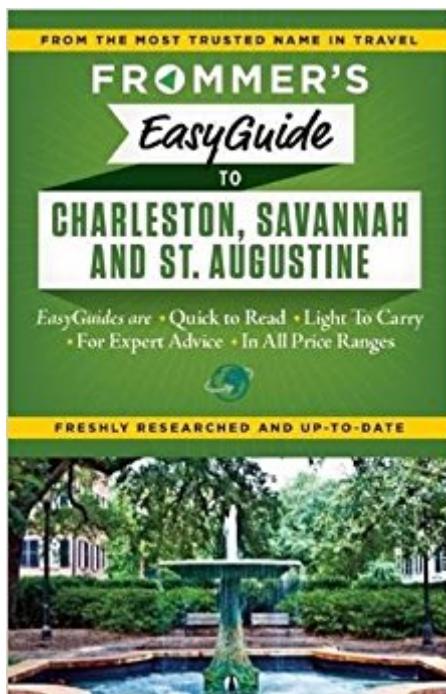


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These three charming Southern "capitals" (including the oldest in America) are massively popular tourist destinations because of their well-preserved architecture (capturing the ante-bellum life of the 1860s and the Spanish colonial era, in the case of St. Augustine), their active theatre scene (especially in Charleston), their numerous museums and historic homes, their remarkable restaurants, and the unique personality of their civic life and residents. You dip into an earlier era when you visit them. Our Easy Guide captures the best of their facilities and attractions in condensed form, confining its 256 pages and maps to the outstanding highlights of all three cities.

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## Customer Reviews

Stephen Keeling has written for Frommer's for two decades. He has also written for the Independent, Daily Telegraph, various travel magazines, and numerous travel guides as well as authored the award-winning Frommer's Family Travel Guide to Tuscany and Umbria. Stephen resides in New York City.

Not much value

Very good guide as they always are. Shipper got the book to me on the very last day listed!!

Will be very useful

Barely adequate. Was mostly interested in St. Augustine and found it lacking in information. I found more information in the AAA Florida guidebook.

This book has a bit of good information, but the layout isn't very good. There are better guides out there by Frommers.

No, no, no. While the author's intention is good, I just can't help but cringe every time I read something like "Hurricane Hugo devastated the city, destroying three-quarters of the homes in the Historic District." Then he continues, "urban renewal in the 20th century leveled many landmark structures." These statements may seem dramatic, but they are simply false. Charleston is known world wide for its amazing state of preservation, for the fact that urban renewal did NOT level many landmark structures. Hurricane Hugo caused a mess, no doubt, but it came nothing close to destroying 75% of the homes in the "Historic District." First of all, Charleston has many, not one, historic districts. And few, if any, buildings of record were destroyed by the hurricane. He constantly refers to St. Augustine as "reconstructed," which is a serious misrepresentation. One gets the image of Disney or of an outdoor museum, when St. Augustine is a living, working city with many original structures intact. The sights and listings are good enough, and the itineraries are pretty thorough, but I have to question the credibility of a book that makes these kind of sweeping, dramatic statements. Otherwise, I would say that the recommendations are pretty good, leaning more toward what I would call "touristy" rather than more profoundly authentic. One last thing, and something that is a problem common to many Charleston/Savannah travel guides. These guides spread Charleston and Savannah, two cities that deserve a separate travel guide EACH, far too thin by adding coverage of places like Hilton Head and Myrtle Beach. Perhaps that sells more books. Perhaps not, because a good guide to Charleston could fill 300 pages alone. Same with Savannah. My recommendation is that you buy the Moon Guide by Jim Morekis.

I like the layout and the information is concise and easy to navigate. A list of restaurants and hotels by price and details about each place. There are also side trips for each place and a list of family friendly venues. I actually checked this out from the library and am now buying it on . Sometimes, I find books better than the internet. You can get lost in a million tabs and a plethora of information on the web. I would recommend.

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