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The Complete Insider's Guide To Romania: 2011



Synopsis

An in-depth look at visiting, living in and experiencing all the timeless wonders that Romania has to offer, written by someone who has lived here for years and speaks and understands the local culture.

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Customer Reviews

This is a book is not just about Romania but about the Romanian people and their culture. It is indeed, an "insider's" view, at it looks to me that the author was quite successful in understanding what Romania is all about. I've left Romania for Canada more than fifteen years ago and I wish I had a similar book about Canada and Canadians. Now, with a good understanding of how westerners live and socialize, I can see how confusing Romania can be for them. As I was reading this guide and its various amusing chapters about how a foreigner would perceive various Romanian customs, I had many moments where I would chuckle and think "OMG, this is so true, I've never seen it that way!". I can tell that the author had many patient guides himself, guides that introduced him to all that's good and bad about Romania, from the sweet taste and fragrance of the wild strawberries, the welcoming people and sights taken from fairy tales, to the mind boggling bureaucracy and the scary night traffic on country roads. As a Romanian, I would have very little to add to this book and I would recommend this book to all that want to not just visit Romania but to also understand the people and enrich their experience.

not only a funny and extremely written book, but also a very useful one. I am from ROmania, but i've been living and workign abroad for a few years now. The conclusions and... discoveries that Sam

made about Romania are 97% true. Not everything is according to reality (those 3% are quite different), and i would rate it 4,5 actually - 5 for the writing style, 4 for the content. But anyways, great job! In 10 years, he made one of the best analyses about common Romanian people and their lifestyle

Being a Romanian, I can affirm this is a good and HONEST guide. The author made efforts to really understand Romania, with good and bad and to accurately describe it. Even the few mistakes I have spotted are harmless. Highly recommended if- you are a Romanian - it won't hurt to understand your country- you are a Romanian in exile - it won't hurt to understand what you left behind- you came to live here - this is your best starting guide- you travel in Romania and would like to "see" deeper than the usual tourist.

This book is really fun to read, seems unbiased and tells the facts as they are - sometimes even politically incorrect, which is absolutely fine with me. I definitely recommend this book to anyone traveling to Romania (for information) or even to Romanians (for entertainment value), as they will find a lot of everyday truths they barely even notice anymore.

Traveled to Romania for the first time and found this guide to be incredibly helpful. Great reading from someone who actually lived there and understands the country and culture.

great!

We took this with us last October for our visit to Romania. It was very helpful (traveling tips). I would say that it is geared more towards someone who is going to live in Romania, rather than a short visit.

This was the easiest book to follow. It explains places and sights that are easy to follow and understand. The food and customs were important to know.

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