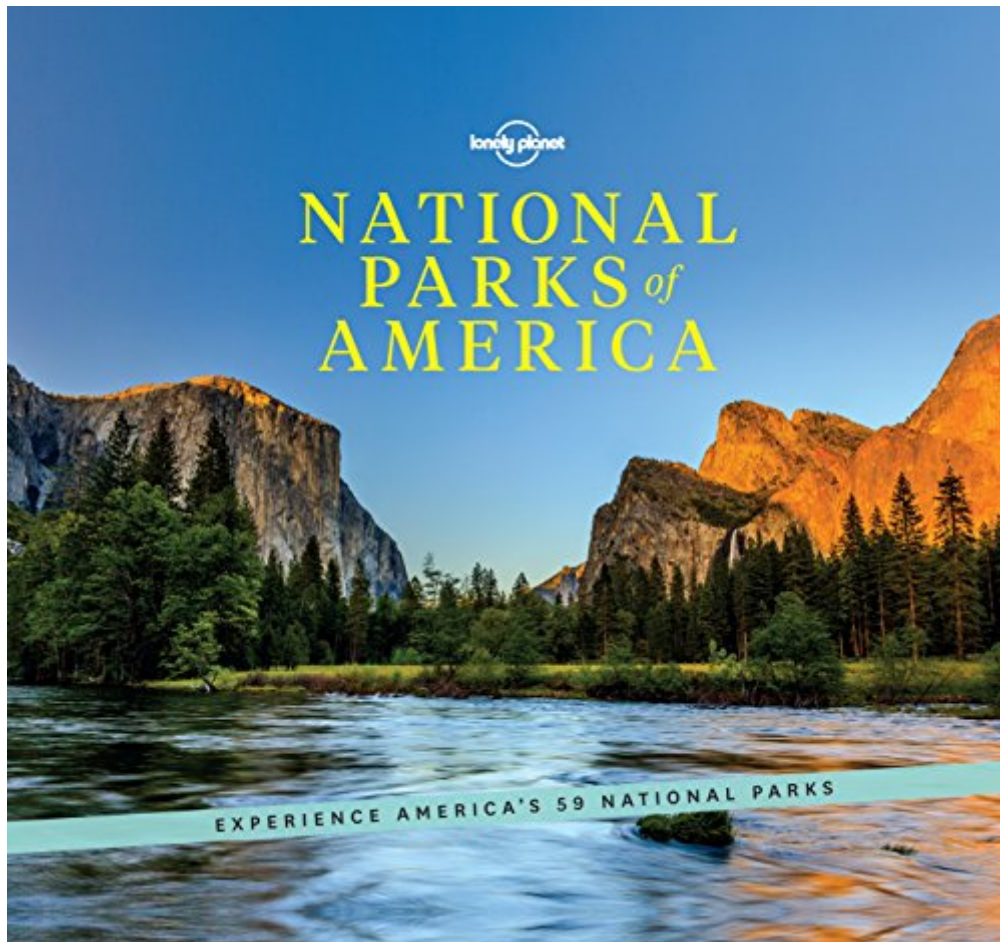




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Customer Reviews

I love the National Parks, and this book is so neat!!!! I love to look at photos of the various parks and re-visit those I've been to. It's also nice to view new parks and find out where they're located. I'd like to see most of the parks.

A beautiful book. Lots of nice pictures and overview of each park. However, in looking at the write-ups on parks I've visited, I saw a picture of the Maroon Bells (near Aspen!) as the first photo for Rocky Mountain National Park. Aspen is nowhere near Rocky Mountain National Park! Sure it's a great picture (two pages wide!) but the Maroon Bells aren't in the park! There are probably more instances of artistic license in the book, so I give it four instead of five stars.

I got this for my grandmother for Christmas, she likes it and I read it before I sent it to her, I was looking for vacation ideas. She is into the national parks and enjoyed the PBS special they had a few years back, which is what made me buy this when I saw it as a deal of the day.

Great book to get a feel for all the National Parks. Decent amount of pictures and good that they have 1, 2, and 3 day itineraries. It helps me get a gauge of I think a park is worth visiting if I stop by that area.

Excellent book to use for planning a trip to a National Park. It includes itineraries and recommends things to see, as well as mileages that can be useful.

Beautiful book, good illustrations. My children love it. We plan on visiting one National Park each year. This should help us decide.

Best book that I have purchased ! it is very simple and very informative. It helps planning for you trip I also bought one as a gift for a friend.

Very nice guide. It is designed as an overview, so don't expect in-depth writing on any one particular park, rather invest in their individual guides. This makes a great gift for someone who's decided to visit all the National Parks or to travel the country but hasn't picked specific destinations/stops yet. The itineraries seem practical and fun based on places I've already visited.

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