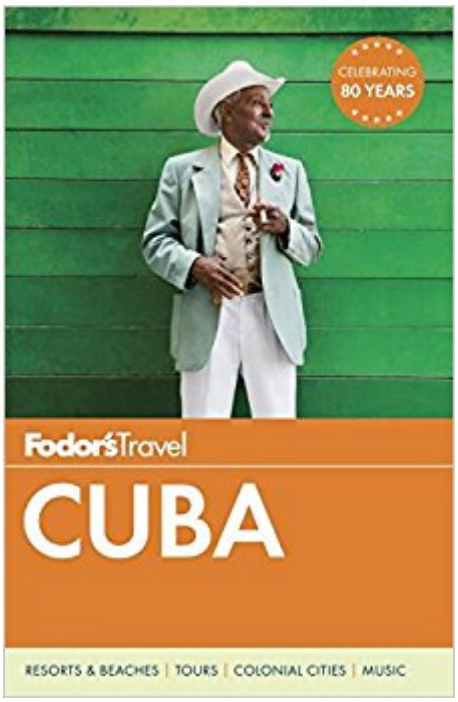
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FODORÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢S CUBA has much of the information we expect to see in this travel series. There is information on lodging, restaurants, shopping, transportation (both getting there and travel after you arrive), maps, etc. And the number of dollars signs lets us know if lodging and/or restaurants are expensive or inexpensive. And anything not to be missed is marked with a star. Travelers are also provided with useful phrases (to get one through the day and night), tipping advice, safety tips, sightseeing and currency. Some information is quite useful. One case in point: visitors are warned to avoid travel by three-wheeled motorcycles because of an ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“alarmingly high accident rate.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•I must say, however, that I found this edition lacking in information I expected to find. There is no mention of books or bookstores in the index. (Maybe there are none. I do not know.) Additionally there is no advice given for LGBT travelers. Even though I read that the LGBT community is treated better than years ago (I read Renaldo ArenasÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ chilling but important autobiography BEFORE NIGHT FALLS) surely the topic should have been addressed here. Neither is Hemingway listed in the index. ShouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t he be? Photographs, so important to any travel guide, are certainly not in abundance.Additionally the book is very repetitious. We read over and over that the food may not be very exciting to tourists and why. And the different kinds of peso for travelers as opposed to the natives comes up again and again.Some of the information is outdated since the book got written before the U. S. Presidential election in November, 2017. The writers repeat the information many times that there are no direct flights from the states. (They certainly have a right to be wrong and updated on that bit since there are daily direct flights from cities in the U. S. to Havana. They didnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t need to tell us that over and over. Once or twice would have sufficed.)Had I had a chance to thumb through this book, I would probably not have purchased it, but that is one of the perils of buying a book via the internet.Of course I would take this book with me. But I would

look into another as well.

An okay travel guide; some of the information was just okay or not detailed enough. Some better descriptions of how to get around would be useful; we rented a car, and some of the directions to towns were vague. For example, we visited the waterfall in Soroa and there was only 1 indicated access in the book, but instead there at least three when we got there, and no mention of any charge for each.Some of the information was out-of-date, and that sort of makes since things are changing so fast. For example, the 10% additional charge for using American $$ has been changed in Jan 2016, as has the US requirements for visits.

We found some really neat spots through this book. However, a lot of the suggested places are pretty pricey. For budget travelling, I would prefer Lonely Planet. However, a lot of the readings on the culture and history were good to read.

I used this guide the entire time I was in Havana and it helped a lot! The information all seems up-to-date and it's well organized, making it very easy to use. The advice is practical and helpful in day-to-day travel and the book fit perfectly in a small purse. I'm glad I took it with me!

Decent but everything is changing quickly now in Cuba

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This guide book is one of the worst I have read over the years. Not well laid out and not very informative. Try Frommers & Lonely Planet. They are 1st class guides books that we took on our trip to Cuba in January 2016. We traveled all over Cuba by car and they were indispensable. We left Fodor's home because it was weak across the board.Do Not Recommended it.!!

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