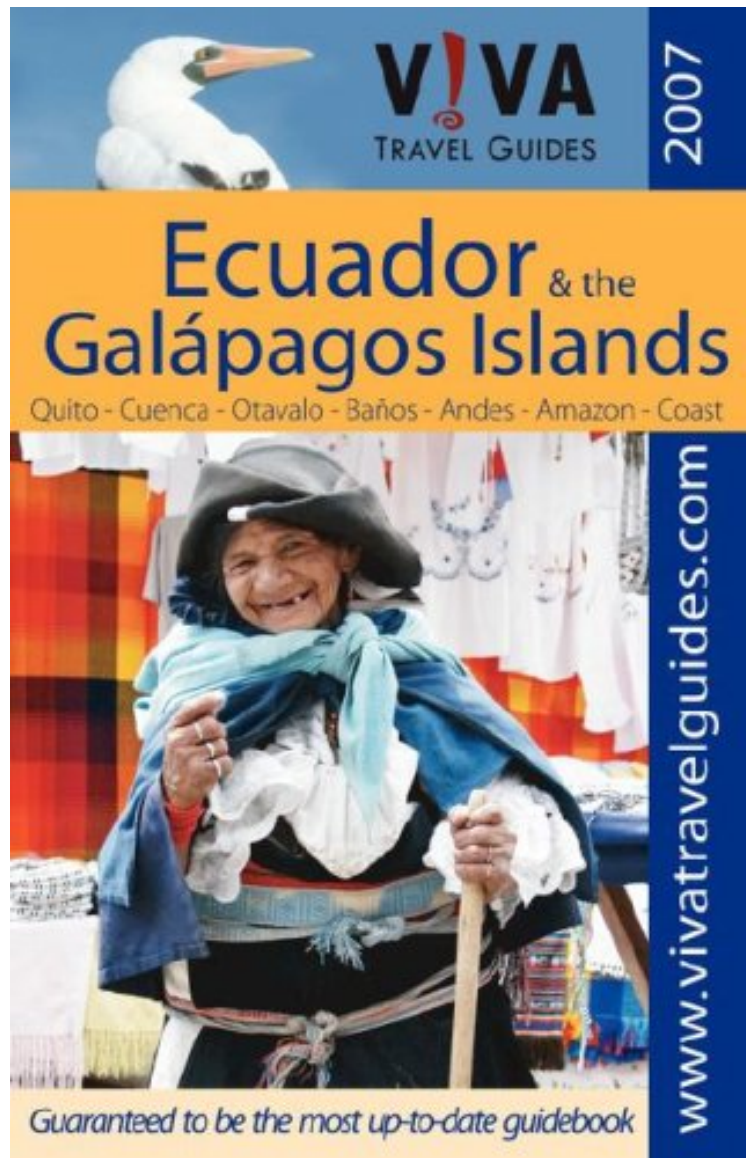


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one of the worst I've found (I bought it because the publishing date was the most current - if I had a chance to thumb through it in a bookstore, I would have passed - few maps and no visuals). While in Cuenca, I found a number of addresses wrong or not listed. For Guayaquil, there was no map in the book and the description of the hotel I booked online was laughably wrong (described as "elegant and sophisticated," but it was more like Motel 6). For the price, you can get much better guides with more photography, maps and detailed information. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An awesome book for really experiencing Ecuador. By Paul Anthony Riddell. I just returned from a semester abroad studying in Quito, and I constantly used this book when I traveled around Ecuador and while in Quito. I felt like it always led me in the right direction and helped me discover all the places and people that became the most memorable parts of my trip. In Quito, this book has all the best restaurants and bars that only the locals know about. Other guidebooks on Ecuador seem to recommend only the touristy places where you hardly even hear people speaking Spanish. I also bought a "new" 2006 Lonely Planet book, but after the first few weeks didn't use it (except for occasionally the maps), and ended up giving it away because it was so touristy and almost all the prices were really out of date already and many places recommended were out of business. The Viva book's maps could use improving and it was a little hard to find some info quickly, but once you found it, it was 100% on target. I liked how this book is created by many different people who have lived and traveled in Ecuador, and the reviews of places and quotes from other travelers were cool, as that's how I like to travel anyway-- asking other travelers who have been somewhere what they liked and where I should go. I would highly recommend this book for anyone who wants to get off of the well-trodden gringo trail and experience the country's true culture.

V!VA Travel Guides: Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of Ecuador's most popular destinations. Written by a team of travel writers who have lived and traveled throughout this fascinating country, the guide contains extensive coverage of the Galapagos Islands including reviews of over 80 Galapagos boats and more than 30 maps of the visitor sites and islands. The book details more restaurants and hotels in Quito than any other guidebook, plus our community of writers have found the top eco-lodges and tours for an unforgettable stay in the Amazon rainforest and tips on visiting the jungle. A special Adventure Travel section provides detailed information about rafting, climbing, riding, mountain biking and hiking around Quito. In addition to coverage of the not-to-be-missed destinations of Otavalo and Baos, in this, the latest edition, you can find new, and completely up-to-date sections on Cuenca, the Southern Andes and the Coast. V!VA Travel Guides has re-designed the travel guide book from the ground up using the internet, community participation and online geographic databases. All V!VA Travel Guide's books begin as web sites, collecting reviews, comments, rants and raves, suggestions, and updates from travelers like you. The community's favourites are then compiled into a book. Most guide books rely on the opinions and research of one single person who may or may not share your tastes. V!VA Guides, on the other hand, rely on unbiased first-hand accounts from fellow travelers. This process guarantees that you have the most up-to-date, accurate information available for planning your travels.