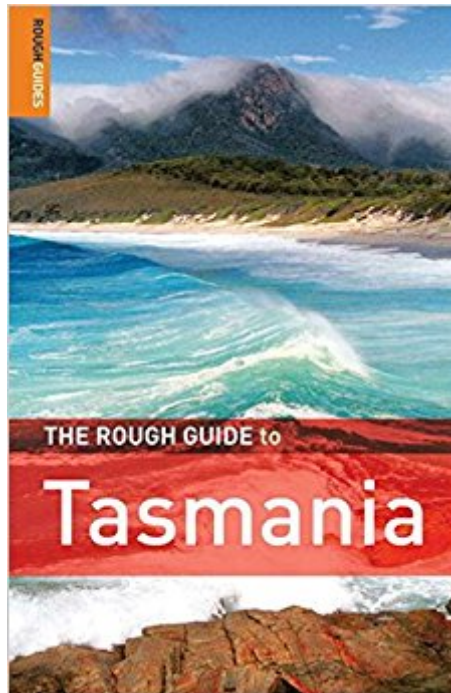




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Customer Reviews

This provides a good objective overview of Tasmania, with few subjective highlights. We loved Tasmania, but did most of our travel planning on the Web, which gave much more of a feel for things than did any book, including Rough Guide. This book is, however, the best overview book that we found, better than its Lonely Planet competitor. We bought both and brought them with us, but seldom used them on our six days in Tasmania. This book has very good descriptions of each area, with only a very high level picture of the whole country. Go to the Web to figure out what appeals to you. Then, interested in the Tasman Peninsula? The book can help. Travel books are still a bit in a pre-Web past, longer on accommodations and restaurants, where there's better information

online. The two Tasmania books we used are short on vivid descriptions of the type "if you like this kind of thing, here's a place not to miss and why".

Rough Guides are normally my travel guide of choice. The Tasmania version (edition one - hopefully future editions will be much better!) was pretty bad however, with odd inclusions and recommendations. I don't think there were any obvious inaccuracies, and it was fine for basic travel information. However, I did not agree with a lot of the editorial choices (whereas I usually like the Rough Guide take on things). It seemed as though the Rough Guide purposely wanted to highlight different hikes & various other attractions and the writer/editor didn't bother to personally experience the stuff themselves. I hate to say this, but the Lonely Planet version was better. Lonely Planet is based in Australia, so maybe that isn't too surprising!

I bought this book, as there were not too many choices of books about Tasmania. I wound up not using it that much, as the other travel guide and atlas I bought was much easier to use and presented the information in a way that was much easier to read. I found this book jammed with information and small print, making it more difficult to use, particularly on the road.

We ended up with the main version so didn't use this one much on our trip but was useful.

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