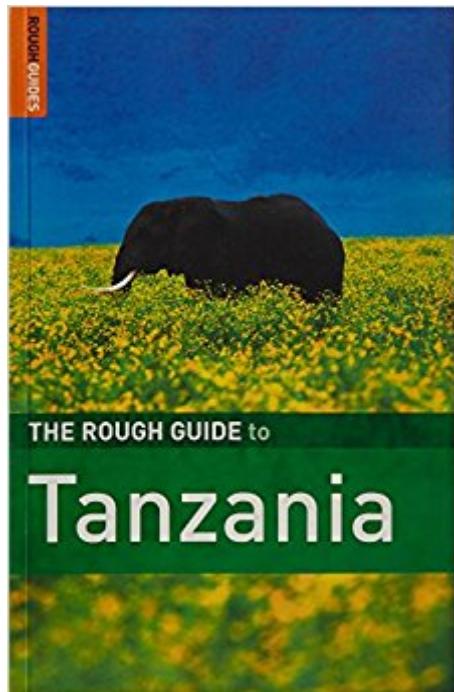


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The Rough Guide To Tanzania



Synopsis

"The Rough Guide to Tanzania" is the definitive guide to one of Africa's most beautiful destinations, with clear maps and detailed coverage of all the best attractions from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to the exotic Indian Ocean beaches of Zanzibar. You'll also find an in-depth and full-colour guide to Tanzania's spectacular wildlife and national parks, and the most accurate map of the magically labyrinthine Stone Town based on satellite imagery. From Tanzania's volcanic landscapes of Ngorongoro Crater to arranging a Serengeti safari, the guide includes practical information on getting there and around, plus reviews of the best Tanzanian hotels, restaurants, bars and shopping for all budgets. You'll find introductory sections on Tanzania's cultural customs, health, food, drink and outdoor activities as well as specialist Tanzanian tour operators and an introduction to learning Kiswahili. You can rely on expert background information on everything from bull-fighting in Pemba through to the mosaic of ethnic groups in Tanzania. You can explore all corners of this fascinating country with the clearest maps of any guide. Make the most of your holiday with "The Rough Guide to Tanzania".

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Customer Reviews

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This is one of many rough guides I have bought and used for travel and it's the one I liked the least

and found least useful. The author is a little pompous sounding and opinionated, which would be ok if I agreed with him ;-) but I didn't. However, the reason i give it only one star is due to the kindle edition, which I realize is not an issue with the book. The kindle edition is TERRIBLE for maps. I hadn't downloaded a kindle travel book before and I will never again. Maps are a vital part of a travel book and the way they are published for kindle makes them unreadable. I don't know if this is an issue or a publisher issue, but it stinks!!

I just spent three weeks in Tanzania on vacation, and visited Dar Es Salaam, Arusha and the northern Safari circuit, and Zanzibar with the Rough Guide as my primary guide. I also hiked Kilimanjaro on a prearranged trip, without using the guidebook. The major strength of the book is that it is written from the viewpoint on traveling that I share, that when traveling you should try to experience the country from as much of a local perspective as possible and avoid the tourist traps that isolate you from the actual country. In this respect it served very well, covering methods to tour the country (such as by daladala and local dhows) that were only occasionally used by tourists. Its recommendations were generally pretty good, although I didn't see too much difference between the highly recommended special picks and the standard listings for hotels and restaurants. His general suggestions for areas to go to and things to do I thought were very good, however. The main issue with the book is that it was sometimes very out of date. Even though it was just published in 2006 I ran across some places that we were counting on from the book that had closed (DDC in Kariakoo (Dar Es Salaam) and the cultural tourism in Gezaloule). Also the inflation from the prices in the book was between 0 and 75%, so it was difficult to know for sure when you were being ripped off and when the prices had just increased. Another issue with the book is that sometimes the author made it sound easier than it was to get around without knowing some kiswahili (the local language). Until we had a rudimentary grasp of the language it was sometimes tough to follow the directions. Generally a good book that I would recommend to anyone that really wants to see the country, but verify your plans with locals when you're there.

I recently visited Kenya and Tanzania and purchased Rough Guides for each country. The Rough Guide to Tanzania had a good list of hotels and provided enough information for us to choose where to stay and make our reservations from the United States. It also gave useful tips about safety precautions, and the maps which we used (Karatu, Moshi and Stone Town) turned out to be quite accurate. There was also a considerable list of restaurants for these cities which made our trip much easier. The book also contains plenty of information about the Ngorongoro Conservation

Area. One topic where I found the Rough Guide to be lacking is the description of Kilimanjaro routes. It had some information about the Marangu and Machame routes, but almost nothing about the others. It would have also been useful for them to mention that credit cards are rarely accepted and that we get horrible rates for Travelers' checks - the best rates are obtained only for US Dollars in cash. Overall though, I was quite glad I purchased the Rough Guide, and our trip was made considerably easier and more interesting due to this book.

Very useful book, but some information is a little out of date. I think they have a 2015 version coming out soon so that may clear things up. Note: Kariakoo Market is NOT for foreigners. Second, do NOT stay in Arusha if at all possible. Stay on the outskirts in the little B&Bs.

I bought this book for a roadtrip north to south through Tanzania. The book was helpful all the way in finding places to stay each night, and good stops for food. More detailed maps of some of the larger towns would have helped me navigate a bit better. Also, some of the prices listed were a bit low, but I suppose that's expected after a couple years.

Really helped in my travels through Tanzania. Gave me some good background-history of Africa. Excellent tips on things to see and explore.

This book was indispensable for our trip last year. It was the first time I used a 'rough guides' book as opposed to Eyewitness guides and Lonely planet. The best thing is the context setting - provides cultural and historical context throughout the book, and some great tips. Good guidance on food! It definitely doesn't have glossy pictures, and could do with some better maps, but overall very good - will be sticking to Rough guides from now on!

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