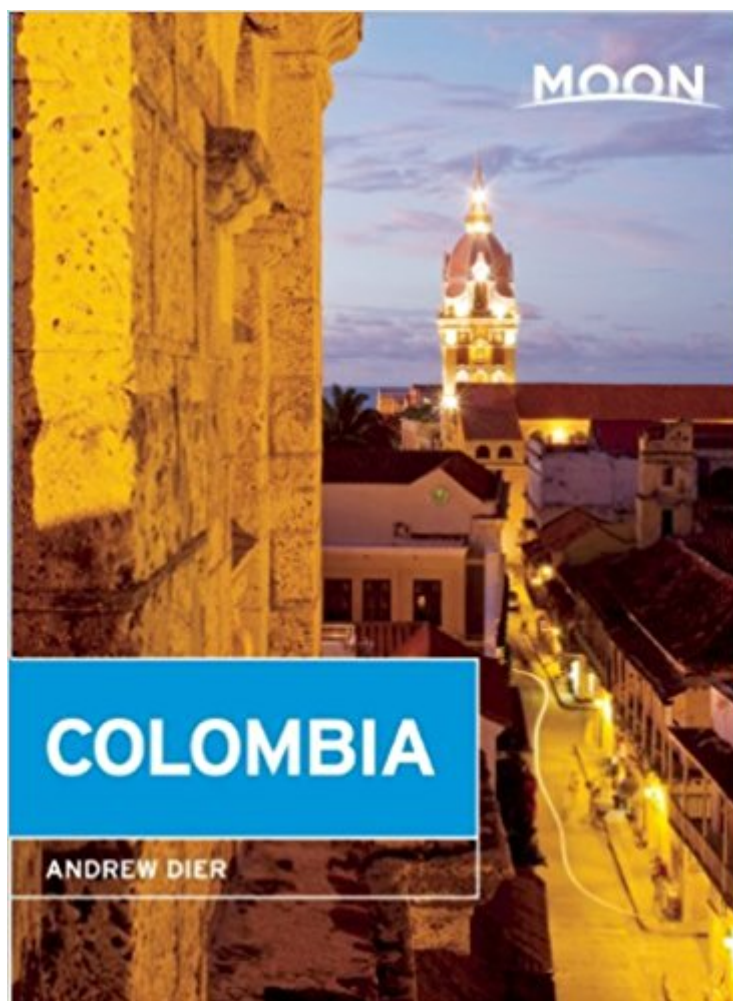


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# Moon Colombia (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

Longtime resident Andrew Dier shows travelers the way to the best of Colombia--whether it's dancing and dining in Bogotá or hiking to the Ciudad Perdida (the Lost City) in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Along with his in-depth coverage, including color photos from his journeys and numerous maps, Dier includes unique trip ideas, including itineraries for those interested in off the beaten path "Wild Coast" adventures and for those drawn to the charm of colonial towns and the bucolic countryside of Boyacá and Santander. In a conversational tone and packed with practical tips, Moon Colombia is a useful companion for anyone visiting this fantastic country. Chapters include: Discover Colombia Bogotá Cartagena and the Caribbean Coast Boyacá and the Santanderes Medellín and the Coffee Region Cali and Southwest Colombia The Pacific Coast San Andrés and Providencia The Andes and Los Llanos Background Essentials Resources

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Coming to Colombia? A good guidebook - or a couple - will truly help make your trip more pleasant. (And a guidebook, chock full of useful information, costs just about the same as that cappuccino and cookie you'll buy in the airport!) Compared to other countries in South America, Colombia is a relative newcomer when it comes to tourism. When I first arrived in

2002, much of the country was off-limits - or at the very least, had its security risks. It's astonishing to think about the fear that Colombians lived with back then. Today the country is in a much better place. While there are still isolated pockets in the country that are off-limits (they're not in my guidebook!), so much of Colombia has opened up, and is welcoming international visitors, with friendly smiles, today. But despite its steadily growing popularity, you will never feel part of the tourist hordes here: Colombia remains relatively undiscovered when compared to countries such as Mexico, Peru and Ecuador. You may even feel like a pioneer! And another thing, your choice of Colombia - it makes an impact! Tourism, responsible with communities and the environment, can bring about opportunity, prosperity, and can be a bridge between peoples. So thanks for considering my book, I hope that it will be useful to you, and most of all hope that you have a wonderful time in this beautiful country. ¡Buen viaje! If you have any questions about your trip you can look for me on FB!

This book was amazing for Colombia! I usually use lonely planet for traveling but saw a lot of negative reviews, so I went with this. It turns out that back in 2010 (if i remember correctly), the lonely planet writer for Colombia never visited Colombia that year and just wrote the book based off of phone interviews he had with ppl, which resulted in poor recommendations and which is why a lot of ppl gave the book a low rating . This Book, however, pretty much hit the nail on the head for every city I visited (Bogota, Cartagena, Santa Marta, and Medellin). The recommendations for the tours (especially the Real City walking tour for Medellin), sites, and restaurant were amazing. Although, I do wish the book put a little more emphasis on locations where you can go out and party with locals. The only additions i would make to this book is that when you visit Bogota (like the book says) don't trust local taxis, but instead download Uber or Topsy (if i remember correctly) and always use those cabs no matter where u go in Colombia (maybe except for santa marta, which is really safe). Also, if you're in Cartagena CHECK OUT FRAGMA!!! It's a night club with two dance floors, one for sala and the other for mix music, and where a lot of locals go to party. Many locals recommended it to us, but for some reason the club's name never appeared on many of the top travel sites for Colombia. Take my word for it, ITS AMAZING! Also, Cafe del Mar in Cartagena is really worth all of the Hype!!! P.S. Colombia was a lot safer than I expected. As long as you don't present anyone with the opportunity to steal something from you (like wearing a flashy watch or leaving your backpack slightly open) no one will give you a problem. I walked through some of the supposedly most dangerous locations in Medellin and never had a problem.

This book was helpful in Colombia, but some of the places it told us to stay were either overpriced or just not as nice as he made them sound. I would trust reviews on travel advisor (hive mind). Hostels in Colombia were often great - more fun and cheaper and simply a better experience than the hotels for us.

This book had some good information for my trips to both Cartagena and Medellin. As for as restaurants and lodging, there are many more options available than listed in the book, but some of the places I visited that were in the book were fantastic.

Generally okay, but I found myself struggling to find the information I wanted. Ended up using the lonely planet guide of my girlfriend. I'm more used to those and think they are the better choice for backpacking in colombia.

It is, by far, the best guide about Colombia that you can find today. The only thing that was off, and because of currency exchange variations is understandable, was the prices provided. Some places have clearly increased their prices but, thanks to the rate exchange, I was not that impacted. This is a great time to go given the strong dollar.

As a Colombian it's a very practical guide with not small details...if the traveler needs more info, just continue where the book left. Foreigners as Andrew are always welcome to Colombia.

Great information for trip planning.

Amazingly informative. This book was exactly what I was looking for. It goes pretty in depth about Colombia's history and culture

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