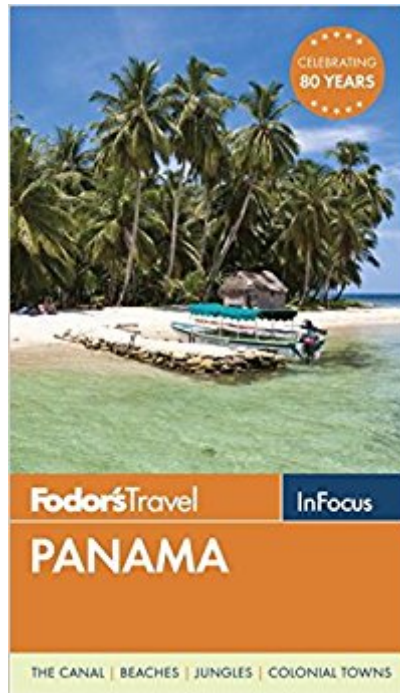




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The entire Azuero peninsula was left out of this guide! Las Tablas in Los Santos is well-known as the folkloric center of Panama, famous for the handmade polleras (national dress) and many cultural festivals. Pedasi, on the end of the peninsula is a growing community that’s known for the surfing and deep-sea fishing as well as the nearby Iguana Island. Overall, the guide seems rather elitist in its hotel/dining recommendations, primarily recommending as its picks, the very high-end hotels/resorts/restaurants. It’s pretty easy to figure out that those pricey places are going to be good. We discovered many mid- to budget-range places to stay and eat by merely asking locals and expats for recommendations. This guide needs a serious update!

I liked the book and found it very helpful w/ listings very organized and sequential. Good information on hotels and tour companies. Small fragmented maps showing sections being discussed. I would be nice to have a comprehensive map offered as an option or just include it for a little higher cost.

The book had lots of good information but what I was looking for was a detailed map of Panama City. There were a couple of maps which did detail a couple of areas of the city but not all of it. What would have been nice was a pull out map of all of Panama City.

Good over all guide to Panama.

Maps did not always show the location of recommended points of interest highlighted in the text portion and the text description of some rural places was insufficient without it. Basically it was a useful guide. I would not have wanted to travel without it although other guides might have been just as helpful.

Very disappointed in this guide. Too narrow in scope. Not much in practical details. There are better out there. Too bad I wasted my money on this one.

Wanted a little more about Panama City, but hope it will be helpful on trip.

This book was helpful while I was recently in Panama on a study abroad trip. It provided me with some details on things I should see while visiting. It also gave a list of really good family owned restaurants as well as the popular ones. Good travel guide.

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