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From Footprint Handbooks : Argentina (Footprint Travel Guides) (Footprint Handbook) by Christabelle Dilks (2003-12-19) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Argentina (Footprint Travel Guides) (Footprint Handbook) by Christabelle Dilks (2003-12-19):

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explore Argentina/Patagonia, and I found myself consistently reaching for Footprint first. It is the most current (2006) and the guide consistently listed quality accommodations and good restaurants, some of which were exemplary. The city maps in the guide are excellent. All the restaurants and hotels are well marked on each map. Kudos. Footprint Argentina's background section (history, religion, culture etc.) is well written, brief, yet informative. There is an abundance of website references throughout the text and a website listing for almost every accommodation = excellent. I spent five weeks exploring Patagonia and found Footprint to be the best single guide to have. More than 200 pages in this Argentinean guide are devoted to this region, including a section on Chilean Patagonia. If you purchase "Time Out Patagonia" (see my review) you will have the best two guides possible for Patagonia. On the downside Footprint uses a cumbersome letter system instead of just telling you the price for accommodations (i.e., LL=\$200 plus, L=\$150-\$200, AL=\$101-\$150, A,B,C,D,E,F etc. -- putting the legend at the back of the book - a serious hassle). It also fails to tell you what is the price range for the restaurants; so at one eatery you could pay \$10 for your meal, then have a \$35 bill at another. Not good. The descriptions of the restaurants are insipid and verge on being meaningless: "tasty food", "cosy", "very popular", "delicious food". Whereas, other good guides (Rough Guide - also highly recommended - see my review) give you pointers: "best grilled shrimp ever" / "the steaks here are the best in town" etc. Bottom line: this is a very good guide for Argentina and the best guide for those that are going to Patagonia. Highly recommended