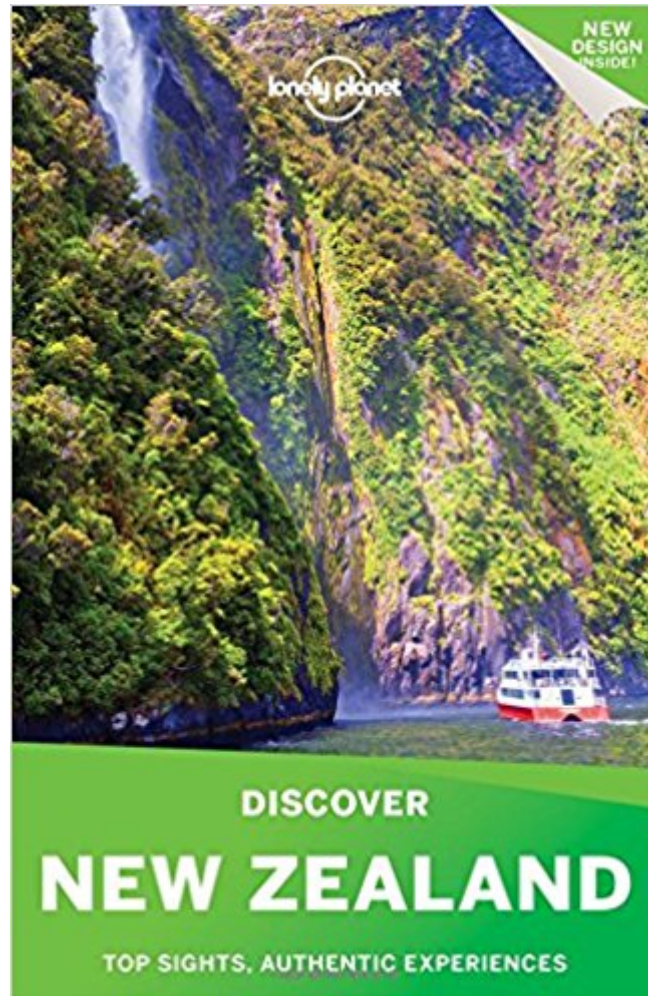




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## Customer Reviews

Awesome travel guide!!

Sort of helpful \*before\* your trip to plan high-level itinerary, but the book reads like a travel brochure rather than a guide. Very limited use once on the trip. The first 15 pages are the most useful sections. They give you high-level recommendations on regions to spend your time (where and for how many days), as well as "must-dos" in NZ. The book does well on zooming into a city's center and showing where the clusters of restaurants, bars, and notable shopping areas are. That helps you quickly figure out how close a particular restaurant is to where you're staying (if you're staying in-town). General lack of information on "things to do" while in NZ: For example, in Wanaka, it makes almost no mention of any particular good walking tracks (Rob Roy to Mt. Aspiring, duh!) and rather just becomes a "phone book" of commercial companies offering guided experiences. There isn't even much commentary on the differences between the

various guided companies. This is completely useless since this info is easily searchable on Google/Tripadvisor and readily available in all of the ad material in NZ. And the Internet has real user reviews! This theme repeats itself throughout most of the cities in the book. The free magazine your car rental company gives you is almost just as good. Too much focus on commercial guide company listings and not enough real info. For example, it's easy to google kayak companies in Abel Tasman, but the more difficult question is what else I can fit into my drive from Abel Tasman heading south to the next big thing? Any good pit stops? Quick bang for the buck detours I should make? And how long will it take? What places are good bases for exploring a region? These are the practical questions that the book will not provide answers to. Most of the maps suck. They are either super zoomed in to one specific neighborhood, or super zoomed out showing 1/4 of the island. This works for very metropolitan city visits, but not for NZ. There is no middle ground view for the towns themselves. Given NZ sometimes has confusing (or non-existent) road signs, this info is key! This makes navigating from 1 small town to another challenging, especially without GPS navigation. Everything is grouped into one "region" with no practical information on navigating through the area. For example, the book solidly touts the Hot Water Beach as a fun visit, and groups it in the Auckland section, but fails to mention that it's 2+ hours away from Auckland. What else do you suggest I do that day? Are there any stops along the way that are worth making? That's 4+ hours of driving in a day that it casually sells as a 'stop by while you're in Auckland and then have coffee in the afternoon back in the city center'! Tell me it's 4 hours away and help me build an Auckland itinerary instead. Positive: some good restaurant recommendations that turned out quite good. However, I could have just as easily searched these on the day-of online.

Pretty pics, low info content

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