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1. Paraguay Travel Reference Map 1:800,000 (International Travel Maps)



Synopsis

A road map on both sides of Paraguay. The best way to prepare your trip, to plan your itinerary, and to travel independently. Inset street map of downtown Asunción also included. The legend is in English and in Spanish. Touristic information: airports, points of interest, national parks and nature reserves, hospitals and health clinics, historic or interest sites, auto service centres.

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1:800,000 scale 2nd Edition. This map has been given a thorough going over by our editorial staff to add more road information, correct errors that sometimes occur in first-edition maps, and to make the appearance of the map more pleasing (we hope) to the end-users. Now, Paraguay, although it has an interesting history, does not have a wealth of touristic points of interest, but it does have a world heritage site in the south (Trinidad Jesuit Ruins). Much of the land consists of vast ranches, or Estancias. The cover has also been given a fresh look. This map, including a large inset of the Asuncion area, is a big improvement on the former one.

I thought this map would be much more detailed.

After fifteen years in Paraguay during which I have bemoaned the scarcity of good road maps, I was excited to see this offering from . Great was my deception when I received it. It is a pity that the cartographers choices have made this map mostly un-usable: By using the same graphisms for

black-top paved roads and dirt tracks, they have ensured their map is useless to plan a car journey, in this country where dirt tracks are impassable for days after the rain. While ignoring still active railway tracks, they show some which have been closed and dismantled for over thirty years, and others that never existed. Some place names are misspelled, some towns appear several times on the map, placed a few miles apart, sometimes being shown on both sides of the river, in other cases places that have changed name over the years are being shown as several different towns. The map of the Asuncion town centre bears little likeness to reality in some places, with several street names that are misplaced or misspelled, missing streets, one-way streets shown as dual-carriageway avenues, not to mention a zone of shanty-towns where tourists should avoid venturing marked as "open ground", making one think that the map was drawn by people who had never been near the place. This is not to say that it is completely useless, but if you let yourself be guided by this map, you must be ready for some surprises, and should keep in mind at all time the teaching of Alfred Korzybski: "The map is not the territory it represents".

I bought this map to study Paraguay before leaving for my 2 year stint in the Peace Corps in Paraguay! It is up to date and has all the major roads and most all of the tiny towns in PA. None of the other maps that I have seen in the bookstores and travel places in Asuncion are as comprehensive and clear as this one, so I'm ordering more to share with the people here! If you are travelling to PA for a visit (and I highly recommend it--the people are fantastic and the country is beautiful!), then get this before you go!

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