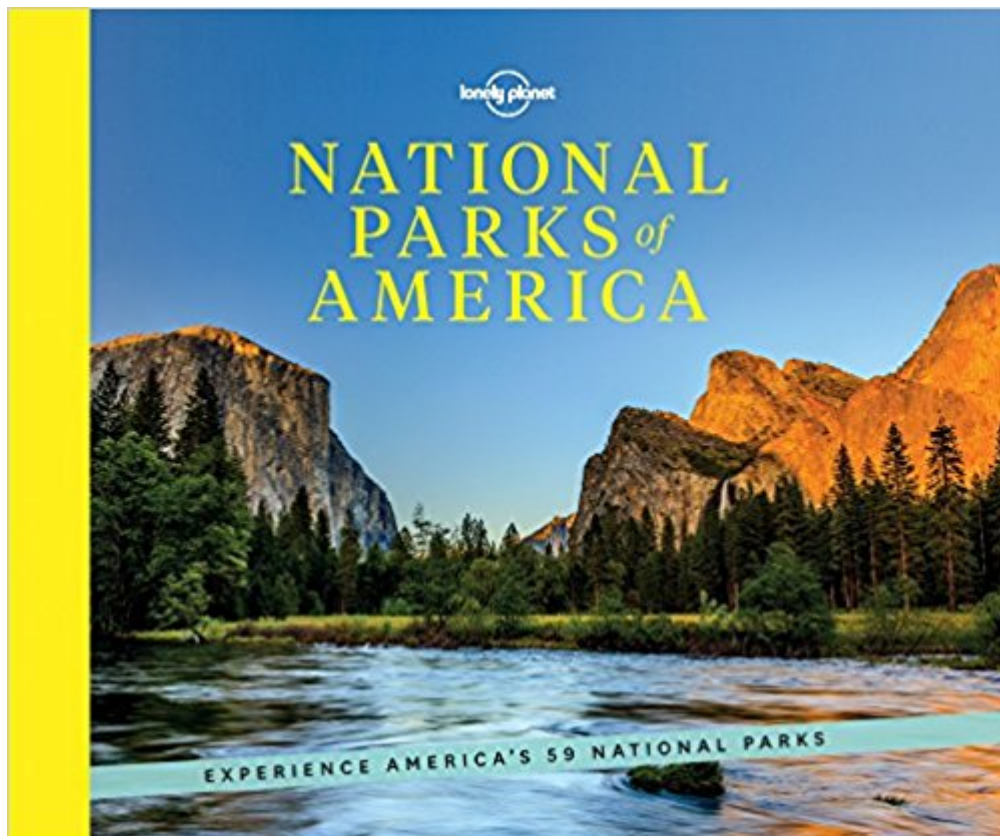


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Synopsis

To celebrate America's amazing national parks, Lonely Planet, the world's leading travel publisher, takes you on an informative and gorgeous tour of all 59 parks with our lavishly finished hardcover gift guide packed with detailed itineraries and practical tips on what to do and see in each park to get you started planning your next adventure. America's national parks are full of timeless marvels that still rejuvenate the soul: the world's largest trees in Sequoia; its most spectacular geothermal site in Yellowstone; the grandest canyon. Perhaps the movement's most eloquent description that is still resonates came from national parks advocate John Muir: 'Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity...' Fortunately for the nerve-shaken, over-civilized people of then and now, President Woodrow Wilson created the National Parks Service (NPS) on August 25, 1916, though the drive to protect some of America's most remarkable wild spaces, to be 'used and preserved for the benefit of mankind', began in the 1860s. From Acadia to Zion, this beautiful introduction to America's preserved natural treasures is packed with landscape photography, original wildlife illustrations, and practical information. You will surely be inspired to rediscover these incredible spaces and find out why they're worth celebrating and you'll have all the tools to plan the first of many exciting trips. This book is intended to be a practical introduction to each of America's 59 national parks, distilled by Lonely Planet's expert authors. We highlight the best activities and trails, explain how to get there and where to stay, show you the wildlife to watch out for, and suggest ideal itineraries. Whether you're lucky enough to have a park on your doorstep or need to travel further, we hope that the following pages inspire you both the iconic and lesser-known gems that make up the USA's diversely breathtaking expanses. Covers all 59 US National Parks: Acadia American Samoa Arches Badlands Big Bend Biscayne Black Canyon of the Gunnison Bryce Canyon Canyonlands Capitol Reef Carlsbad Caverns Channel Islands Congaree Crater Lake Cuyahoga Valley Death Valley Denali Dry Tortugas Everglades Gates of the Arctic Glacier Bay Grand Canyon Grand Teton Great Basin Great Sand Dunes Great Smoky Mountains Guadalupe Mountains Haleakal? Hawaii Volcanoes Hot Springs Isle Royale Joshua Tree Katmai Kenai Fjords Kings Canyon Kobuk Valley Lake Clark Lassen Volcanic Mammoth Cave Mesa Verde Mt Rainier North Cascades Olympic Petrified Forest Pinnacles Redwood Rocky Mountain Saguaro Sequoia Shenandoah Theodore Roosevelt Virgin Islands Voyageurs Wind Cave Wrangell-St Elias Yellowstone Yosemite Zion About Lonely Planet: Started in 1973, Lonely Planet has become the world's leading travel guide publisher with guidebooks to every destination on the planet, as well as an award-winning website, a suite of mobile and digital travel products, and a dedicated traveller

