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Moon Chile: Including Easter Island (Moon Handbooks)



Synopsis

Seasoned author and South America expert Wayne Bernhardson covers the best of Chile's rich history and culture, from skiing in the boroughs of Santiago to wine-tasting in the country's heartland. To help travelers plan for their trip, Bernhardson includes insightful and fun suggested itineraries, such as Adventure in the Andes; The Best of Santiago, Valparaíso, and Wine Country; and Wildlife Encounters. With information on climbing volcanoes in the Sur Chico, following the path of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, and exploring the remote corners of the Atacama desert, Moon Chile gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Customer Reviews

"The latest in the batch of Moon Handbooks releases proves again that Moon is one of the finest travel series around. What sets Moon apart from most guidebooks is the attention to detail and, more importantly, a respect for the topic." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Wayne Bernhardson first traveled to Chile in 1979 during the Pinochet dictatorship, wrote his master's thesis on llama and alpaca herding in the Norte Grande's Parque Nacional Lauca, and has returned repeatedly to broaden and deepen his knowledge and appreciation of the country. He has driven well over 100,000 kilometers through every Chilean region and Pacific island possession, and he has also visited Chile's Antarctic bases in the South Shetland Islands and

the Antarctic Peninsula. Wayne earned his PhD in geography at the University of California, Berkeley, but abandoned academia for a perpetual Latin American road trip that many university faculty envy. He is also the author of Moon Handbooks to Argentina, Buenos Aires, and Patagonia. In addition, Wayne has written for magazines and newspapers including Trips, the San Francisco Chronicle, the American Geographical Society's Focus, Business Traveler, Dupont Registry Tampa Bay, Postcards, National Geographic Traveler, Latin Trade, and Travel Holiday. He often gives slide lectures on destinations he covers in his books. When not in South America (he owns an apartment in Buenos Aires), Wayne resides in Oakland, California, with his wife María Laura Massolo, their daughter Clio Bernhardson-Massolo, and their Alaskan malamute, Malbec (named for Argentina's signature red wine). He can be reached directly by email at southerncone@mac.com or through southernconetravel.com.

... there's some lazy writing here, coupled with not very good and far too few maps. The author spends a lot of time, eg, describing in detail certain walks/hikes. Without a map at hand though, these descriptions are all but impossible to follow. They only make sense when you are in the field AND have a map in hand. We spent much time in the Lakes region near Pucon over X-mas 2013. The Villarica NP is awesome, but the travel guide did not give us much info on that. A short signalling of the Conaf office in Pucon, eg, would have been enough. There you get knowledgeable folks, who hand you a map of the park with suggested routes, too. It was just one of these moments when you thought the guide could have been more carefully researched. Yes, you can't have it all, but there were many moments like that. Just a lil bit disappointing. Having said this, it is still much, much better than the Rough Guide, which I had a quick look at.

Moon Handbooks have been my go to travel book since Maui. I've used them in Belize, Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand as well. They always have great suggestions for budget travelers and information about finding the diamonds in the rough - stuff only locals know about.

Verbose and lacking content. Book is hardly pertinent to anyone interested in outdoor adventure, which was our primary objective.

This book was not that helpful. I found more information on the internet and did not end up using this book very much. All of the information was old or not very specific. It also didn't mention a lot of stuff I ended up doing that was available.

Thank you!

The guide has very detailed information and so I was inquiring over the internet updated prices, walks and places. The maps are very detailed, it is black and white and lack a little more detail in Easter Island

I just got home a few days ago from my Chile, Patagonia and Peru jaunt this year. This book was all I expected it to be. Even with our fast sinking Dollar the rates listed were very close to actual and Mr Bernhardson's insights and recommendations were reliable as usual.

I didn't care for the low-budget look of this book. The print quality was blurred on many pages and it was all in black and white - no color photos. I returned it for the Insight Guide. Important to note that I didn't travel with the text but was merely looking to familiarize myself with the country for planning a trip, so cannot attest to the quality of the information.

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