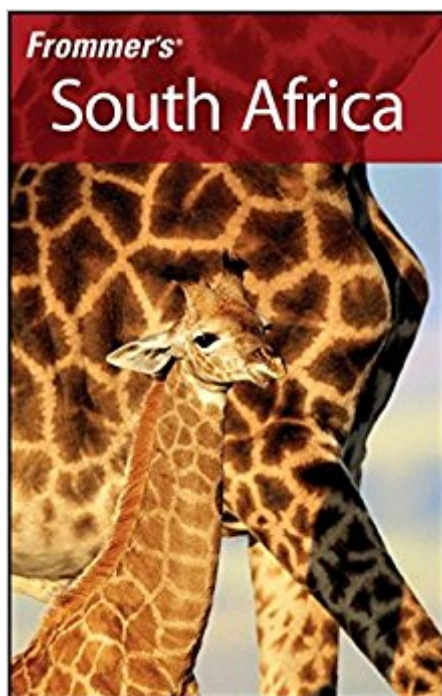


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Meticulously researched and beautifully written by a South African native, Frommer's South Africa, 5th Edition, should be the discerning reader's only guide to a memorable trip to southern Africa. The book includes coverage of the lion-rich reserves of Botswana and the wonders of Victoria Falls. It offers complete information on safaris, from what to wear to the top game lodges to tips from professional trackers. But there's so much more: An exploration of Cape Town, one of the world's most beautiful cities, surrounded by mountains and sea, and the nearby picturesque Winelands country; Whale-watching and eating seafood on the Western Cape; Walking through carpets of flowers in Namaqualand plains after the first spring rains; Rafting or surfing the churning waters of the Zambezi River. Frommer's South Africa, 5th Edition, gives you all that and much more, from the best places to stay and eat to expert advice on getting there, getting around, and having the trip of a lifetime!

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We used this during a recent trip to South Africa. The content was helpful, but the Kindle edition was tough to navigate. An index, or better yet, a search function, would have been ideal. We selected the Kindle version to facilitate our goal of packing light, but a print version would have been easier to use. The bookmark and highlighting features of the Kindle can only get you so far. The organization of this book did not seem to be well thought out, and that deficiency would exist in both print and electronic versions. For example, when looking for restaurants in Cape Town, we had to first select a neighborhood, which implied a familiarity with the region we did not have as first time visitors. At the end of the day, I found the information in this book to be helpful, but hard to access.

This book, as all the Frommer series, is very good to help you plan a trip. The recommendations are often the same as you will find on Tripadvisor which increase my confidence level, but in the book you get really detailed information with contact numbers and websites. They have maps of each area with the interest point marked on it, this is a great planning tool; you can really figure better in what order to schedule visits. Yes, other books have more photos, this one definitely does not but that is why it's a good planner, it has INFORMATION. Those pretty DK books are nice to look at but useless to plan with. I would like to see them update more frequently but reality is that the information does not really change that often, so all in all the book is great.

I got this book for an upcoming trip to South Africa. I tried to get the last (2012) edition, but it's out of print. Too bad since I think Frommer's guides are way above the other travel guides currently in print. So, I settled for this 2009 edition. It's been great for mapping out routes, tips on some of the best places to stay and avoid and many of the restaurants are still around too. The only downside is whenever a price is mentioned, you know it's not current. However, if you can use wifi along the way, you should be fine. What I particularly like about this book is that Frommer is not afraid to recommend one place over another. Many travel guides won't put themselves out there to do so and you are forced to do more research on your own to get answers. Frommer cuts through the chase and I appreciate it!

We are fans of Frommer's Guide books from previous trips and choose this book from .com without reviewing it the old fashioned way - browsing through the pages/sections. Too late we discovered

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It is a very good guide book to South Africa and it is wonderful to have it on my Kindle and not have to carry a book around with me when I travel.

I have enjoyed using it. Only Frommer and Lonely Planet have information on traveling in Southern Africa, and this seems to be a no nonsense guide. Hopefully, now that Frommers has been resold, they will start writing and printing more up to date books once more.

I had 3 guide books for my 10 day trip to S. Africa and this was by far the best, really the only one I needed. Maps were a lifesaver. Suggested restaurants and routes were great! I highly recommend this guidebook.

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