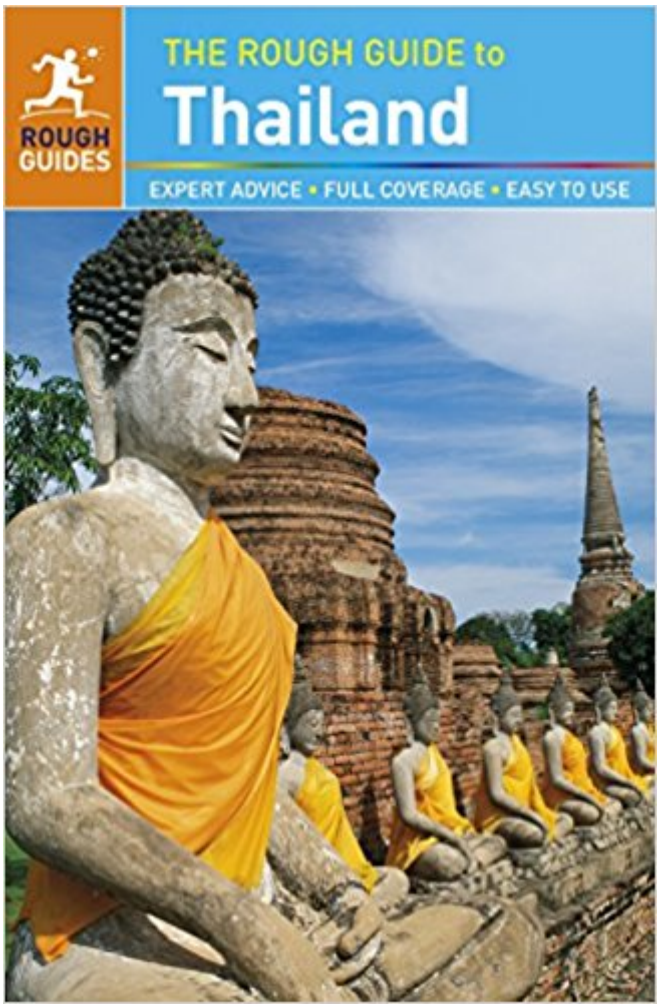
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Synopsis

The Rough Guide to Thailand is the most comprehensive and informative guide available to this spectacular country.This updated edition is in full color, with clear maps and vibrant photography that brings Thailand to life. It includes detailed information on everything from the most stylish bars in Bangkok to diving on Ko Tao. Whether you want to trek in the hills near Chang Mai, explore the temples and waterways of Bangkok, or just relax on an idyllic beach on one of the country's numerous islands, this fully updated guide will lead you to the best attractions in Thailand.The Rough Guide to Thailand features up-to-date reviews of all the hottest new places to stay, from ultra-chic hotels to community-minded accommodation and tour companies, including Thai homestays. You can find the best restaurants, shops, bars and clubs in Thailand across every price range, with balanced reviews and honest, first-hand opinions. A language guide ensures you can interact with locals and find your way around.Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Thailand.

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Customer Reviews

My friend and I visited Thailand earlier this month, and we conducted an experiment in the process: I used Rough Guide and she used Lonely Planet. We came up with similar trip plans, and we both turned to the Internet to fill in some blanks before squaring away our itinerary. Once on the road, we found ourselves using Rough Guide slightly more often than Lonely Planet.Both guides are well organized and reasonably complete, but the Rough Guide's color maps are easier to read. While LP has more detail, it comes at the expense of readability, especially since the maps are not in color.

