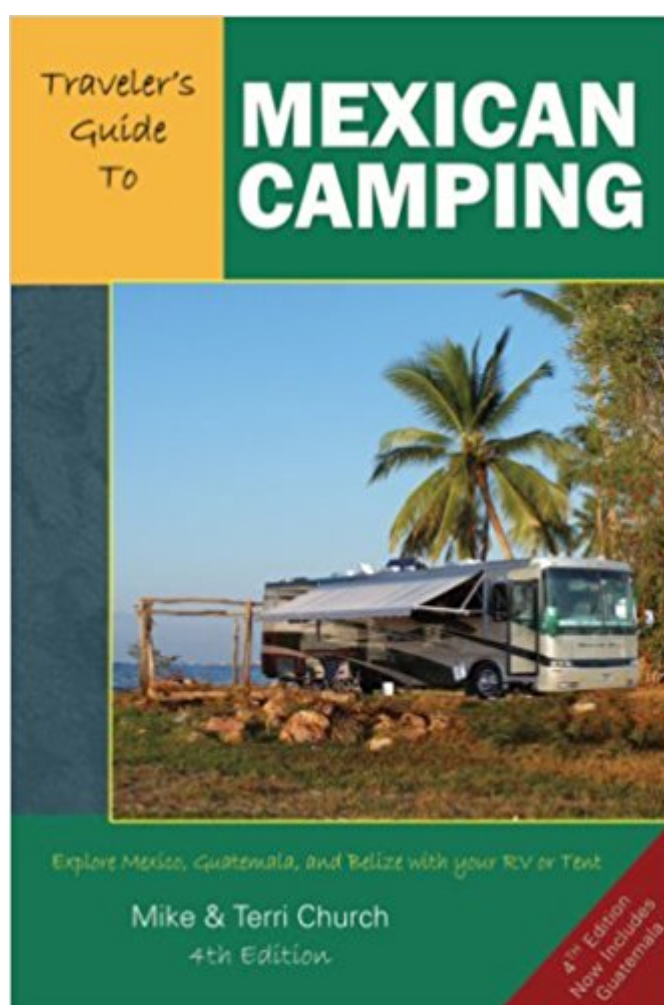


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# Traveler's Guide To Mexican Camping: Explore Mexico, Guatemala, And Belize With Your RV Or Tent (Traveler's Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Offering a sunny climate, interesting local culture, ocean-side campsites, and ancient ruins, Mexico is quickly becoming the most accessible, affordable, and exciting winter destination for American and Canadian RVers, and this ultimate tour guide confidently navigates this colorful country's resources. Essential information, such as preparation for the trip, crossing the border, driving in Mexico, and the location and details of virtually every campsite available, is expertly covered with comprehensive maps that are difficult to obtain within Mexico itself, and demonstrative photographs to assist even the most experienced RV campers in their holiday adventures. Intrepid travelers will benefit from the experience and perspective of the seasoned explorers, who, in their numerous RV excursions throughout Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize, have compiled an exhaustive wealth of information on every aspect of traveling and camping south of the border.

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## Customer Reviews

Mike Church and Terri Church are the authors of Pacific Northwest Camping Destinations, RV Adventures in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest Camping Destinations, and the Traveler's Guide series. They live in Benson, Arizona.

I like the explanations of the cities/regions and the descriptions of the parks, though some are a bit outdated, that's to be expected given the reality that it can only be updated so often. Our friends had

this book while we traveled around Baja for 3 months together, so when we headed to the mainland I decided we needed a copy of our own! Works best as a supplement to sites like campendium.com and the iOverlander app.

This volume of the Travelers Guide to Camping in Mexico did a more than satisfactory job describing Mexico's variety of campgrounds and best routes for getting to them. The guide also does a more than adequate job providing travellers with basic travel protocols and helpful toned-down travel advisories to campers who wish to explore Mexico with an RV or Tent--although the latter, less so. The only reason I didn't give the guide 5 stars is because I am a loyal devotee of the Peoples Guide to Mexico which I started reading in the 1970's!

We just traveled through Belize and the Yucatan and we used this book to stay in a few campgrounds, which worked out great! There were a few places that no longer existed, and the website that the book refers to is no longer active either. My biggest complaint about the book though is the cover and binding. It is a very thin cover with a thin plastic layer and being a traveling book they get a lot of wear and tear. After just a few days the book started to curl up on both the front and back and now it is impossible to un-curl. I have had my other Mexico traveling book for a couple of years and it still looks great... and they were side by side on this trip.

The book itself is poorly constructed and the adhesive holding the pages to the binding cover melted and the pages started coming out within three days of warm weather. This was last updated in 2009 and really the book needs to be updated or stop selling it or sell it at a reduced price with a hazard warning included saying that much of the information is out of date. Mexico is changing rapidly and many of the roads have changed and certainly some destinations have changed. The camping spots just south of Playa Del Carmen have either been developed or access gone, the access to Calakmul is different and there is no restaurant etc. Mike Church, you could start asking travelers to update it for you?

This book is mostly a big list of RV parks. This is probably very useful to those traveling by RV (or car campers who don't mind RV parks I suppose) but most tent campers won't find much value here. There is some good info on border crossing formalities but that info is also available on sites like drivetheamericas.com. I ordered the book based on the reviews here as well as the "or Tent" part of the title but I'm pretty disappointed. I won't be bringing it with me on my trip. Since I don't

need electricity or dump stations I'm just going to find places to camp as I go.

We found the Traveler's Guide to Mexican Camping a very complete tool in helping us plan our first vacation in Mexico. It is very well structured with preliminary chapters covering a multitude of details like road network, security, food provisioning, do's and don't, border crossing procedures, listing of additional references, etc... The listing of campsites by regions contains the right amount of information required to build a short list prior to the final selection of a campsite especially when combined with the area or town description. The format of the book is handy and the quality and finish of the paper used makes it resistant to wear and tear normally associated with the extensive use of that type of publications.

I heard Mike and Terri speak at a FMCA rally seminar and decided to buy some of their books. Of course Amazon has better prices than they do...???? The books are very, very helpful if you are going to Mexico in a RV/Motorhome. All of the RV parks know this book and if they get a positive review, they advertise it. That must put some pressure on the Churches? The books are easy to use and fairly accurate but be sure to check their website for the latest info because things change and they do make mistakes. Big Bend NP is not in NM... The use of Pemex stations as landmarks is very clever and helpful since they are all numbered and the numbers are so prominent.

This book is outdated. A lot of the campground recommended don't exist anymore and many of the existing ones need a lot of love. Also the prices are not accurate. I deeply regret my purchase. The Church should move their asses on the road again and update this book. Don't waste your money on this.

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