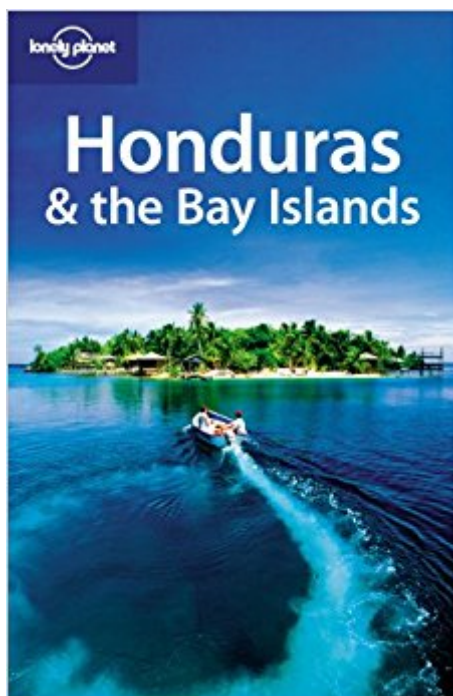


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# Lonely Planet Honduras & The Bay Islands (Country Travel Guide)



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Lonely Planet knows Honduras. Whether you want to dive into the deep blue off the coast of the Bay Islands, explore the forests and cobblestoned coffee towns of La Ruta Lenca or tramp around the ancient Mayan temples of Copan, this 2nd edition gives you all you need to enjoy the best of Honduras. Lonely Planet guides are written by experts who get to the heart of every destination they visit. This fully updated edition is packed with accurate, practical and honest advice, designed to give you the information you need to make the most of your trip. In This Guide: Full-Color chapter showcases the best to see and do in Honduras Detailed coverage of the Mayan archaeological ruins of Copan Comprehensive chapter on diving and other outdoor activities

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## Customer Reviews

I have the lonely planet Spain and Chile books as well, and I wouldn't go without one. The Honduras one was no exception. We relied on it heavily during our travels. To give you an idea, my boyfriend and I went on a three week vacation there and though we knew where we wanted to go before we left (and we sorta had a plan for the order) we didn't even know where we were going to stay our first night there. Our flight landed around noon, took a taxi to the bus station, took a 6 hour bus ride to Copan Ruinas, and then looked for a hostel there. We stayed there for 3 nights and then moved again. Every time we were going to change city, the night before we'd look in this guide to see how to go about getting to our next destination, and every bus ride on the way there we'd look in here to see about what hostel we'd want to try to stay at. This book allowed us to just go with the flow and

plan our trip as we went. It even got us into Guatemala without problems. With the use of this book, while on a bus to Guatemala, we realized that the boarder's visa office would be closed by the time we got there (so us Americans wouldn't be able to get through) so we ended up getting off the bus and staying in a beach town a few miles from the boarder and continuing the next day. If I hear of a good place to stay by word of mouth, great. But if not I'd rather go with a cool hostel recommended in one of the Lonely Planet books. I've stayed in too many bad places to trust my luck without it. Final note, I'd recommend Honduras over Guatemala. Honduras had less tourists so the locals are much nicer overall (in Guatemala we had to be on our guard) and Honduras has many of the same types of adventures. I'm not sure if there are volcanos in Honduras though.

I was wary about buying this book after reading the negative review. I was also getting nervous about my trip to Honduras, because all the websites have really expensive hotels, more than \$100 US. Thank goodness for Lonely Planet because I can now enjoy a trip that I can afford. It's got just what I need, plenty of places to stay, eat and visit, all for much less than online. I guess that the places in Honduras that can afford websites charge an arm and a leg. I'm all about budget travel, and this book is the perfect companion. And it's slim, so it won't take up much valuable backpacking space. In response to the earlier review, as a student on a budget, I'm not too concerned that the history may be inaccurate. I'm going to Honduras to have a good, and inexpensive time. This book has saved me tons of money and let me relax and have a good time. Thanks Lonely Planet.

Standard Lonely Planet guide book, but it certainly met and exceeded my needs. Has ample restaurants, lodging, and activities. I personally think Lonely Planet is apt to young travelers on a budget who are looking to maximize their trip. If this is you, then this is your book. I personally think DK Eyewitness (a recent favorite of mine), Frommers, and Rick Steve's are all directed at older, more affluent travelers.

I have used Lonely Planet books for years. They always give great information, and they please very different travelers - from rich to poor, students, retirees, families....etc. They tell you what's most practical and important for safety. They give very different options in terms of eating, sleeping and seeing sites. The maps and travel information help a lot!

Great tips ~ was helpful for our cruise!

My trip is next month and this book seems to have it all, I feel comfortable having it :) I am excited to start my backpacking excursion, and will know how accurate the book is once I get there. It helped me plan different stops and routes...

Quite good, but I found there are other guides with better and more information about Honduras. I think people should try the Moon guide.

It was hard to find a guidebook for the Bay Islands, and unfortunately this one is both outdated and incomplete. There are several important issues we experienced on Roatan that the Lonely Planet book should have prepared us for. If I had known the information below, my trip would have been much more pleasant. 1. Bring US dollars with you! The book mentioned that prices are quoted in USD, and also that there is an ATM in West End. What it fails to mention is that every single vendor and business prefers USD as the form of payment and that the ATM - and most other ATM's don't work properly half the time - they're turned off, out of cash, or don't take MasterCard cards. When they do work, they charge exorbitant fees. I've never paid this much in fees anywhere in the world for taking out cash. Many businesses take credit cards, but they charge a whopping 15% extra for using them! The best thing to do is to bring a wad of US dollars in various denominations with you. It is the cheapest and least frustrating way to pay for everything on the island. Lempiras are worthless, and local residents seem to feel that way as well. Everyone offers a very favorable exchange rate when you use USD (unlike some other countries). I know this book is older, but I seriously doubt this problem has changed much over the years. 2. Airport departure tax is high and using a credit card cost a ton. You have to pay nearly 40 US dollars per person to leave the country. Bring cash for this - using a credit card will mean processing as a cash advance, which is super expensive. 3. Bring a flash light. Roatan has power outages. It also has imperfect roads. To walk home safely after dinner it's best to have a flashlight. 4. Bring a first aid kit with basic medicines. Finding them on the island is hard. We went to a pharmacy, and it was completely out of any topical antiseptic.

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