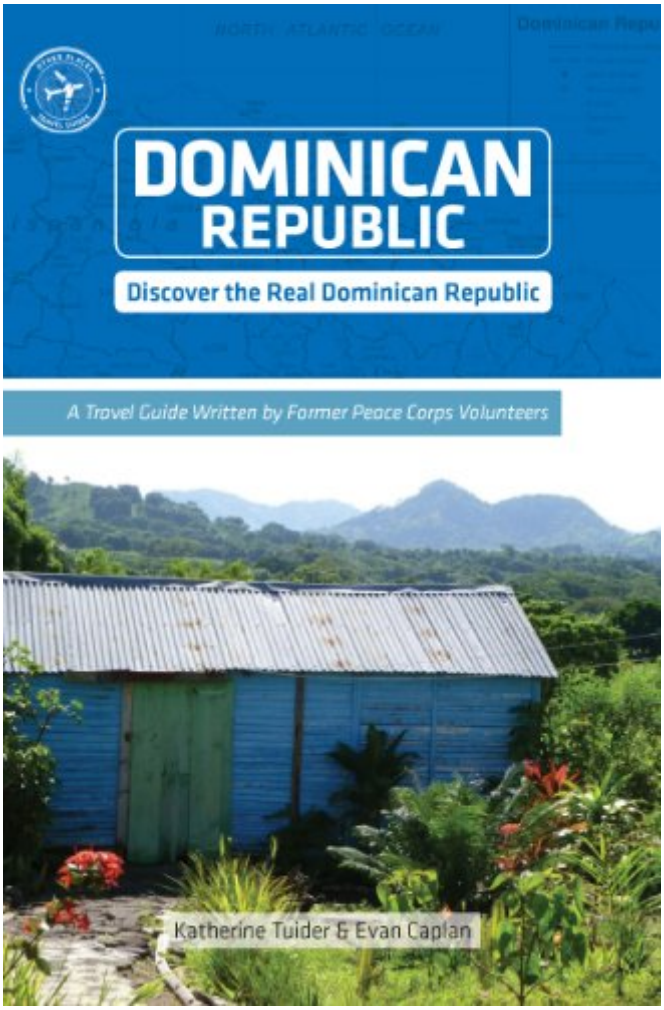
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Synopsis

Having spent a combined five years in the Dominican Republic as Peace Corps Volunteers, Katherine and Evan bring a wealth of knowledge to this travel guide for the Dominican Republic. Their relaxed authenticity and unique perspective inspire wanderlust in any reader. Whether you come to explore centuries-old colonial ruins, climb the highest peak in the Caribbean, find a surferÃ¢â ¬â„¢s paradise, or simply hang out with the locals, we provide all the insider information you need. With an emphasis on sustainable tourism while providing travelers with rich, multi-faceted insight, this book enables readers to travel like a local and experience the country like few outsiders can.- Put on your dancing shoes for some merengue, your mask for Carnaval, or your baseball hat to experience the countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s national pastimes. WeÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll show you the local spots to truly take in the Dominican way of life.- Find the best places for live music and exceptional eateries personally recommended by our authors and their countrywide network of local friends.- Discover the biodiversity of the countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s national parks by visiting everything from isolated beaches to rugged mountains.- Detailed maps and transportation sections make it easy to navigate the country. Whether you are travelling by bus, rental car, or a little bit of everything, weÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll show you how to get around like a local.- Stroll through the Colonial Zone in Santo Domingo with our self-guided walking tour, highlighting the best cultural spots and places to relax in this historic neighborhood.

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Customer Reviews

I can’t speak to the other sections, but I found the Santo Domingo segment really useful for cultural and political history. In particular, it provided a thorough and efficient walking tour: we were able to use it, modifying it slightly (taking out/adding) to fit our interests. And if you’re good walkers and start early, you can do it in a day.My one major gripe: a significant error. They mention that Diego de VelÃƒÂ¡zquez who lived in Santo Domingo was the Spanish painter. This is not true: the painter never reached the colonies. Diego VelÃƒÂ¡zquez de CuÃƒÂ©llar was an important conquistador on La EspaÃƒÂ ola and Mexico, and governor of Cuba, and must be the person whom they cite. This basic, although somewhat understandable, error really needs to be fixed to make this a completely well-informed guide, because it makes me wonder what other errors there were that I might’ve missed.

Great book with great advice. We used this and another book to guide our travels through the Dominican. We used both because at any given time both had current and outdated information (such is the Dominican). Overall the maps were a problem since the DR is rapidly developing its roadway systems. At any point at least one to all 4 maps we were using (two from the DR) were completely useless and outdated.This book had AMAZING recommendations. I fell in love with so many of the places recommended by this book. We actually changed our plans to stay longer at these places.

This is an awesome companion for the traveler who desires to venture away from the all-inclusive resorts and fully experience the DR in its entirety. The book pulls you in by introducing the reader to the country’s rich history and from there builds describing the colorful culture, and music. This travel guide fully details the geographical highlights as well as many local spots of interest that are not to be missed. Particularly, its travel notes on La Samana introduced me not only to the many beautiful pristine beaches that have yet to be developed but also a national park which showcased the country’s natural wildlife and artifacts of its indigenous people. I highly recommend this for the reader who wishes for something more than the generic tour book.

As a former Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) going to the 50th anniversary celebrations in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, I wanted to have a guidebook that I could trust ... and this is a good one! I was a PCV from ’62-’64, so i knew things had changed a lot ... even though I had been back in ’74 and ’07 for short visits. The country has changed so much. However, with this book in my backpack I was able to successfully negotiate Santo Domingo, and to travel by bus to Santiago and Jarabacoa, selecting hotels, restaurants, things and places to see. Highly recommended.

The guidebook is well-written, well-organized, and offers an insider’s view of the Dominican Republic. The restaurant recommendations in Santo Domingo were great, and the book offered great advice and insight for the areas we visited on the Island (Samana peninsula are-- Las Terrenas and Las Galeras). It was easy to navigate and the book offered a great history section, frequently used phrases, and tons of useful information. Highly recommend this guidebook. We used it for a trip in December 2013 and it was very much up to date.

Awesome. As with any travel guide, it can’t tell you everything. Concise 3-page history of the country. Contains many reference sections (i.e., glossary, index, cities, etc.). Good if you want to visit the DR in a way that is respectful of the people while being gritty and authentic.

This is an excellent travel book; this will help you with all aspects of a Dominincan vacation if you want to see the country from a broader perspective. It gives you clear instructions for transportation and accommodations which are comfortable and reasonably priced. You will see the most charming places in the DR. With this book you can really make a special vacation. Please do learn a little Spanish....just a few words will show you are trying to communicate and are interested. (An experienced travellor in the DR).

Although the book gave some good background, it did not go far enough in its explanation of sights to see. My husband and I have used a number of different travel books in our trips throughout the world and we did not find this book to very helpful. Part of this might have been due to its organization and the available maps. It would have helped to have had regional maps and suggested itineraries for shorter and longer visits.

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