The Rough Guide fails to adequately discuss elephant parks and other activity destinations around Chiang Mai. While LP does a better job, it still isn't complete, so I recommend using the Internet to get everything sorted out.We did a back-to-back comparison of recommended Italian restaurants in Chiang Mai, and we found the LP recommendation to be superior. However, several restaurant listings are the same in both guides, and we did not encounter a bad Rough Guide recommendation on our journey. We found the Rough Guide's accommodation listings to be more helpful in Chiang Mai and Ko Phi Phi, but the LP recommendations are not lacking. I recommend consulting TripAdvisor to get a fuller picture of available options, as neither guide provides an exhaustive listing.I like that the Rough Guide has full color and more photos, but the Lonely Planet guide excels at legibility. The Rough Guide switches between a couple fonts, one of which is quite difficult to read, and text does not always flow up-to-down, left-to-right in its two-column layout. LP is the clear winner here.Both guides are overall winners. Generally speaking, I recommend Lonely Planet for Bangkok and destinations to the north and Rough Guide for destinations to the south. Rough Guide does have the advantage of not being LP; there is an unfortunate number of tourists who never try something that wasn't printed in an LP guide first. Don't be one of them and you'll have a great time in Thailand!

I brought this book for my Nov 2012 Thailand trip. I waited until the current issue came out (a month before my trip). Totally worth the money. Rough Guide was perfect for my Southern Thailand itinerary. I went to Koh Phangan, Koh Tao, Koh Phi Phi, Phang Nga and of course, Bangkok. I stayed in all the recommended spots from the book except at Koh Phi Phi. Everything in the book was accurate. I love how Rough Guide adds in their opinion. I picked up the Lonely Planet version for Thailand in the book store after my trip and noticed they were less opinionated and just stated facts. It also didn't have as much content as the Rough Guide. All the travelers I met during the trip used Lonely Planet and the Rough Guide actually had different hostels/hotels they recommend and I believe they had even more than Lonely Planet. The maps were easy to read. My Rough Guide was able to take a lot of abuse during the trip. If you are planning on going to Thailand, I would definitely recommend this book over others.

I have purchased Rough Guides a number of times for travel and have loved them. This one has been a little bit disappointing. I find the writing to be quite verbose; it takes a lot of reading to find the important bits of information. The large amount of text may also be why the text is so small and a little difficult to read (I have 20/20 vision). I also bought this as a backpacker guide, which is what I

thought the Rough Guide brand is, and I found much of the information to be catered towards a less adventurous and social traveler. However, it still may be the best single resource, at least that I am aware of. I browsed the Lonely Planet book and it didn't see a marked improvement. So, it might be still a good option for you. I'll probably get more of the text read on the long flight...

This book is a great resource and easy to scan sections as needed. The most life saving part occurred when we were in a tuk-tuk after having been told the royal palace was closed. We scanned the section about the palace and sure enough it was a common scam where someone poses as a student, tells you the palace is closed and then takes u on a tour of the city with the ultimate goal of selling you fake gems, takes u to a gambling house or other waste of your day. After reading this section we immediately got out of the tuk-tuk and visited the grand palace (it was open).

We were in Thailand for 3 weeks. This book was great, especially for finding things slightly off the beaten path. Restaurant recommendations were overall accurate, as were hotels and sites. I continue to place Rough Guides as my preferred travel guides whenever I am on vacation.

Good tips and and overall guide

I purchased this travel guide on my Android phone before traveling to Thailand so that I could have a guidebook on hand wherever I went. The idea was good but the application was not. The guide on Kindle was accessible like a novel - easy to read if you want to read page-by-page from beginning to end. But I wanted a more interactive guide. I wanted the links within the guide to lead to more information about each subject, but instead they just linked be back to the table of contents. I wished the search feature in the book was more browser search where it would bring up all results with the search item and I could click on any one of them. The book itself was probably a decent travel guide, but because I couldn't access it the ways that I needed, it was not useful to me during travel.Ultimately, the next time I travel I will purchase a paper copy of a guidebook so that I can flip through it, mark things up, and find what I want when I want it. I had hoped an e-book would be more convenient while traveling, but it turned out to be more of a headache.

The book was nearly new. The cover had some minor scratches and some of the pages had bent corners, like it had been carried around in someones backpack for a while. I would have bought the book any way with an accurate description for the price. It just bothers me a bit that the description

was not completely true.The service was prompt and the book arrived in secure packaging for the price agreed.

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