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Angela Charlton moved to Russia in the early 1990s and spent most of the ensuing decade in the former Soviet Union working as a journalist. She was the Moscow correspondent for the Associated Press for six years, and she also studied in St. Petersburg and worked in Kiev. She is currently a journalist based in Paris.

Russia is a complex and sometimes confusing place and a good guide book will definitely help. This guidebook does a pretty decent job of providing basic information about places of interest and has some good maps at least in the Kindle version. It still omits some key information like that Lenin's Tomb has not been open to the public for some time. It also strangely overlooks some interesting places in St. Petersburg. I'm not sure of how it does for Moscow other than the Kremlin and Red Square section which is good because much of interest in Moscow is spread out. It also does not tell you some key facts like to take the subway when possible in Moscow as the surface traffic is very bad and to learn how to count stations to use the subway since it is impossible in most instances to actually read the station names. It also did not warn of significant petty thievery in both cities and I was pick pocketed in the subway in St. Petersburg on my way in from the airport. My advice would be to take the bus to the subway as the "taxis" will steal from you but obviously. Take care like you would in any city and you'll be fine.

I recently spent 2 weeks in Russia and never left without my Frommer's guide each day. It had very helpful information included that fully prepared me for riding on the metro, finding the best markets for souvenirs and visiting all the major attractions. The historical background articles were especially insightful. The one thing lacking in the book that would have been helpful were photo illustrations. These would have helped identify certain buildings and or items of interest to look for in museums, etc.

I like the Frommers guides format since I find them easy to read. They provide a list of important things to see and the best way to see them. I buy the books since they provide complete suggested itineraries, like "The best of Moscow in 1 day, 2 days, 3 days." The Russian history in this book is especially interesting.

The book was good and it had a lot of information. My only complaint is that it tended to be focused on very wealthy travelers. For getting to one site, it did not include any information about the many cheap public buses, but did have information about renting a helicopter. However, the museum times, locations, and costs were all accurate and up to date. All in all, not a bad choice.

This map has been helpful in understanding the layout and options as we plan a vacation to the region; and we will bring it with us for reference. Only 4 stars because I really only need the St Petersburg part and so (1) I'm paying for a lot guide than I need, and (2) it is sometimes confusing to find the pieces I need. But it is all there.

This was a very helpful book on our recent trip to St Petersburg. There were many useful suggestions in the book for "must see" attractions as well as restaurant guides. Would like to see more photos like National Geographic puts in their travel guides, but it was very useful.

We found the book a great deal of help with our recent trip to both cities. I guess it could more of a historical bent, but really it was fine for most travelers.

The book provided a good mix of history and background about the country and also had pretty good tips on places to check out in Russia for these two cities.

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