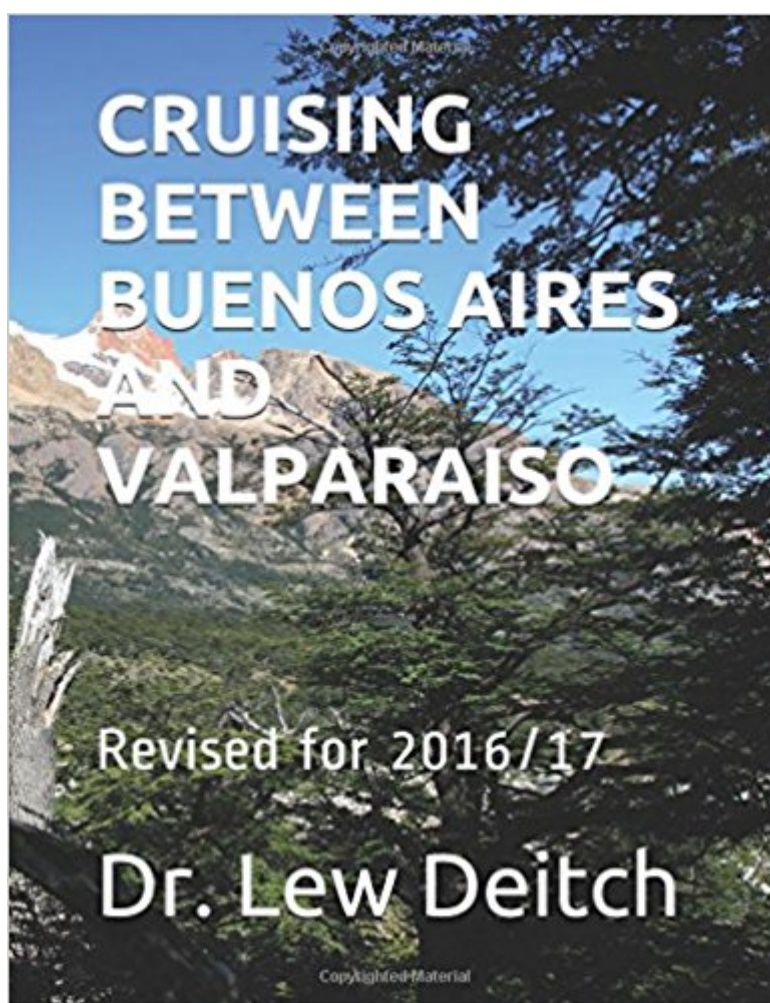


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CRUISING BETWEEN BUENOS AIRES AND VALPARAISO: Revised For 2016/17



Synopsis

Towering majestic mountains draped in permanent snow, massive glaciers plunging into crystal clear fjords, lush forests of southern beech and other exotic plants combine to make the journey by ship between Buenos Aires, Argentina and Valparaiso, Chile one of the most incredible cruise itineraries in the world. With the reverse of seasons in the Southern Hemisphere, the cruises to this part of the world are scheduled between December and March, which is that part of the world's summer. Days are generally mild and the nights a bit nippy. And on occasion it can snow right down to the shore in the middle of summer. This is a land not only of rare beauty, but it is populated by guanaco, vicuna and penguins. And there are pods of whales and herds of sea lions that feed in the rich offshore waters. Along the route you will see many magnificent volcanic cones that sit in quiet repose, draped in snow. But every so often, as in 2015, one of them will put forth a catastrophic eruption that is both terrifying as well as spectacular. And yes this is also earthquake country. It is the volatility of the geology that is what has created the great beauty of the fjord and lake country of southern Argentina and Chile. The small port towns all have more of a central European flavor as opposed to what one expects in South America. In fact German and Welsh are the next most widely spoken languages after Spanish. And the local architecture even has somewhat of a Bavarian feel. On restaurant menus you will see the word "kuchen" instead of "torts" to describe cakes and you are more likely to have spaetzle as a side dish at lunch or dinner. This book will bring the geography, history, lifestyle of the people and ports of call to life in a way that the mass market tour guides cannot do. It is a culmination of my many years of travel in this part of the world after 46 years as a university geography professor.

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Customer Reviews

Perfect digital companion for this cruise. I'm only sorry it's not available in print so that my wife could use it too. I've read the entire book at least once in preparation for our Feb 18 Holland America cruise, and I expect to re-read chapters on a daily basis as we continue. The book includes a digestible amount of historical, geographical background for the countries included, along with details for each port of call. Each chapter includes a selection of pictures for the site under discussion. It does not offer information on where to eat or stay, but does give general advice on what to do at each port.

When I was looking for guides for an up coming trip I came across this title. It's perfect, for this is the exact trip I'm taking. This book covers everything in perfect detail for just the places I will be visiting. It also gives plenty of history, geography, and political background on Chile and Argentina. Other general guidebooks cover so much that you only get minor details on the specifics. Check the preview and table of contents, you will be pleased.

This comes as a Kindle Edition but I think it would be better in a small paperback. It's hard to see the maps and pictures on the Kindle but a little better on my iPad. Lots of background information on Argentina and Chile. Just not what I was looking for. I wanted something to help me navigate at the ports I had not arranged excursions.

This is not an easy read. It 'feels' like a cut and paste effort. It's a list of events when it's presenting the historical events of a country...mind numbing...I read it because it traces the route over which I would be traveling (cruising) and visits the cities I would be seeing. I did gain a good feel for each city, and in that, it was helpful. I would not recommend this to anyone who could not speed read through it.

Reading this helped fill in the gaps between our cruise ships itinerary outlines and beginning to understand why we might want to do more than just look at scenery. I am much more excited now about the options we have. Knowing the historical background makes a world of difference!

If you are doing this cruise I recommend this book. The book appears to be self published so

printing, binding, images etc are subpar but the information is current and was helpful.

Not at all what I expected. I expected something like Rick Steves's Europe cruising. This just tells you something about the port cities which you can get from wikitravel.

We just finished this cruise. I took this guidebook with me on my tablet, and it was very helpful. Good suggestions of things to see, places to go.

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