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>Traveling to and around Aruba, Bonaire and CuraÃƒÂ§ao; is as easy as A, B, C, with guidance from our expert author, who holds a PhD in ecology and an M.A. in environmental conservation, shows you how to travel "green" and enjoy your vacation in an eco-friendly way. Heading down under to the Ã¢â ¬Å“Diver's ParadiseÃ¢â ¬Â• of Bonaire Making the most of Carnival in CuraÃƒÂ§ao

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Through travel writing, Christina P. ColÃƒÂ n has merged her three greatest passions in life: conservation, education, and travel. With a Ph.D. in ecology and an M.A. in environmental conservation education, she has explored the jungles of Borneo, forests of Belize, shores of Bora Bora, woodlands of the Bronx, and beaches of Brooklyn. In addition to conducting scientific research, lecturing as a professor, and authoring academic publications, she has produced videos, enriched websites, and authored or contributed to numerous travel guides, including FrommerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Caribbean Ports of Call, FrommerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Caribbean Cruises & Ports of

Call, FrommerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Caribbean, Cruise Vacations For Dummies, The New York Times Guide to New York City, and several FodorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s USA Guides.

Like most Frommer's travel guides, this is a generally informative, pocket-size guide with accurate data for general trip planning to Aruba. Great if that is your destination.However, the title is very misleading as most of the book is dedicated to Aruba, with only one chapter each devoted to the other two ABC islands. The minimal coverage of Bonaire and Curacao mainly point out differences from Aruba, but offer few details regarding the other island ammenities.Since I purchased the book in anticipation of a scuba trip to Bonaire, I found it of little use. There are other much better guides for Bonaire.

It's always a hit-and-miss proposition when it comes to a good travel guide for the Caribbean and so it is with this book as well. It's not so much that it's "bad" it just isn't that good either. SInce I did purchase it for Aruba specifically it didn't bother me about the lack of detail for the other islands (I did a review of another publication for Bonaire a couple of years ago).I guess what I find lacking in many of the Frommer/Fodor books is the bias towards what the particular author liked as opposed to just providing info. For example: we did do the DePalm Island thing and since I had booked it prior to find a little blurb in this book on how she didn't find it all that big a deal, our group enjoyed it. That was a surprise to me because I felt like I had been taken after booking the non-refundable excursion and yet the 6 of us (ages 19 - 50) all found it to be just fine - expensive - but enjoyable nevertheless.So while I understand that what one person found stupid or not worthwhile doesn't necessarily translate into what you may enjoy, these books are somewhat of a necessary evil but are by no stretch the end-all, be-all of how you plan your vacation. One thing I will call out is the restaurant reviews were pretty accurate - so kudos for that!Lastly - as for the island itself...far too busy for this Caribbean traveler. Traffic in and around Oranjestad is THE WORST I have ever encountered. I will not make a return trip based on that nightmare. In ten years and 11 stays in and around the Caribbean, Aruba wins the award for worst traffic and least viable alternative for avoiding it by way of providing decent secondary roads around the city. I really feel that if you select the northern or southern end of the island, you're kinda stuck in the geographical area unless you want to spend 45 - 60 minutes negotiating Oranjestad.Your mileage may vary...good traveling!

Nice book to make planning your Aruba trip so much easier.

If you are planning on going to Aruba, you will get quite a bit of info. However, if you are traveling to Curacao, there isn't much information there and there really could be. There is a lot to do in Curacao and wonderful places to eat. I realize this book is old, but much more info should be provided about Curacao. Thought it was just "ok."

good book

I bought this book before going to Aruba. Overall it was pretty good and useful. However most, if not all, the info can be found online. This book is just a way to organize the information a little better. The problem with a book is that even the most current book isn't always the most current information. So for general information about Aruba it's great. However for details about restaurants, shopping, excursions, etc online might be your best bet. If you'd like a supplement to some other research you've done about Aruba this book fits the bill.

This guide should be about Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, but almost all the book is dedicated (badly dedicated) to Aruba.I read the whole book and it will have very little use for Aruba and no use for Bonaire and CuraÃƒÆ'Ã Â§ao.The maps are very poor, despite the ease of mapping a tiny island.I would not recommend its purchase to users.

Covered everything in those three Islands (Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao) I was really interested in Aruba and this book did an excellent job of doing this, I would recommend this book to anyone.

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