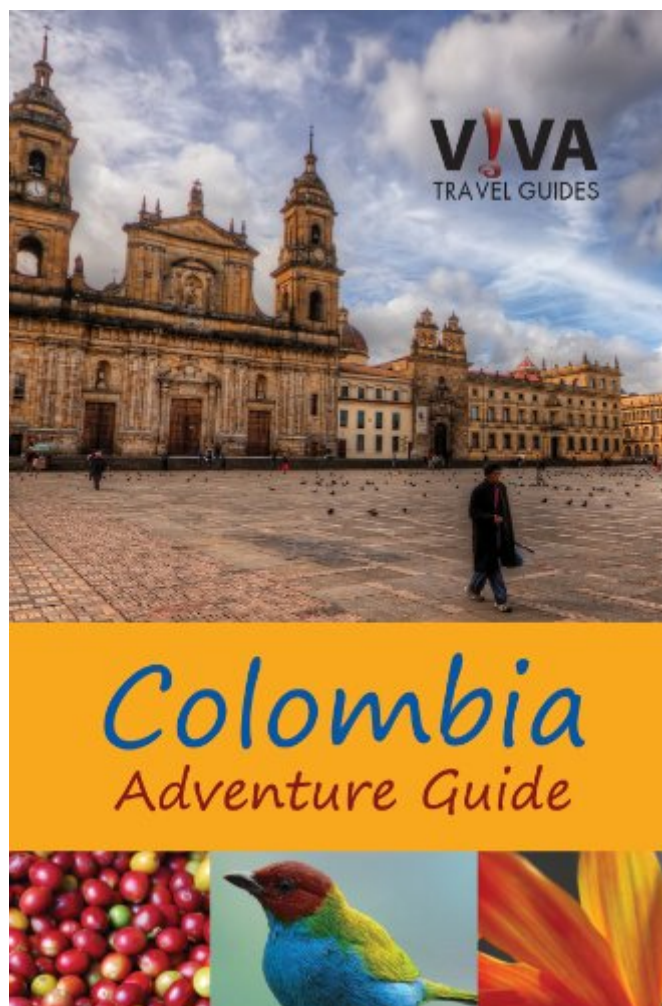


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VIVA knows Colombia like no other guidebook possibly can, as our headquarters are right down the road in Ecuador. Leaving its dark history in the past, the Colombia of 2012 is emerging as one of the hottest destinations in the region and a magnet for in-the-know travelers. VIVA's latest guide has all the information you need to safely and enjoyably visit this wonderful country. With this guidebook, you can: - Rumba and salsa to some of the hottest nightlife on the continent in Medellin, Cartagena, Barranquilla and Cali - Relax on postcard-perfect white sand Caribbean beaches, stretching from Coveñas to La Guajira - Tour the farms and plantations that produce the world's finest coffee in the Zona Cafetera - Discover Colombia's National Parks and varied outdoor adventure activities

Author Lorraine Caputo has taken 10 extended trips to Colombia since 1992. With this pioneering book, she opens huge swaths of the country previously little-covered by any other guidebook, such as the Llanos, Putumayo, Guajira, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, and even a float down the historic Magdalena River. With VIVA's Adventure Guide to Colombia, you'll: - Be street smart. Get insiders' perspectives on how to stay safe and get the most out of your trip. - Be up-to-date. This January 2012 guidebook is the most recent, accurate guide to Colombia available anywhere. - Be informed. VIVA simply covers more regions and has more travel wisdom built in -- over 100 pages more info than any of the competing Colombia guide books. - Be orientated. With dozens of easy-to-use maps. - Be prepared. Tons of travel tips, packing lists and before-you-go info to best plan your trip. Why settle for an outdated guidebook?. Join us, and together we'll make the best guidebook to Colombia even better. "

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My family just stayed a week in Bocagrande/Cartegena (so I can't speak about how the guide works for the entire country). I can say that VIVA Columbia! was far better than the Lonely Planet Columbia guide we bought for this specific city. I've always used Lonely Planet when traveling and they haven't let me down until now. VIVA was much more comprehensive when it came to explaining the sights in the old city and gave much better restaurant suggestions. Bocagrande (the beach area where local prefer to stay) was not even mentioned in Lonely Planet, but had a detailed write-up in VIVA. We had an excellent stay at the historic Hotel Caribe, which was not even covered in the LP. This book was a great bargain and I'm glad we had it on our tablet, as it far outperformed LP this time around.

I have only recently purchased this travel guide as an e-book and to date, have only browsed through it and read thoroughly a few sections. It appears to be very comprehensive and, unlike most other guide books, it gives the dates on which a section or set of facts were last updated. This is a big plus. Another big plus is the price - about half that of Lonely Planets, for example. One word of warning about the e-book version which applies to all the titles I have downloaded so far: you can increase the size of the text but not the size of maps or tables! This means that you need a good magnifying glass to make any sense of them. So we will be buying a hard version of this book and a big map for our visit to Colombia this winter. We are intending to spend around 6 weeks in the country so we will have a better idea of how good the guide is after that. But, so far, so good!

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As I use e books I bought this and the 2013 Lonely Planet as guide books to use during my trip, because I had read all the bad reviews about early versions of LP Colombia guide book. Overall I found this book to be useful and informative but I found myself using the Lonely Planet as my primary source of information and using this as a backup. Overall I found Lonely Planet better laid out, easier to use and more accurate. I liked the fact that this book has the dates that information was last checked, but was concerned when I came across some hotel recommendation that had not been checked for more than 5 years. However it was useful in giving me some ideas for places to stay when the LP options were all booked out. The layout is not optimised for use on iPad or e-readers with no cross referencing and maps that are divided over 2 pages being very difficult to use. But overall I am happy I had this second option and would consider buying these guides again for a second source of information when travelling.

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