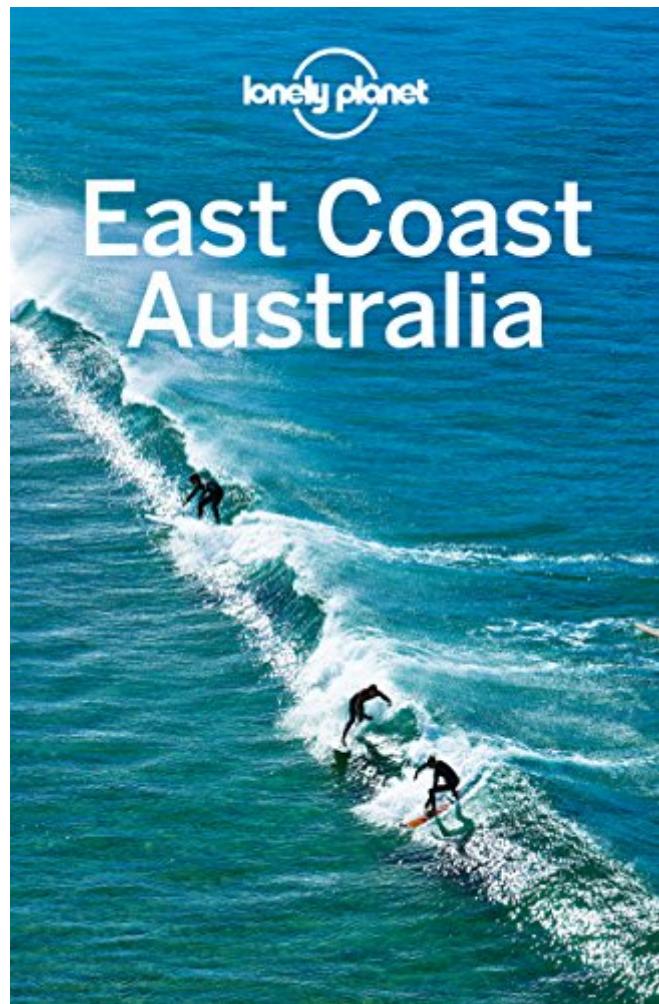


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# **Lonely Planet East Coast Australia 4 (Travel Guide)**



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This book was a huge disappointment and I would not recommend it. Despite its August 2014 publication date, it appears to be a reprint of an older version; prices listed in this book are outdated; information on activities is incorrect, businesses (hotels, restaurants, tour operations) which have popped up in the last three years are nowhere to be found, and businesses which have closed in the last several years are still listed. Besides being outdated, I want my travel book to provide insight and descriptions based on personal experience, and this book falls short. Again and again, it looks like the authors never visited the places or partook in the activities listed in this book, but instead cut and pasted excerpts from a web page or travel brochure. For perspective, I have used Lonely Planet books in the past with great appreciation for their thoroughness and insight. The 2014 Lonely Planet had no reviews at the time I purchased it, and while I noted the poor reviews for the 2011 edition, I hoped these reviews would spur the authors to fix the problems. Unfortunately, that did not happen. We just finished driving from Cape Tribulation to Sydney, stopping frequently along the way. Again

and again, we discovered numerous great places and activities that were not listed in this book, a lack of useful insight and suggestions for those listed, and instructions that were just dead wrong. We are convinced the authors have not been to these areas in years, if ever. There are just too many obvious things missing and wrong with this book. Amazingly, despite poor reviews for their 2011 edition, Lonely Planet decided to print the same old crap in 2014. My suggestion is to look elsewhere for a travel book.

I normally swear by Lonely Planet travel guides. Most of the ones I have had in the past have been for off the beaten track travel and they have been lifesavers - sometimes literally. They always have lots of good history and other tidbits of quirky information and make for great reading. This one was a huge disappointment. It was bland, lackluster and did not provide anything that we couldn't get by walking into a tourist information center or looking at a map. In fact its maps were surprisingly bad! Other Lonely Planets have included guides to birds and animals, so it was strange that a guide to Australia, which has the most spectacular birds on the planet, would not at least have had a few photos of the most common ones. The LP guide to Australia that I had 20 years ago was fabulous reading. What happened?

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