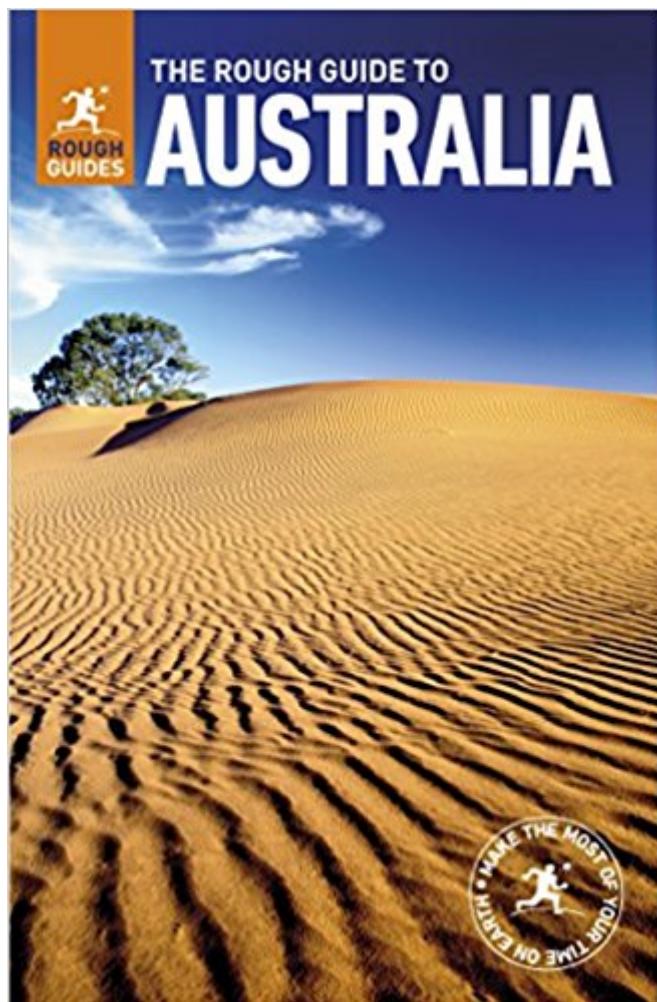


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Margo Daly was born and grew up in Sydney, and after a decade based in London, now lives in her native city again, which she covers in this guide. David Leffman is an established Rough Guide author and inveterate traveller. He is co-author of Rough Guides to China and Iceland. Anne Dehne

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Now in its tenth edition, this guide has been refined into a really good book. As with many things Aussie, this book has an outdoorsy bent. Coverage of Australia's truly incredible natural sites is thorough. The absolutely amazing Atherton Tablelands get nice treatment, and are a MUST for any trip to Australia. There's far less history and social content than some other Rough Guides but, that said, this book is typical Rough Guide density with encyclopedic coverage. The best thing about this book is that you're not likely to find a place in this vast country without at least a few words written about it. The chapters about particularly remote sections of the country are well done and fascinating to read. Cultural and historical contexts are well done, not just filler material. A good guide book should make you more anxious to get on with your trip. This one has that effect on me. I'd like to see a bit more narrative about significant architecture and important institutions, and the book needs a nice new set of maps. There are few really good ones in here. Keep in mind that Australia is a huge country, and distances can be vast. Cultural and natural attractions are so numerous that no single guidebook will bring them all to you. This one does it better than other books, in my opinion. The editions are frequent enough so that listings are relatively up-to-date, but no guidebook for a place this large and dynamic can be perfect or completely comprehensive. Keep that in mind.

This is a little different from the rest of the Lonely Planets, Michelin, and other assortment of guides in that it gives a bit more information apart from the standard tourist fare. Our trip to Australia has been delayed and we have not had the chance to put it to the ultimate test, but my wife did find it extremely helpful on a week's "test trip" to Sydney. We've used them all on jaunts around the world, and while we wouldn't necessarily put this one in our back pack for a spin around the cities because of its size, we would certainly use it in formulating our trip agenda and keep it in the car, if we had a car with us at the time.

This is a very beautiful and helpful, informative and interesting map. I will definitely buy rough guide maps again when a map is desired. Delivery of this map to me was surprisingly quick, as it came from Great Britain.

I liked that the mapmakers have finally realized that just regular paper wears out at the folds after a while. This one is on sturdier paper, waterproof and easy to fold. Have had fun locating where my relatives are soon to visit!

LOVE this book...lots of great tips, ideas and background on travelling AUSTRALIA. If you are planning a trip THIS is the book to get!!!!

Rough Guide is quite good but I actually used Lonely Planet Australia as my primary guide (they vary from country to country as to which is better). Rough Guide has, naturally, a few things the Lonely Planet guide doesn't (I used Rough Guide as a complimentary guide). If traveling a fair amount by train "Australia By Rail" (Colin Taylor) is truly excellent (as are the Austrail passes). For Queensland alone the Lonely Planet Queensland guide is outstanding.

Terrific guide to all of Australia, including Tasmania. I don't think that they have missed anything. It's a bit large to carry around but you can use it for research at home. Even if you never get there, it's a fascinating study.

This product may contain decent content but it exhibits the most retarded way to put it in an electronic guide format. (1) no sensible cross-references; (2) maps are tucked away in obscure pages and are basically unusable because of lousy resolution; (3) the text just pours out location after location without giving you any idea where the hell this place is - you can only make sense of this "guide" if you shuffle between it and a google map; (4) "navigating" the guide itself means essentially "flipping" pages - which is OK with a printed book, but miserable with an electronic one; (5) you can't copy even a couple of words, for instance, to paste a name/location into a search line; (6) search returns all (!) instances of the word without discrimination - good luck trying to figure out which of them just mentions it and which actually gives more detail about the place. Summary: shoddy piece of work.

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