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CubaConga 2017: The Underground Cuba Travel Guide



Synopsis

Cuba starts where logic ends. CubaConga starts where the Lonely Planet ends. Cuba Conga goes a lot deeper into Cuba and its way of living than any other travel guide. It's written by residents who wish to stay anonymous. See Cuba through the eyes of a local. They don't tell you where to eat or to sleep but how to find good food and a ditto bed. How to live like a Cuban and how to get more out of your stay. They show you how to make friends, how to handle problems and how to find your way. And on top of that, they have some funny stories and deeper insights. You might have noticed that I'm not a native speaker but don't worry, the book has been edited by someone who is :-). If you've already been to Cuba they advise you not to read it unless you have a healthy sense of humour and are able to laugh at yourself. Man! did you do some stupid things while in Cuba :-). We do apologize for that! You should have read our book. Do you want to make your trip to Cuba more satisfying? You want to recognize a scam before they get you and have a smart way out ready? Do you want to avoid unnecessary costs? Do you want to get in touch with the real Cuban people? Are you the curious, adventurous type? Then you should really read our book! Just a tip: Arriving at the airport you will find the queue at the money exchange challenging, to say the least. Everybody wants CUCs and the process is slow. Waiting time between one and two hours, and that's after you've survived the customs lines! There are two solutions to this problem: Go up the stairs in Havana or next door in all other airports and in departures there is another exchange boot, without the waiting lines. Well, until everybody reads this of course. An even simpler solution is to be found in the book among loads of other inspiring and revealing information. There is even a way to avoid the long lines at customs. Read this book if you want to understand Cuba better. Don't if you are looking for a list to tick off or a dreamy 'Mojito and Salsa' picture. Cuba is so much more than Cigars and Old cars.

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Customer Reviews

Tino's book is great. If you are the kind of traveler (not tourist) who likes to experience real local culture AND if you want to know how things really work so that you can work the system and not get taken advantage of then this IS the book for you. I have been to Cuba one time and his tips and lessons here are spot on. His information shows how to handle yourself like a pro and win the respect (and deference) of those jineteros (if you don't what that word means - you must buy this book right now or you deserve to be fleeced). I have traveled to over 60 countries and am an experienced traveler and I learned some of Tino's lessons on my first trip, but I certainly learned a lot more by reading his book and am now better prepared to have even more fun on my next trip. Cuba is a different animal (due to the embargo, communism, isolation) and you need someone to show you the ropes. This book will definitely pay for itself in the first day of your visit (likely in the first hour). Enjoy.

If this is an underground travel guide, you only go a few steps. I was hoping for more insights but there was just a lot of generalizations.

Fantastic read! I recently went with a group to Cuba and found just about everything in this book to be true, with the exception of the food! The food we ate while in Havana, Playa Giron, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and Santa Clara was so fresh and delicious :) The food at the All-Inclusive resort of Sol Cayo Guillermo was nasty, typical of what I read in this book. I'd recommend this book to anyone planning a trip to Cuba.

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as a game, I stopped taking things personally. If not for the incredibly useful hints, tips, and tricks (often perpetrated by Cubans against unsuspecting tourists) throughout this easy to read book, I probably would have had a terrible opinion of Cuba and Cubans. Thankfully I stumbled across this and I have a greater appreciation for their cleverness. If you're looking for restaurant or hotel recommendations then this is not the book you want to read. If you're looking to avoid potential pitfalls, trip ruining experiences, or otherwise dreadful experiences, then this is a must read. Don't be scared; embrace the challenges and have some fun. You will earn some street cred and you will earn even more self-respect. I only wish I found it sooner but thankfully I was able to get through the whole thing on the flight. I read it again for fun on the way home too....

Is hard to understand the reality of Cuba if you weren't born there or lived and interacted with the ordinary people for a long period of time, this book parodies a game that is nothing more than a way of showing with great deepness the systemic corruption that surrounds the tourism business in the decaying socialist society where everyone is trying to survive at the expense of the inexperienced foreign visitors. Fun and real, good investigative work and fair judgement of the socio-economic situation in the Island.

We are going to Cuba so I bought this book for tips, even though I can get 10 guidebooks from the the library free. Fun to read and excellent tips! This isn't your typical "go to this museum" guidebook, so use it to supplement those. I have recommended it to friends.

I would not recommend this book. It doesn't give much insight into Cuba's "underground" world. The same information that you will find else where. The vocabulary is the most useful portion of the book, but again you can find phrases like "Yima", all of these phrases are available for free. There are much better written books on , such aa Real Havana that gives you better information about Cuba and what to watch out for. This is my first review ever, because I felt ripped off by buying this book.

This book was sensational. If you are going to Cuba for the first time, it is a must read. It gave me a lot of insight and details on how to travel and get around in Cuba and how to deal with the locals. I think I reached the Cuba Conga level 8 on day 1.

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