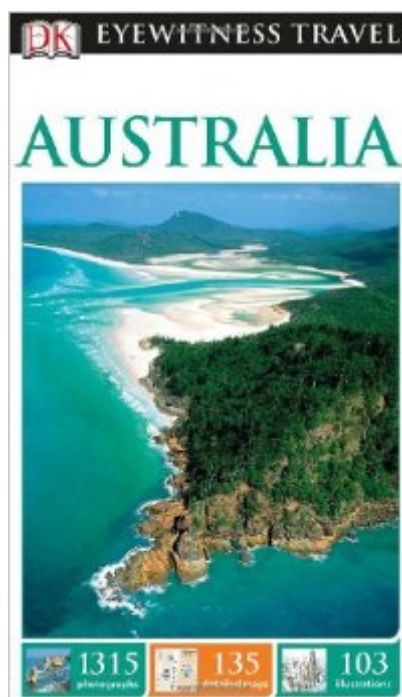


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In preparation of a recent business trip to Sydney, I looked at several travel guides and ultimately decided on this one. I decided to withhold my review of the book until after I got back from the trip, as I wanted to see how well the book stacked up against the reality of the visit. "DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Australia" (2012 edition; 616 pages) starts with a 40-some page "Introducing Australia" chapter, which I thought was extremely useful, including a 10 page history of Australia.

Now knowing much about that beforehand, I welcomed the information. After that the book is divided up into the main geographic areas of the country (Queensland, Victoria, etc.), although the city Sydney gets its own 100 page chapter. Since my trip was limited to Sydney, I read and re-read the Sydney information, and felt it gave me a good introduction to the city. Check out the painstakingly detailed information on the Sydney Opera House, of course a must-see, can't miss site when going to Sydney. As usual, this DK Eyewitness guide is printed in full color on all pages, and contains a huge amounts of pictures, street maps and street-by-street breakdowns of certain areas and neighborhoods. I obviously did not spend any time elsewhere in Australia, and hence I only flipped through the rest of the book casually (making me wish I had the time to visit some of the other places of interest in Australia). The book ends with a very useful 30-some page "Survival Guide", bringing you the nitty-gritty of some very basic things about traveling to and in Australia. It was by reading this section that I discovered that I needed an electronic visa to travel to Australia (I had previously assumed that US citizens did not need a visa to travel to Australia), so in that sense this book was a real life (ok, trip) saver!

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