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# National Geographic Traveler: Colombia



## Synopsis

Recently considered one of the world's most dangerous places, Colombia has emerged from a long history of violence. Here, in this diamond-shaped tropical nation about the size of California and Texas combined, you can find sweeping rain forests teeming with exotic animals and birds, glistening snows capping the summits of Andean volcanoes, and dozens of colorful indigenous cultures that predate the conquistadores. A cornucopia of natural wonders side by side with sleepy colonial villages and vibrant cosmopolitan cities, Colombia--a country of 46 million people--is a South American giant just awakening to its vast potential. Award-winning travel writer Christopher Baker is a foremost expert on Colombia, and he takes you through the country's vast and varied landscapes with astute guidance, making sure you don't miss the must-do sights, and lesser ones as well. Among the special features are mapped walking tours of Bogotá's old city and historic Cartagena; a mapped driving tour of San Andrés; experiential sidebars on birding, cooking Colombian cuisine, and visiting the emerald mines; insider tips from National Geographic experts; and a hefty Travelwise section that features handpicked hotels and restaurants.

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CHRISTOPHER BAKER is an award-winning travel writer, photographer, and lecturer. His many books include National Geographic Traveler: Costa Rica, National Geographic Traveler: Dominican

Republic, and National Geographic Traveler: Panama; plus other guidebooks to Cuba, Jamaica, Bahamas, Turks & Caicos, and California; as well as the acclaimed travel narrative Mi Moto Fidel, Motorcycling through Castro's Cuba. Baker studied geography at the University of London and Latin American Studies at the University of Liverpool. The author lives in Palm Springs, CA.

When you travel you need info about hotels, how to get there in how many time. The title of the book should indicate that this is not in the book. The Moon travel guide had this info but by far was not so good as the Lonely Planet we used for Peru last year. We decided to buy National Geographic Traveler and Moon Travel Guide for Columbia this year as they got higher review rating on than Lonely Planet, but we really regretted that we did not have the Lonely Planet with us while traveling in Columbia. Essential info is missing in National and Moon.

Terrible maps (only a few, and not detailed enough). not enough detail on anything we wanted to do (hike in chingaza and tayrona). Seems like it was written to be read at home from your couch, worthless as an actual travel guide. Only bought because lonely planet didn't have new book on Colombia released yet. The Moon guide was only marginally better than this.

Great book and extremely useful while traveling....

Using it for an art project. Great resource and covers a wide range of aspects of the country. Would be a great travel guide for anyone planning a trip.

Very informative and organized.

Bogota was not appealing to me. Taken the touristic points the city is full of smog, poverty level high, etc.

Great travelers guide

Terrific. A must read for anyone planning to go there.

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