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Richard Nebesky, John Noble, George Wesley, Nick Selby, Deanna Swaney, Anthony Haywood : Lonely Planet Russia, Ukraine Belarus before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lonely Planet Russia, Ukraine Belarus:

12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. A Guide for the Other 17,000,000 Square KilometersBy A CustomerSo you have already seen the present and former capital, and now you would like to see the "real Russia", or you have adopted a child from Murmansk, or you are meeting a prospective bride from Magadan (don't laugh--

whenever I answer questions from people who are traveling to regions outside of Moscow/St. Petersburg, 80% are going for adoption or marriage!). There are almost no current guidebooks to regions such as Perm, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Volgograd, Crimea, Minsk, and the Far East. The 'Lonely Planet Russia, Ukraine Belarus (Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, 2Nded)' has the largest area coverage of any guide currently published in English. It is also ideal for those taking a river cruise between Moscow and St. Petersburg. The coverage of the famed Trans-Siberian route is ok, although I think the 'Trans-Siberian Handbook' and 'Siberian Bam Guide : Rail, Rivers Road' do a better job for those particular regions. The Moscow/St. Petersburg sections are ok as well, although I think anyone spending more than a few days in each of those cities should look into guides that cover only those cities. Restaurant, hotel and travel information are good, although could use more details. The history sections are adequate considering the scope of the book. Also, the twice-yearly updates at Lonely Planet's web site, although lacking in breadth and depth, provide some more timely information than what appears in the book.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A good book, replaced by a newer edition. By A Customer This has been replaced by an updated edition (which eliminates Belarus). Search for 1740592654, or look under "Our Customers' Advice" above. It is still a great guide for your journey of Discovering Russia. It is always best to get the most current guidebook, as attractions, hotels, restaurants and transportation options do often change--AND THEN VERIFY THAT INFORMATION! Marc David Miller, Discovering Russia, New York

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Out of date... By A Customer If you are planning only for staying in Moscow and St. Petersburg or want to travel with the Transiberian Train, don't use the book - there are better ones. This guidebook has it's strength certainly for the broad (and thus mostly not very deep) information and it is quite all right if you are travelling AROUND in Russia and visit also some of the smaller cities. A fine thing I found out was the (sometimes a little too small) maps of nearly every town and the information about how to get to the place and how to leave it again. On the other hand, the information about hotels' prices is VERY old and out of date completely. Expect to pay 2 to 4 times more than published in the book, Russia has get more expensive since the book has been written! So it is still better to check for hotels on the internet or to ask taxidrivers to lead you to a cheap one and if there's no place left, just go on with the same taxi to the next one. However if you don't care about paying sometimes around 60 Dollars or more a night then this doesn't matter anyway and the information about the hotels themselves is still right.

This guide gives detailed coverage of historic cities such as Moscow, St Petersburg and Kiev. It gives practical advice on activities from boat trips down the Volga River to skiing in the Caucasus, and covers extensive accommodation, eating and entertainment options.