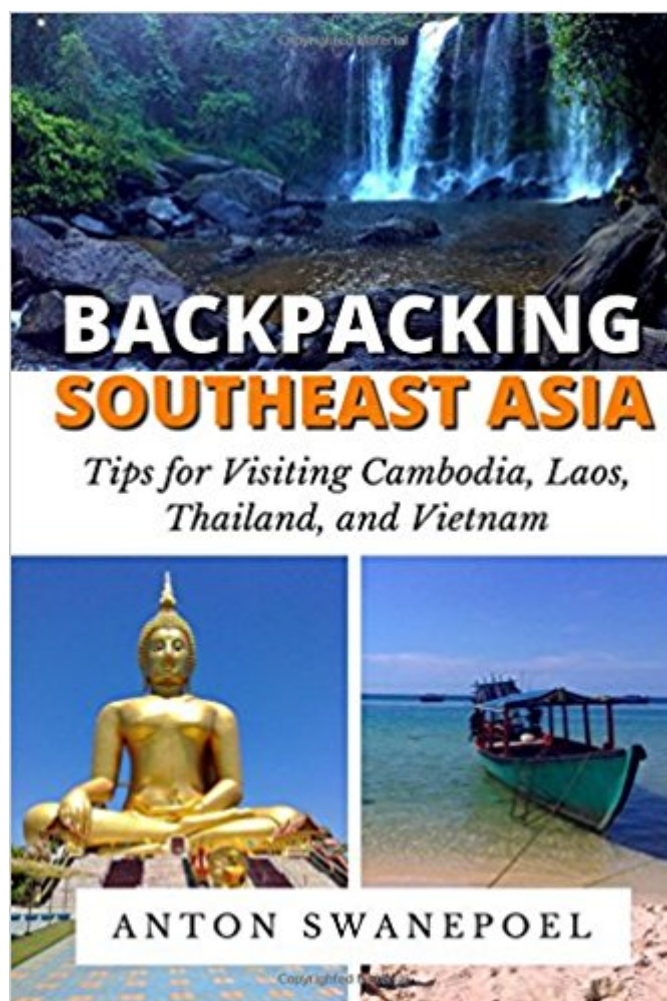


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Backpacking SouthEast Asia: Tips For Visiting Cambodia, Laos, Thailand And Vietnam



Synopsis

Tips for visiting Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam Can you feel it? Your emotions are running away with your heart, which beats wildly at the center of a tug-of-war, balancing fear and joy. The sheer exhilaration of a backpacking adventure is intoxicating, however, fear of the unexpected can derail plans, postpone dreams, or even worse, cancel them. Southeast Asia is a land full of untold mystique and beauty. A rich history and remarkable culture await you: cuisine bursting with flavor, temples rife with jaw-dropping splendor, markets abounding with deals, and stunning sun-soaked beaches. For more adventurous backpackers, hidden archaeological gems and amazing, jungle waterfalls lay off the beaten paths and are ready for your discovery. Get insider tips and advice from world traveler, Anton Swanepoel, who lived in Southeast Asia for over 18 months and backpacked extensively throughout Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. The layout of the guide is incredibly straightforward and will assist any traveler who may be seeking greater depth to their vacation experience. Contained within the text you'll learn the following: Visas and other required documentation What to take along What to leave behind Common scams Tips on saving money Staying safe Costs of transportation, accommodation, food, and more The law in Asia and staying out of jail If you've ever desired to have your soul stirred, your spirit swept away by awe-inspiring beauty, or your senses bathed in ancient cultures, lost to time, then Southeast Asia is an absolute must for you. Take the first step today - download this timely guide, shelf your anxiety, and enjoy a worry-free, affordable holiday of a lifetime.

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Customer Reviews

Adventurer and world traveler, Anton Swanepoel, hales originally from Pretoria, South Africa, but has called a number of exotic locations home. Educated as a software engineer, he worked for a large multinational company before deciding to travel the globe. Along life's journey, Anton became a skilled scuba diver and technical diving instructor, teaching for seven years while living in the Cayman Islands. His resume touts Tri-Mix instructor levels from multiple licensing agencies, and dive records over 400 feet. Mr. Swanepoel has always loved travel and writing. In the past several years he's combined these passions, authoring and publishing a host of books, sharing secrets he's learned along the way. When he's not exploring an underwater landscape or racing a motorcycle down a stretch of highway, you'll find Anton visiting world destinations and chronicling his experiences. Today, he is a full-time globetrotter and writer, having penned instructional guides for diving and travel, as well as a pair of fictional novels. His excursion titles are geared toward do-it-yourself travelers, who enjoy saving money and seeing the out-of-way places. His favorite destinations include, Machu Picchu, the mountains of Vietnam, and the Temples at Angkor Wat.

Lots of good, useful information

I had the opportunity of reading Mr. Swanepoel's 'Backpacking Southeast Asia' guide prior to its availability on . That being said, I was eager to pen a quick review with my impression and thoughts. Firstly, I would characterize myself as a somewhat adventurous traveler, however, the idea of backpacking a foreign land, especially one so different from North America, causes me much trepidation. I'm more the type to hook up with a tour group to see the sights, but as this author points out, I would miss the essence of Asia. This guide went a long way to bridle my fears and overcome my anxieties. I like having things laid out for me, and the step-by-step, instructional manner this book employs was ideal. Having someone who has walked the paths, ridden the buses and trains, and fallen victim to some of the scams, retains a value this reader could not over estimate. Still, I cannot see myself utilizing hostels, but if that's your thing, Swanepoel removes the guesswork there as well. The writing is detailed but entertaining. Some of the author's experiences left me shaking my head in amazement, and bewildered by his determination. The section on bed bugs had me scratching for days, yet it left me better informed and surprisingly prepared to avoid the nasty critters. I was also taken by the laws, corruption, and naivety of some travelers but most of all by the beauty of the people and places. This is a concise guide for anyone considering backpacking Southeast Asia and I would

highly recommend it. My lasting impression is: This is the only guide I'd need to have a wonderful vacation experience, and if it's not in the guide I likely don't need to worry about it.

A total waste of money. A traveler can get the same info which most is just common sense in a more concise travel publication.

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