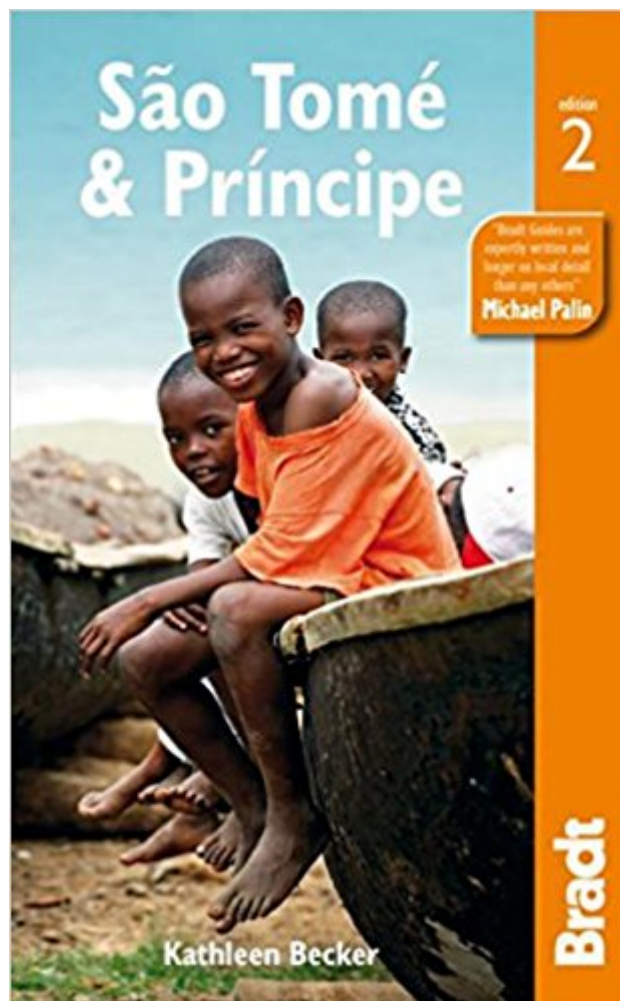


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Author Kathleen Becker combines her infectious enthusiasm and her considerable experience to reveal the delights of Sao Tom and Principe, the antithesis of a mass-market destination.

Absolutely the best guide ever written. Complete and exhaustive, rich in both practical informations and curious facts: you can literally find anything you need here. And writing's style is ironic and fresh, very pleasant to read.

My respect to the author of this guidebook. The guidebook covers E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G there is to know about Sao Tom and Principe: from logistics, lodging and eating to sightseeing; from culture to the good, the bad and the ugly. There is even a chapter about buying property, so this tells you how thorough it is. Even though it has few pictures, the author has the power, with her writing, to "transport" you to each island. I visited Sao Tom and Principe island last year using this guidebook, and the only surprise was that of visiting an off the beaten path destination that felt unaware of modern times.

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