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them, practically encyclopedic. Some people find the wealth of detail overwhelming, but the advantage is that one can pinch pennies on one part of the trip and splurge on a worthwhile luxury at another time, without having to consult different guides. Also, they include more places, letting you know whether there's something of interest in a place (or not), rather than leaving a place out and leaving you to wonder. They include tour organizer information too, should you want to leave some or all of your planning to someone else. Granted, there is some shorthand involved to get all that information in. The print can be small, the pages, thin. But, for example, if I see something marked as "recommended" in Footprint, I consider it a solid gold endorsement, because it's not given out often and reflects the comments of thousands of readers. "Footprint Ecuador" shares these qualities. Ecuador is a tiny country just bursting with wildlife, architecture, and people worth spending time with, and Footprint's details on things like how long a bus trip will take and how much it will cost allow one to plan confidently how to spend one's limited time there. And once in a while there is a wry, dry comment that will make you laugh. I visited a jungle lodge 3 1/2 hours by canoe from the nearest town, hiked on a volcano, visited native markets, lazed on a beach, explored colonial cities, saw blue footed boobies (without going to Galapagos, which was outside my budget), and talked, talked, talked with Ecuadorans. This book helped me everywhere and has given me a hundred reasons to want to go back and explore some more. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. not accurate

By Christine
Maybe it's because this book is now 2 years old, but my husband and I just came back from 11 days in Ecuador and felt it necessary to report that we hated this book. The price listings were usually off by 10-25%, and the reviews of various restaurants were inaccurate. We also found the book somewhat difficult to use. After staying at a relative's condo and finding a different guide book there, it became all the more apparent how frustrating this book was. Nevertheless, sometimes it was accurate, so I still give it a couple stars... and it's important to bear in mind that one's personal preferences might not always jibe with the authors. We did find that more than once the book would refer to something on another page and then that whatever we were looking for wasn't on the specified page. Maybe related to the various versions/updates, but irritating all the same. I do NOT recommend this book.