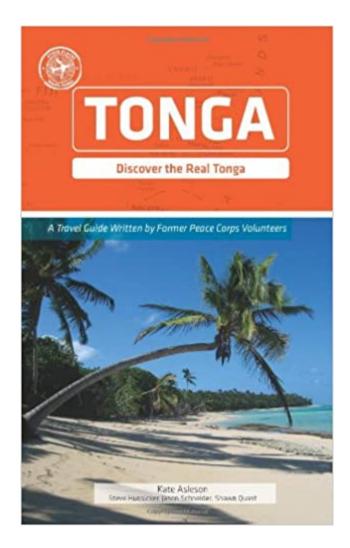


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Synopsis

Tonga has eluded outsiders for much of its history. From the imperial powers of Europe to modern-day travelers, Tonga has often been overlooked amongst the South Pacific island nations. But for those who do venture to this archipelago nation, a timeless Polynesian experience awaits; one that is all its own. The writers of this guidebook each lived, worked and played throughout Tonga as Peace Corps Volunteers. They lived with local families, learned village life, and experienced this fascinating country like few outsiders have before. Each writes of the island group where they lived - all reviews are from first-hand experience and local insider information. This comprehensive guidebook covers cultural norms (such as the eyebrow flick and greeting sniff), explains the curious clothing fashions, and divulges secret spots known only to locals. To see the real Tonga and to travel like a local, this book is a must. - Swim with Whales Tonga is one of only two places in the world where visitors can snorkel alongside these magnificent creatures. The best island groups for whale encounters are Vava u and Ha apai. - Explore Deserted Beaches and Islands With one hundred sixty-six islands in Tonga, white sandy beaches and uninhabited islands are abundant there. - Snorkel and Dive Tonga is still unknown to many travelers, leaving unbelievable pristine reefs and dive spots uncrowded, patiently awaiting exploration. - Experience Local Culture Cultural events, like kava circles and dance performances, provide a unique opportunity to become immersed in the local culture which pervades Tonga.

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Customer Reviews

I have been to Tonga and am familiar with the country. This guide was the most comprehensive and complete current information on the country. I very much appreciate the direct practical information for what to see, hidden gems, activities and places to stay and eat. I loved the description of the culture and history as well as how to best interact and understand the people of Tonga. The blogs and stories of the peace corps experiences were fun to read and gave a great flavor for the country and personal touch to the land. The author is actually Kate Asleson as the primary contributor so please list her as the author. I would highly recommend this book and would place it at the forefront for products with Tongan travel. Other books are no where near the depth and expertise of this book. It would be the best tool possible for anyone traveling to Tonga. The descriptions on each island group gave great suggestions on what to see and do and really wets your appetite to go back and experience what I have missed on my first trip. I believe these are islands that are incredibly beautiful, have some of the best reefs and sealife to experience equal to the Great Barrier Reef and the travel remains pure and not commercialized, a rare thing to find these days. GO TONGA!

Most consolidated information I have found on Tonga anywhere! The authors did a good job starting me on my research of the fascinating island country. Can't wait to visit next year!!!

The table of contents in the e-book had no page numbers for each chapter.. It was not easy to use. I had to go through the whole book to find a specific island group. The same information was repeated in different chapters in the book.

Not too good - Lonely Planet - Raro, Samoa, and Tonga much better.

An easy and enticing read. Filled with great information and advice for travel along with customs to follow or be aware of or simply fun facts.Loved the recommendations and photos in the book. An interesting novel of the country filled with a personal touch that made it a great read even if your not traveling to Tonga (but it will make you want to!)I would defintaley recommend it to ALL who plan on venturing to Tonga now or in the future, or those who like to understand our world just a little better, or anyone planning on moving to another country/joining the peace corps.

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