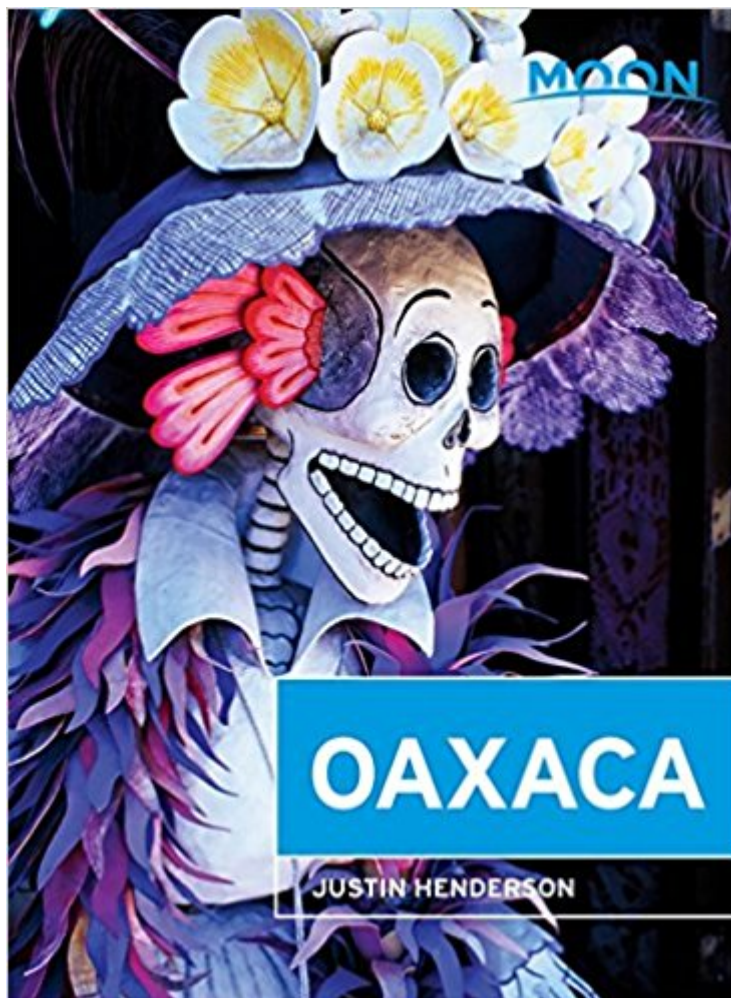


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# Moon Oaxaca (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

This full-color guide includes vibrant photos and helpful maps. Traveler and author Justin Henderson covers the best of Oaxaca, from bargaining at the Mercado Juárez to exploring the Castillo de Moctezuma Aztec pyramid. Henderson offers up unique trip strategies, including Best Beaches and Local Festivals & Native Markets, as well as experienced advice on where to go and what to see. Complete with information on sampling mezcal, Oaxaca's native liquor, and enjoying the vistas and fresh seafood of Puerto Ángel, Moon Oaxaca gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

A native of Los Angeles, Justin Henderson spent much of his childhood and young adulthood surfing the California beaches. After his graduation from California State University, Northridge, his career took him to several locations across the country. He worked as an architectural journalist in New York City, and later moved to Seattle, where he worked as a freelance travel and design writer. It was in Seattle that he took up windsurfing, reviving his long-dormant surfing skills and his passion for the ocean. Justin then moved with his wife and daughter to Sayulita, 30 miles north of Puerto Vallarta. In his years living there, Justin learned to love Mexico even more than he did as a child when his family would vacation on Lake Chapala every summer. He is currently working on the latest edition of Moon Puerto Vallarta as well as a memoir of his five years in Sayulita, tentatively called *Paradise on the Five Year Plan*. Justin has written guidebooks on destinations ranging from Costa Rica to Los Angeles, and now Oaxaca, as well as six murder mysteries featuring a female

travel writer and photographer which are set on Caribbean islands, in Costa Rica, and all over Mexico. Justin and his family recently returned to Seattle, though he considers anywhere near the Pacific to be home. His first purchase there was a new wetsuit.

As others point out, navigating the book can have its modest challenges. But overall, the information contained herein was very reliable and guided us through an excellent week in Oaxaca. One specific recommendation I would propose for the next edition, is a focus on the cemeteries (yes, the cemeteries) for Dia de Muertos: advice on visiting them by oneself or the various cemetery tours that are available.

Very useful guide. I recently spent a week in Oaxaca, and this book had great suggestions for sites and restaurants I like, both in Oaxaca city and around the state of Oaxaca. I liked how it included more cultural information in the preface and in the individual site descriptions to add nuance and meaning to the places it recommended. Pretty solid maps too.

I'm a devoted Moon buyer, but this one has fallen really short of the mark. As someone else mentioned, the maps and listings are terribly cross-referenced -- you are constantly having to rove and rove to find what you're looking for, when it would have been so easy to design the maps more intuitively -- not to mention that half the listings don't even show up on the maps. Also, the choices are sh\*t -- Oaxaca has more than a dozen restaurants. I generally love Moon for its narrative style -- you feel like you're being spoken to by a real human being, who had a subjective but authentic experience -- but this one gives the series a bad name.

Decent info, but not organized as intuitively as other guides. I also thought the content seems pretty geared toward "on-the beaten path" tourists, as opposed to travelers. That said, it's the only book available on Oaxaca (not just Mexico) that I could find that was new. UPDATE: now that I used it in Oaxaca, I can say it's just not that helpful. It's written like a novel, and is not good for quick reference on the go. Perhaps I'm biased to Lonely Planet, but this will be my last Moon book.

Not that much information to be sincere, I know more than the author, we wanted a very detailed guide with much more places and more specific recommendations, it is perfect for a new visitor to Oaxaca and I would really recommend it to first timers, but after being in Oaxaca more than 20 times I think the information is a little thing from what I was expecting.

Very Informative summary of tourist opportunities in Oaxaca. It was a big help in planning my trip, both in choosing what to see in the City of Oaxaca, and where to go in the mountains. The ecotourism section was very helpful. I cannot speak to its coverage of the coast or the Isthmus because I did not go to those areas.

Not as good as previous editions by a different author. They cut the # of pages therefore eliminating information. Good maps.

What a great book this has been in planning my upcoming trip to Oaxaca. I found the day-by-day itinerary for Oaxaca city incredibly helpful in planning my days. Then I filled in the outline with additional sites in each geographic area.

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