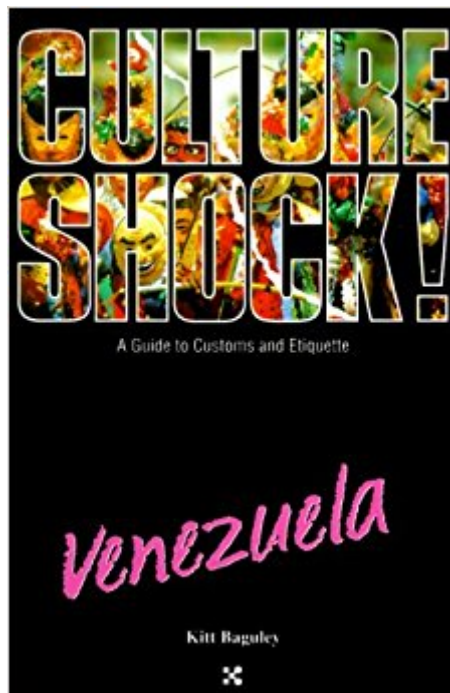




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Customer Reviews

Culture Shock! Venezuela is an informative, enjoyable, well-written and extremely useful guide for anyone visiting Venezuela. Although I had already spent 9 months in Spain I needed to know about life in Venezuela and this book told me many things I needed to know. I impressed the Venezuelans I stayed with and their friends with the knowledge I picked up from this book and was warned about some of the downsides of the country. Overall a fine introduction to anyone visiting Venezuela.

I spent eight months teaching English in Caracas two years ago. I spent nearly as much time trying to find a guide to the country that would tell me what I needed to know as a foreigner. I picked up this book out of curiosity and perhaps out of snobbery... I had been there, so what could a mere book tell me? I was wrong. I learnt a lot and found myself smiling in agreement at some of the situations it described as I had been through them myself. While I could have done without the history section, the rest of it was right on the button. An excellent guide to a country that is very alien to a Northern European person like myself. Excellent.

If you are planning on visiting Venezuela or if you are just interested in finding out about the Venezuelan culture, I would recommend this book to you. It is a perfect account of what my experience was like. However, if you are a wild spirit and you wish to have an untainted experience of the country...then I would not recommend this book to you. Because it is so accurate, it might spoil the fun of your adventure. I enjoyed this book very much. It helped me to understand the people and why they are how they are.

Living in Venezuela, I waited long for a Culture Shock series book about it. After reading it and comparing some of the items with friends I have to conclude that this is the worst Culture Shock book I have read. Most items only tell part of the story and what they say is in a lot of cases incorrect. Also there is a whole section dedicated to travelling, if I wanted a travel guide I can buy a Lonely Planet guide or something similar. I would not recommend this book, experience Venezuela yourself until a good reference book on Venezuelan culture comes onto the market.

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