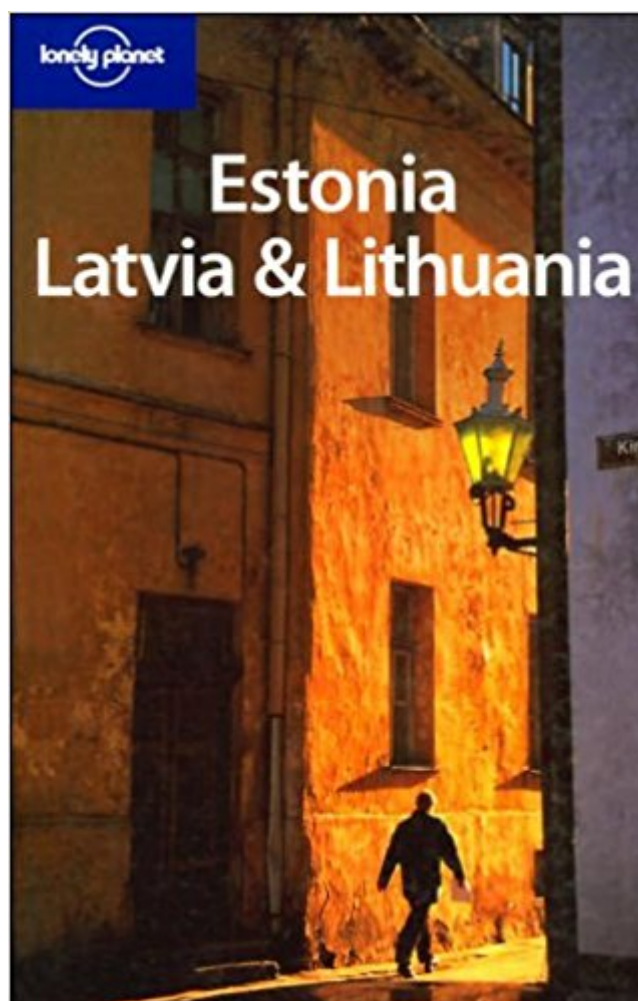


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The most comprehensive guide to the area, with a chapter on Russia's noncontiguous Kaliningrad region, this guide combines background information, cultural insights, and information on practicalities. Outdoor activities range from stork spotting to bobsledding and bungee jumping. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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I love Lonely Planet Guides, for the most part. Used them a number of times to go various places in the world. So, even a poor Lonely Planet is still amazingly helpful. But this is a poor Lonely Planet.

This book supposedly is their 2009 edition. It is in name only. Time and again in the book, they refer to 'best information as of 2005' or something similar. Clearly, that was the last time anyone from LP was on the ground in the Baltics, doing research. Perhaps a few loyal customers sent into them an update here, a piece of new information there between 2005 and 2009, but that's not enough to legitimately put out a new edition as if it had been reasonably researched. For instance, now that Estonia has gone to the Euro, costs are very different. Elsewhere, the economic downturn of 2008 really caused their prices to rise, and the book does not reflect that. Some of the transportation information, in fact a fair amount, is outdated. So I offer a bit of a 'shame on you LP' for leaving us to think that you really had done your homework. You are like a naughty but very bright teenager who can still come to class and fake your way through it because of what you knew before. So at the same time, I offer my thank you for the older knowledge of the Baltics that you offered and still managed to get correct, it was a big help.

As part of my planning for a cycling trip, helpful. Regretably new edition is not out till May 2009 and I plan trip to be in June/July. With all the changes these past few years in these States, the new edition should be much more up to date and I hope to take it with me on trip..

This is a very complete guide to the Baltic States. It has all the info needed for a successful exploration of this gorgeous part of the world. Good info on transportation, sights, hours, costs, food, hotels, etc. If you're visiting all three countries it's worth it, but if you're only seeing one or two might be best to buy them individually to avoid having to carry this book around.

I've visited 44 countries, mostly on a budget, and Lonely Planet is THE only book I would consider using. It's thorough, comprehensive and concise. It's especially geared for the budget/adventure traveler, though it would also prove useful to anyone on a tour or cruise. Lonely Planet is packed with maps, useful phrases, history lessons, tips on culture & conduct, addresses and descriptions of museums, hotels, restaurants - everything you need. Though Lonely Planet leans towards those of us who travel in hostels and budget hotels, it also gives a good description of hotels and restaurants for those who wish to travel in a more luxurious manner. There are other good travel books out there - Eyewitness Guides, etc - that have a lot of beautiful photos - but unless you're traveling with a steamer trunk, these are of little use because they lack the information you'll need while on the road. Look at the others for inspiration before you go, if you'd like, but pack your Lonely Planet. I'd never travel without it.

The maps in this guide were generic and not tied to the trip suggestions; there was virtually no information regarding rail transportation (or any other kind, for that matter) and no guide for obtaining the rail schedules. There was very little information regarding travel time from one place to another, even within the two-day or other schedules. There was very little information regarding what is available in-season and, more importantly to me, what is available out of season. There was absolutely nothing on monthly average weather conditions in any of the major cities or even country-wide for the three countries. Etc. In short, it is by far the worst of the Lonely Planet guides I have used.

I bought the book for an upcoming trip to the region next May. It is very helpful to check the top recommended sites before visiting in case of time restraints. Excellent coverage and great color photos.

Demasiado usado, e um pouco sujo. Mas pelo preço não se pode esperar melhor, está ok. Encontra-se estruturalmente intacto. A capa está um bocadinho danificada.

The third edition has forty fewer pages and clearly less information than the second edition.

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