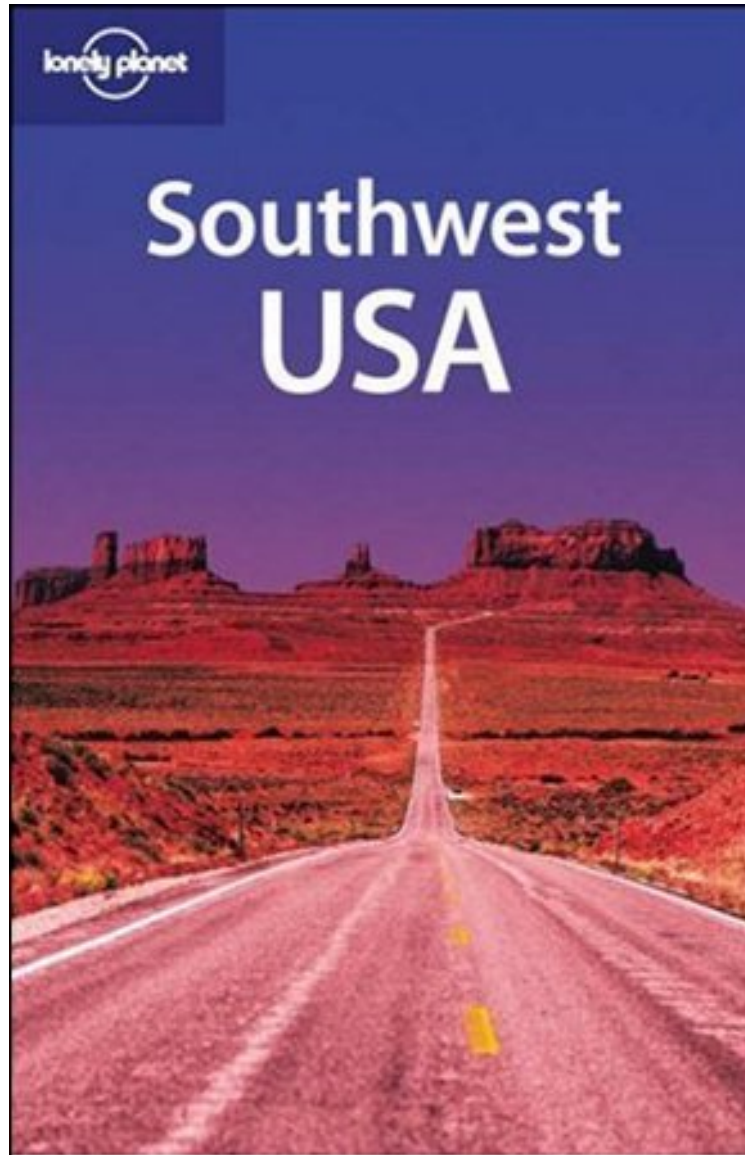


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**Becca Blond, Kim Grant, John A Vlahides : Lonely Planet Southwest USA (Regional Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lonely Planet Southwest USA (Regional Guide):

43 of 45 people found the following review helpful. Downright incompleteBy Ankur ShahI am a major, lifelong supporter of Lonely Planet from the first core Asia books. I have till date not filed a review of a book online, but felt

compelled to highlight some major deficiencies in this product and make a recommendation to look elsewhere for information on the American Southwest. Of late, I have begun branching away from Lonely Planet for more detailed information, but still rely on it for useful phone numbers, maps and other logistical information. For a three week camping trip in the Southwest with a few splurges along the way, I wanted to rely heavily on just such a book. In the Southwest book, much of this information was not present (for example, 'Many campgrounds are available in local state parks' is one of the entries, but no phone numbers, maps nor details given. Not only were options for lodging half-heartedly described, often food options and maps were entirely missing or erroneously described. The cities are a bit better described, but that isn't offering much of an excuse for an area and geography that is utterly unlike any on earth. It is not surprising that this particular book is so short on useful information given its small size, but I found it egregious that LP would compromise so heavily on its core responsibility - providing useful, practical information that saves time and enhances the travel experience. I highly recommend flipping through another guidebook in your local bookstore or experimenting with one of the other brands before relying on the Lonely Planet in this case. I plan to do so for the near future.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. survey of Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico  
By 410  
It's considerably difficult to make sense of so much land in one book, so this guide ends up with brief entries and succinct recommendations. It's useful for suggestions on where to eat and sleep, and places to visit by car. If you want to do a more "adventure" trip, such as to the national parks, you might be better served by more specialized books out there for specific areas. Nonetheless this is handy to have in the car to help decision making on places to eat and stay, while informing what one might want to see. There is a Lonely Planet guide to the entire US. With so much to cover in limited space lots of good stuff inevitable gets left out, and what ends up covered (and in what level of detail) is largely a matter of personal preference.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good overview and plenty of ideas  
By Gaetan Denys  
Really good to build and itinerary and pinpoint the most important stuff to do. Can work as the sole information source, but I would recommend to do additional research to find more details and advices about areas named in the book.

Escape on endless roads through fiery-red canyons and Dr Seussian spires. Mingle with ghosts at the ancient Mesa Verde ruins. Traverse the world and celebrate excess in flirty, fabulous Las Vegas. Whether you're a geology nut, a Wild West buff or an adventure hound, grab this definitive guide and prepare to soak up the Southwest, Lonely Planet style. Get Your Kicks On Route 66 more than 70 detailed maps steer you to this legendary route and beyond. Become The Expert special environment and culture chapters demystify the Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce, and shed light on Native American and Mormon lifestyles. Take It Outside rafting, skiing snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking tips on all the areas hottest activities. Snack, Sip Sleep where to get the yummiest green chile cheeseburgers and microbrews, plus lodging from wigwams to New Agey inns to desert spa resorts. Bask In The Bizarre coverage of the regions quirkiest gems: the Elvis-A-Rama Museum, OK Corral, UFO landing sites, kitschy gift shops and more!

...for the adventurous traveler who wants to live like a native.' --Real Simple Magazine, June 2005