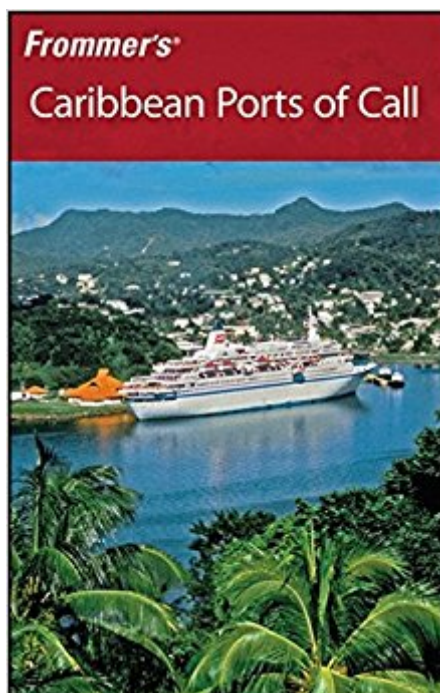


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I would recommend buying the book before booking your cruise. You get a much better profile of the cruise lines, the destinations, and the age and taste profile of your fellow passengers. It might influence your choice, although the author is extremely diplomatic and couches everything in terms of preferences rather than real critical appraisals. You have to read a little bit between the lines to deduce that a certain cruise might not be for you. A little bit of frankness, would have been welcome. I'm familiar with all but one of the destinations, and I'm leaving from my home port. My principal reason for buying the book is to learn about cruising, which I've never done before. Although, I have to say, that it was handy to know the differences between flying into an island and sailing in, admission costs, hours of operation, average prices for various services such as taxis, rentals, etc. All the information is up to date and practical. Judging from the coverage given to the locations that I'm familiar with, and assuming that the locations that I'm not familiar with are equally well covered, the author has done her homework very well. I didn't find any inaccuracies; she exercised good common sense in prioritizing the kind of attraction that might appeal to a wide gamut of interests in the short time available in port. Of course, again, there are no critical comments; everything is ranked about the same, as if the only criteria were personal preference. I assumed that, since I'm taking my kindle loaded with all my reading material, it would make sense to have the

travel guide there as well. This is the first time I've done this and am not sure if I'll do that again. (Reasons listed below). Kindle version: * No index, no table of contents (just a listing of contents). You have to use the search function, which doesn't give you an idea how the book is organized or let you casually come across information that you didn't know to specifically search for (unless you read the whole book or bookmark and highlight extensively). * The author may refer to Chapter 5 in an earlier chapter, and it's no easy job to get there and find your way back to where you were. It is also time consuming to skip whole chapters, screen-by-screen, which don't pertain to you. * Charts and maps, which by their nature have small print, cannot be enlarged, which means you need a magnifying glass to read them. The fact that the page size has been reduced in order to fit on a 6" screen and everything is in black and white makes matters worse. (Fortunately, Frommer's provides a website where e-reader customers can download & print the maps. It's in the introductory pages, be sure to check for it.) But, on the whole, regardless of which medium you choose, it is an excellent book that addressed all my reasons for buying it.

Frommer's does a great job at providing information on destinations. I have used the books in the past to help plan vacations and have never been disappointed in the information. I have never done a cruise before, and it gives a lot of information on how the whole process operates, and recommendation. I like to really get my experiences in with every vacation, and Frommer's delivers on the must see/must do at each location and offers tips as to how to prioritize and the best ways to get all those experiences in, what to look out for. Knowing this information will help with the experience, but will also give you insight as to what to expect on the islands, and not get taken advantage of. It's my go-to resource for any vacation, especially to a destination, I've never been before. I think worth the money. If your local library carries them, even better.

This was very helpful. We bought this for our Carnival Cruise to Freeport and Nassau. The cruise line excursions are really expensive so we wanted to do things on our own. This gave us all the info we needed to be comfortable on shore. It gives you maps and prices. Pretty much everything you would want to know. It gives you lots of different choices and things to think about. It fit well in my backpack as well. Really happy with this guide.

We have been on several cruises, but only bought this book before our last cruise. We should have bought it years ago. It is packed full of good info about every port of call that you will not find anywhere else without doing days of research. We should have bought this book years ago.

We are getting ready to embark on a 14 day Caribbean cruise and were interested in the various ports of call. This book gave us some valuable information on getting around the islands as well as those excursions that were worthwhile taking.

A useful book for planning visits to Caribbean islands. I am using this with the descriptions of my cruise ship's shore excursions: Do I want the shorex, or do I do the sightseeing on my own? The book also gives opinions on what is worthwhile to see and what isn't...which you don't get from the cruise line (everything is worth seeing). The recommendations on what to buy or not buy at each stop are also worthwhile. The acid test for this book will come when I take the cruise: were the recommendations good or not?

This gives you needed info about various ports. Useful port info on various topics including food, maps, transportation, and much more.

Used this book to plan a Caribbean cruise I took a couple of years ago; provided all the information we needed and was instrumental in helping us select from the array of tours and activities offered by the cruise line.

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