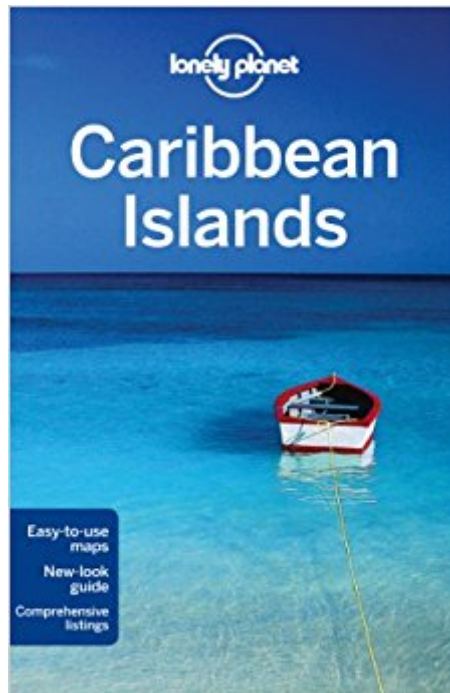


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# Lonely Planet Caribbean Islands (Travel Guide)



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Inside Lonely Planet Caribbean Islands Travel Guide: Color maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries show you the simplest way to tailor your trip to your own personal needs and interests Insider tips save you time and money and help you get around like a local, avoiding crowds and trouble spots Essential info at your fingertips - including hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, and prices Honest reviews for all budgets - including eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, going out, shopping, and hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Cultural insights give you a richer and more rewarding travel experience - including customs, history, art, literature, cinema, music, politics, landscapes, wildlife, and cuisine Over 85 local maps Useful features - including Month-by-Month (annual festival calendar), Budget Caribbean, and Travel with Children Coverage of Aruba, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Barbados, the Bahamas, Cuba, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Turks & Caicos, Martinique, the Dominican Republic, St. Martin, Dominica, and more

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This is really the best guidebook to the Caribbean by far - and here is why:1) It covers The Bahamas. Technically not part of the Caribbean, culturally very much so. They are omitted in the Fodor's, Frommer's and Footprint publications. So if you want coverage of the full potential vacation region, you have to buy the Bahamas guidebooks they offer - and pay twice as much. And if you are buying the Caribbean in one package and not books on Jamaica, Puerto Rico etc all individually, you want it less detailed but all in one. The LP book has the same amount of details on the true Caribbean Islands as the competition (or more) but packs in the Bahamas too! Only Rough Guide covers The Bahamas, but the latest edition is waaaay out of date - 2008.2) It covers Haiti and Cuba. Haiti though not a touristy place is safe for tourists (despite what some media say) and is one of the best countries for culture and history enthusiasts in the region. Cuba is also an interesting place despite being controversial. Fodor's and Frommer's omit both countries. Footprint (latest 2007!) and Rough Guide (latest 2008) both cover these places, but are very out of date now.3) Caters to all. Frommer's and Fodor's generally only have info on top and middle end hotels. They also omit some very off the beaten track places even in countries covered. LP manages to squeeze in backpacker hostels and off the beaten track gems and somehow still has a fantastic selection of the more top end places.4) Fodor's and Frommer's are published annually, so they may be good when the LP is out of date (like last year), but now as a new LP guide came out, it is your best bet for 2012 and 2013 at least. Note to LP users - sadly the book is changing into a bit of a mainstream guide.

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