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Love this book! Very well organized. Have not seen another come close to the quality of photos provided or the info written for each of the 59 parks. It's going to help me decide which parks I really want to see in retirement, as well as to educate me about parks I never knew existed. It could be outdated soon though as it does provide names of places to stay and eat which certainly change. But for now it's certainly exactly what I have been searching for.

After recently enjoying a trip to the Grand Canyon I learned about this book. In Arizona we very much enjoyed our trips to multiple National Parks and made a vow to discover more of their splendor in future vacations. This book is great for planning such trips. It details all of the National Parks in the country with beautiful photos and detailed information about each one. You will learn about the wildlife in each park, the best sites, best places to stay, including campgrounds and more. I especially like the way the book has suggestions on what to do and see depending on how long you will be in the location. This can't be beat for the price

If you're looking for one book that is not only informative regarding our National Parks, but beautiful to look at....this is it. Wonderfully written with great information regarding the parks and packed with

outstanding photography. Great for planning a trip, or, if you can't go, this is a wonderful option to visit the parks vicariously! Beautiful book.

I enjoy reading travel books before big trips so I can get ideas about what sights are best to see. Hoping to make it some of these parks soon, I was happy to see this book listed in a magazine article about travel. This book does not disappoint and is COMPLETELY worth the money. It has gorgeous pictures and lots of helpful information. Of course, you can always dig deeper if you decide to go to any of these parks, but this book will give you many great initial ideas and may even spark your interest in visiting less well-known parks, as it did for me. I spent several weeks leisurely reading through this book and it will now make a fantastic coffee table book.

This book is great! I love the fact that it gives examples of itineraries for each park which allows you to get the most out of your vacation. The photos in this book are wonderful. Can't wait to start exploring!

I've only gotten through the first couple dozen pages but so far it's everything I've heard about it. A wonderful source of information for anyone interested in taking some trips to see the parks. I'm really looking forward to using the information in this book to plan some trips.

I gave this as a gift and I almost kept it for myself. :) It's not really a good travel book because it's a rather large hardcover showcasing a lot of the amazing photography from those locations, but it has the standard Lonely Planet tips on how to make the most of your vacation. I really like it and recommend it as a good gift idea for those tough ones like weddings of acquaintances and Father's Day.

Very easy book to read and gives a great overview of all the National Parks, what to see and what to do if you don't have a lot of time. The only thing is that it's not handy to walk around with if you are in the backcountry:-)

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