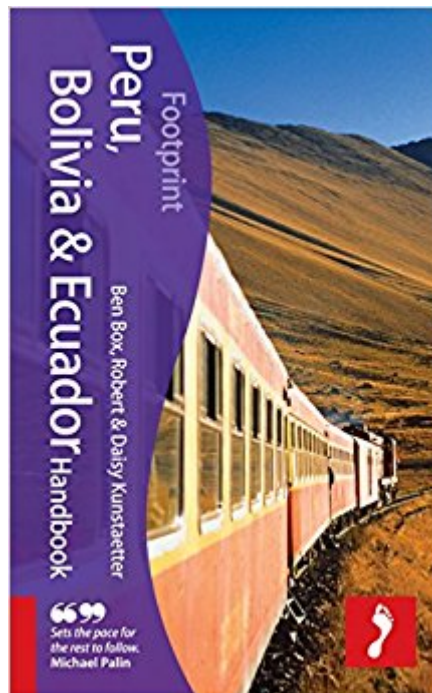




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Synopsis

Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador is a route for thrill-seekers. Footprint's 3rd edition Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador Handbook will take you off the usual 'Gringo Trail' to truly discover what this exhilarating region has to offer. The , the Andes and adventure, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador has it all by the bucket load. Whether travelers fancy learning Spanish in Quito, following Darwin to the Galapagos Islands, trekking the Inca Trail, sailing across Lake Titicaca or driving across the great salt lake at Salar de Uyuni, Footprint's fully revised and updated 3rd edition Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador Handbook has it covered. The guide opens with a color section full of inspirational advice to help you plan your trip giving you a flavor of the best things to see and do. It includes suggested itineraries for a 2 or 4 week trip to ensure you see the best of what these extraordinary countries have to offer. The guide then provides extensive, thoroughly researched information which will help you plan your trip as well as advising you on the ground. The Essentials section provides great advice on how to get there and how to get around as well as information on sleeping, eating, drinking and shopping giving you an idea of what you can expect to pay. The heart of the guide is broken in to the key regions with each regional section providing an overview map, local information on how to get around with transport and street maps where relevant, a short history of the region, thorough advice on what to see and do and a directory of key local information on banks, embassies, Internetcolor cafes and medical services. There is also a full-colour mini atlas which has maps of each region to help you get your bearings.

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Customer Reviews

One of the first assignments Ben Box took as a freelance writer in 1980 was sub-editing work on the South American Handbook. The plan then was to write about contemporary Iberian and Latin American affairs, but in no time at all the lands south of the Rio Grande took over, inspiring journeys to all corners of the sub-continent. Ben has contributed to newspapers, magazines and learned tomes, usually on the subject of travel, and became editor of the South American Handbook in 1989. He has also been involved in Footprint's Central America & Mexico, Caribbean Islands, Brazil and Peru since their inception. In 2001 he wrote Footprint's Cuzco & the Inca heartland Handbook, on which he has collaborated for recent editions with Steve Frankham. Having a doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese studies from London University, Ben maintains a strong interest in Latin American literature and as a cricketer he looks forward to the day his village side is invited to play anywhere in South America where there is a pitch. Robert & Daisy Kunstaetter - Born and raised in Ecuador (Quito and Riobamba), Daisy Isacovic's pet peeve is being mistaken for a gringa. Robert Kunstaetter hails from Montreal, where Daisy attended university. Soon after they met in 1979, he suggested travelling in South America for a year or so, and they have yet to turn back. Over the years and miles, Robert and Daisy became regular correspondents for Footprint, contributing to the South American Handbook and other Latin American titles. Based back in Ecuador since 1993, they are authors of Footprint's Ecuador & Galápagos and Trekking in Ecuador. They also travel frequently to Peru and Bolivia. After all these years, Robert and Daisy still have difficulty distinguishing between work and play.

Peru and Ecuador are firmly on the tourist trail, but you also get a good, comprehensive guide to Bolivia with this guide. Culturally, these countries closely overlap, so it makes sense to include them in one guide. The text is good, as Footprint guides are especially well known for including rich cultural and historical content. The listings are also quite dense, and offer a wealth of options for off-the-beaten-track places that might not otherwise make your itinerary. I've used this guide to plan trips to Potosi and Sucre in Bolivia, cities which are thinly covered in other guides, if they're covered at all. Lead author Ben Box knows this part of the world like a native, so now you can too. The book is physically small and well constructed, and will take some abuse. Just don't get it wet. The card-stock cover and thin pages don't work well in the rain. Keep in mind that this material is generally the same as the content included in Footprint's huge South America Handbook, so if you have that book, you don't need to buy this one.

Great

I was disappointed in the binding and paper. Funny, at least two types of paper is used, some shiny and flimsy, some matte and thicker. I guess I'll stick with Lonely Planet Guides. Nowhere is there info on the edition, publication date, although there are references to 2010, so I think its pretty current. Lots of ads, but they could be helpful, I guess when in country.

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