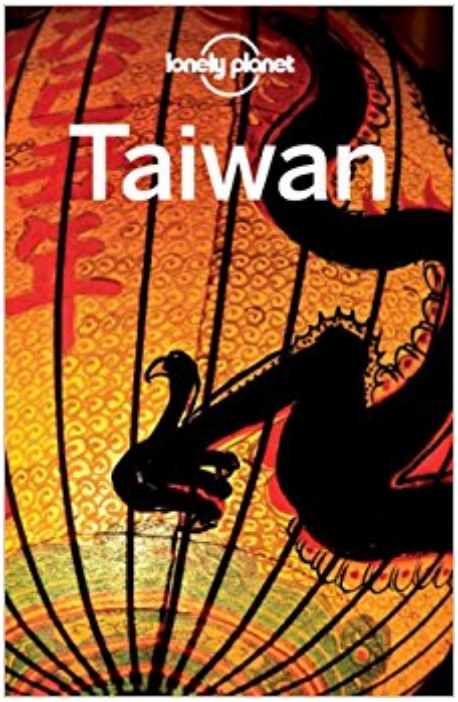
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We bought this book prior to our trip to Taiwan August 2011. It was a great help for our trip planning. We were able to plan what we wanted to do in Taiwan with recommendations from the editors. We

bought a lonely planet Taiwan book prior to our visit in 2000. We figured that many things must have changed in 11 years, and it was good that we purchased a new one for this trip. The only thing this book does not have is a clear, easy to read MRT map (subway/pubic transit system for Taipei). We used the MRT map in the Dynasty magazine from China Airlines all the time for our trips there.

I ordered this book before travelling to Taiwan for personal reasons and I found it useful. However it was not a "must have" for me as I speak and read a little chinese. If you have never been to Taiwan before, it’s definitely a great buy. I noticed that some of the tips (such as which stop to get on or off of for the subway) were a bit off, but not so much that it would ruin your day. Might just add another 15 minutes.

Used it and it is quite usefully during my one month around Taiwan.

I prefer travel guides that really show me hidden things about the destination. This guide covered the big Taipei attractions but didn’t really get into the details of any secret things or even practical tips on approaching things like the night markets. I knew up front that this was a Taiwan guide, not a Taipei guide (Taipei was all I was interested in), but overall I give this book a "meh"

This book is a good introduction to Taiwan, however after being in this country for 4 months now, I found that life in Taiwan is far more nuanced and ones one becomes aware of this reality this book losses it’s value.

The maps for Taipei are basically useless. The food and dining recommendations are very limited, and/or will make you sick.

I lost my copy and needed another. Best tour book for Taiwan! Recommend for anyone going to visit Taiwan. Very useful.

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