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Kerry Christiani : Lisbon Encounter before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lisbon Encounter:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. the perfect guide By H.F. We're a 20 something couple who loves to travel backpack style on a budget. We don't stay in hostels, but we definitely don't spend a lot on hotels since really, you're only sleeping there. Venere . com is an amazing site for booking hotels and getting great feedback from past customers before you book. It's like the .com of hotels. This book was particularly helpful in learning how to use the tram transport to get up those hills. Granted, sometimes you may end up on the wrong hill (in the city of 7 hills), but I

think that's more just genuine confusion because you need to understand them shouting a stop in Portuguese mixed with trying to pretend you know where you're going, not the fault of the book..... We've used these slim lonely planet books for cities all over Spain, Italy and Portugal. They are amazing. I first got them on a trip to Italy, since we were visiting a few cities I hadn't been before. They were such an integral part of why we enjoyed ourselves so much, so I absolutely had to get them for our next trip to Spain and Portugal. The books are very compact and fit in my tiny day bag (which just about houses my small camera, chapstick and a few other odds and ends). It was really all we needed when we ventured out every day. It has GREAT maps, about 5 different maps per book. And they're not gigantic, so thankfully you will not be the 'obvious tourist' which is something that I get very concerned about. I don't want to be the stereotypical American blocking off a sidewalk while staring at a map that's 2x5. Each map concentrates on a different section of the city, so you can see specific streets and points of interest. I usually read thru these books page by page to decide my daily itinerary before we leave for our trip. I cross reference them with other guides and websites, to make sure I won't be skipping anything crucial. I made notes on the pages and highlight parts of the maps so that I can easily find things I am going to. An indispensable aspect of these books is not only does it at least give you an idea of pricing, if not the exact amount, but it tells student/senior pricing as well as hours and even hours for different seasons if the point of interests breaks down that way. We always knew when something was open or closed so there was never wasted time walking to something and finding it closed or just about to be closed. When you're in a city for a short amount of time, that is VERY important!! There is also a wide variety of color pictures, which I really like. It gives me a better idea of if I want to visit that museum or fountain or building. This book can get you into a completely unknown city and help you get from an airport to where ever you're going. It tells you all the transportation choices and what is best for getting where. It has highlights for places you absolutely should not miss, sights and activities, walking tours (how often can you take yourself on a walking tour of an unknown city?!), day trips, shopping including food and flea markets, restaurants, hotels, places to visit for kids. Lastly, my favorite section which is the 'directory', it's a how-to for the specific city your book is based on: on arrival and departure (which I mentioned before) info on tipping, your embassy, getting around: telling you about metro cards and buses and trains, basics on language and emergencies. Even tips for women or gay and lesbian travelers. I would recommend this book whole heartedly and look forward to my next vacation so I can buy more. And afterwards, it's totally something sentimental to keep because it has all the notes on where we went and what we liked and didn't like. It really brings us back to the excitement of visiting a new, unknown place.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Small book, small amount of information
By Vitaly As a first time traveler to Lisbon, I was hoping for something that would provide me with a good amount of information on Lisbon: good day trips out of Lisbon, hotels to stay at, possible itineraries for walking tours around Lisbon, what to do if we only have 2 days in town, more information about transportation around and out of the city, etc. - but it didn't do all this and left lots of gaps for me to figure out on my own. I found books that were a bit larger but offered such better information that I found my purchase of this book to be a waste of money.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good Book
By Michelle W. We were only in Lisbon for 3 nights but this book was extremely helpful. The map was very useful. We did hire a tour guide for the day and then after we spent a week south of Lisbon in the Algarve our last day was in Lisbon. We were able to navigate the city streets with ease with the included map. We didn't have time for a fado (music) show but maybe next time. I'll be sure to bring this book and map.

What Will Your Lisbon Encounter Be... Getting lost (on purpose) in the rambling lanes of Alfama
Being moved by the haunting tune of traditional fado
Indulging your sweet tooth with a custard tart or three in a pastelaria
Catching the fantastic views - and your breath - from Lisbon's miradouros
Making new friends over a cherry brandy at a Ginjinha
Living happily ever after (for a day) in Sintra's fairy-tale palace
Discover Twice the City in Half the Time
Full-color pull-out map and detailed neighborhood maps for easy navigation
Our expert author recommends the very best sights, restaurants, shops and bars
Unique itineraries help you get the most out of your visit
Locals share their Lisbon secrets: from where a bag designer gets his inspiration to a top chef's eating recommendations

Best for curious and independent-minded travelers' --Wall Street Journal