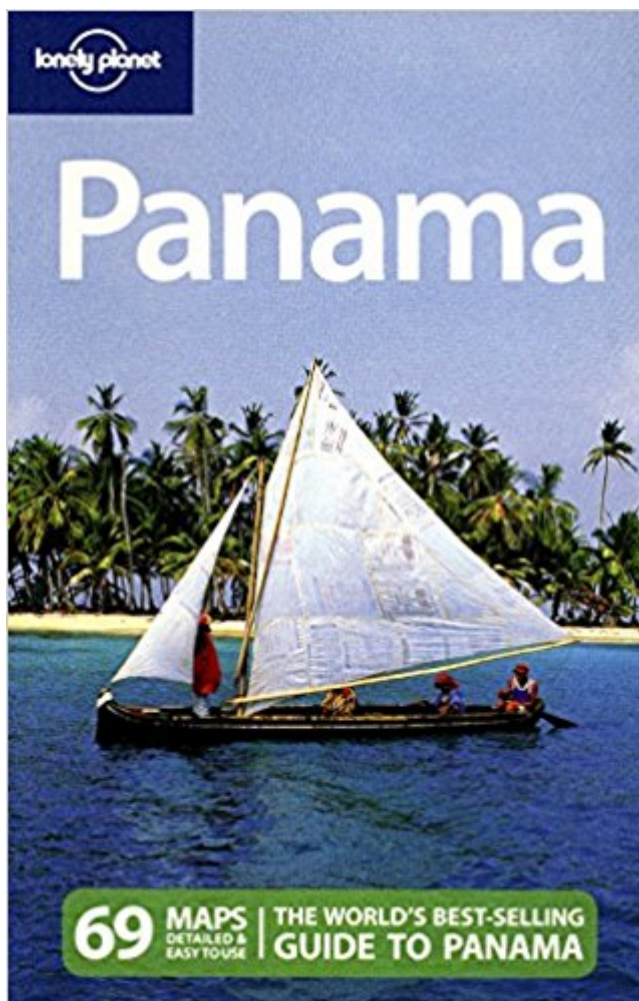


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# Lonely Planet Panama (Country Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Nobody knows Panama like Lonely Planet. Our 5th edition will take you to the hottest nightlife of Panama City, through the wilderness of the Dari n, to the palm-fringed beaches of Bocas del Toro and high up to the cloud forests of Boquete. Lonely Planet guides are written by experts who get to the heart of every destination they visit. This fully updated edition is packed with accurate, practical and honest advice, designed to give you the information you need to make the most of your trip. In This Guide: Tailored itineraries help you get the most out of your Panama trip Color highlights chapter showcases the top sights and activities Unique Green Index makes eco-friendly travel easy

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## Customer Reviews

Just went to Panama. I am usually a big Lonely Planet fan but this version struck out, big time. To be quite honest, we didn't travel a ton of Panama. Just went to Panama City, Colon, and Bocas del Toro. My big complaint was with Bocas del Toro. The book was very outdated with regards to their information. The prices for rooms were WAY off. The map of the town was completely incorrect and was missing some rather important things such as the only book exchange in town (that was also a cool bar and hangout place). They only listed one internet place...and it wasn't where it was supposed to be with regards to the map. It mentions the bus to get to Starfish Beach but skips the fact that the bus doesn't come on the hour but rather just circles. There are people with minibuses there who will take you to Starfish Beach for the same price as the bus. We didn't believe them but it turned out to be true. The book didn't mention that alternative. Nor does the book mention that you

can rent bicycles and for a fairly easy and fun bike ride, you can head out to some nice beaches that only take you about 15 minutes to get to, where you have the whole beach all to yourself. They only mention the renting a taxi option which was super expensive because the road isn't complete in several sections. It didn't mention any lodging on Isla Caranero (Faro del Colibri was nice), which was a good option instead of staying in Bocas town or having to fork over the money for water taxis from Bastimiento. (Only \$1 each way for Caranero). All in all, very disappointing. We ended up really liking Bocas del Toro, but hated that we dragged this useless guidebook with us. Left it at the used book store in Bocas town in case you want to pick up a cheap copy!

Of all the travel guides I have ever read Lonely Planet is always the most readable and filled with the most useful information. One small down side is that the book was published in 2010, therefore some of the information may not be up-to-date!

Having prior experience with this series of guides, I found this guide to deliver. It steers you off the beaten tourist trap so that you can enjoy places that the locals love. There is a plethora of valuable info in this guide to help make your trip to Panama very pleasant and enjoyable. Highly recommended!

un panorama totalmente amplio de que hacer, donde y cuando, ampliamente recomendable, las imagenes y todos y cada uno de los detalles, bastante amplios

Lonely planet guides Are fantastic

Had lots of maps and a section of pictures in the beginning. Went some of the places recommended and enjoyed myself.

Lonely planet guides used to have lots of really great information for the budget minded independent traveler. So I keep buying them. Unfortunately as ownership and management has changed through the years, they have regressed towards the mean and are now just another Fordor's. It's OK for the mindless tourist who wants to party on the beach and ride zip lines with a big budget. From now on I'm going with Rough Guides and Footprint.

Lonely Planet guides are among my favorites and often my go-to for travel... as was this time for

Panama. I wanted to lighten my load by trying the electronic version. I do NOT advise this format. I found it extremely hard to use, in particular maps are low resolution and zooming in does not provide closer views of tiny texts, and they are often broken up into separate graphics making it nearly impossible to read the map and the legend that makes it meaningful. It seems not all content found in the paper version is provided in the electronic version, but it may just have felt that way due to form factor. There are also no photos on the electronic versions. Although not critical, I've always enjoyed the photos included in each travel guide. Although using an electronic version of a guide on your smart phone (that you're going to carry anyway) seems like a good idea in concept, after having tried this one I don't think I'll use the paperback book next time. (Device note: I used the Kindle version of Panama on my "phablet" -- a 5.5" Galaxy Note 2 -- so the screen is as large as a smartphone gets. Not sure if the format issues are different on other platforms like iPad, etc. but I suspect the electronic file is the same regardless of platform.)

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