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The Rough Guide To Mallorca & Menorca



Synopsis

Providing in-depth coverage of all the sights on these two Mediterranean islands, this guide includes maps and photographs, as well as practical information on walks in the Tramuntana mountains.

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Customer Reviews

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Phil Lee has been writing for Rough Guides for over ten years. His other books in the series include Canada, Norway, the Pacific Northwest, Toronto and Brussels.

This guide was helpful during our week in Mallorca. I especially appreciated the hyperlinks to the maps and subsections throughout the book. Those made it very easy to use. The one restaurant that we found that was recommended was indeed excellent. (Unfortunately, another was closed.) And, most of the information about the places to see was accurate. The guide led us to places that we enjoyed that we would not have seen otherwise, which I appreciated. The downsides were that the hiking directions for a couple of the circular hikes were outdated and/or difficult to follow. If hiking is your priority, turn elsewhere. The author suggests a couple of resources; however, the set of maps referred to (which were the only resource that he said would be found in Mallorca) were even less helpful for the casual hiker (and a waste of 15 euro).

I love Rough Guides in general, and this was no exception. The hip, sometimes snarky, but always informative content is excellent - just what I need. If you want a great historical overview, you'll find it here. Information on museums and restaurants? That too. It's in color which surprisingly makes a difference when you are trying to navigate your way around (although it's still hard to beat a paper map, which I recommend picking up for free at any tourist office or hotel). I like to go someplace first then read about it when I am there - my eyes glaze over if I try to imagine something out of context - and this book is perfect for that. I only visited Mallorca, but still consider I got more than my money's worth. My only suggestion, and I imagine it's a technical one, is to have some way of being able to click back and forth from text to map on the fly and to do so with a zoomable, scrollable map à la Google maps, where you have less detail at the highest level, but then can zoom down to street level. At the very least, the maps should allow you to tap on the edge to see the next pane.

Being a Rough Guide fan, am never disappointed by the layout and detailed information that their guides offer. This one is no exception!

This guide is accurate, informative, easy to read and bang up to date. The beaches areas well covered as this is where I like be. All the restaurants I went to in Mallorca, that were mentioned, were perfectly illustrated. Historical info is the best I've read as I enjoy this aspect too. Why not make this book your default reading? What an author.....what a holiday destination.

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