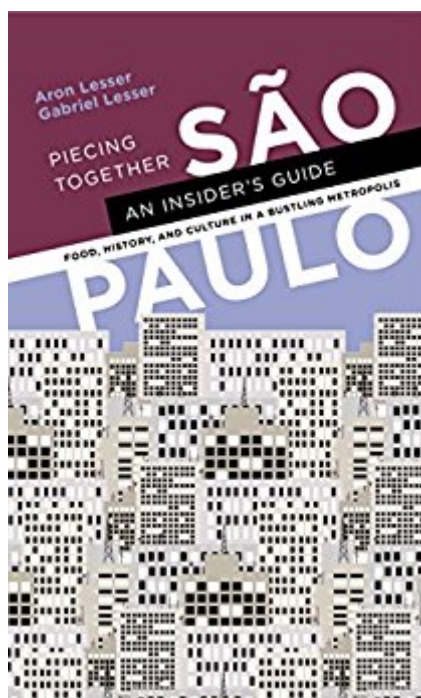


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Piecing Together São Paulo: An Insider's Guide To Food, History, And Culture In A Bustling Metropolis



Synopsis

Piecing Together Saõ Paulo: An insider's guide to food and culture in a bustling metropolis is geared towards young travelers visiting, studying, or living in Saõ Paulo. Twin authors Aron and Gabriel Lesser, 24 year-old Brazilian-Americans, believe that Saõ Paulo has become an exciting tourist hotspot, especially for those on a budget. The guide is divided into three parts: food, walking tours, and nightlife. Section I is a mini-history lesson about the relationship between food and identity in Saõ Paulo, and provides great and inexpensive food suggestions. Section II re-imagines Saõ Paulo's downtown as ten walkable "pieces" based on cultural spaces rather than traditional neighborhood boundaries. Unlike conventional walking tours, the "pieces" have no starting and ending points. Instead, the twins encourage travelers to explore the city with a greater degree of independence. Section III focuses on Saõ Paulo's world-renowned nightlife, as the authors give readers a cultural tour of the city's bars, nightclubs, and live music venues. For Aron and Gabriel, "youth" is a mentality not an age. Their goal for Piecing Together Saõ Paulo is to transform how travelers approach urban tourism in cosmopolitan and globalized cities like Saõ Paulo.

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Customer Reviews

So let's start off here by acknowledging that Sao Paulo is not an easy city to navigate. The streets are windy and congested, the high rises seemingly never end, and as a tourist it's really hard to know what's worth your time (especially if your time is limited). I purchased this guide, one of the few English language guides I could find that featured the type of "hip"/not-overly-touristic places that I like, and was thrilled! The walking tour aspect of it feels unique and helps you to garner a cohesive perspective on each neighborhood's individual charm. The places the authors recommend truly have something special to offer beyond your run-of-the-mill spots that these guides usually recommend to give readers a "Brazilian experience." So yeah, this guide comes 100% recommended. Plus, I was doing some snooping in a cab ride while in Sao Paulo and discovered that the authors are in fact twins! This really got me extra excited. But anyways, if you like cool hidden spots, great food and relevant but not boring historic sites (and twins!)--this book is for you. Also it's really not that expensive so if you're on the fence, ask yourself if you'll actually ever miss your \$3-4. (You won't.)

Such a fun guide to have while exploring the city! At their worst, travel guides can be overwhelming with their options. Or, they make you feel like you're walking through a city just to check off a bunch of boxes. This guide was clearly written out of genuine love for São Paulo, and it shows! Instead of a broad overview of the city, this guide gives you a small but rich window into what makes it a special place to visit. The guide is also easy to carry and use. It's small, but full of colorful and easy to read maps. There's a diversity of recommendations for good food, art, and history. I particularly enjoyed the section about Liberdade, São Paulo's Japantown. You really get the sense that the neighborhood is a dynamic, living part of the city, not just a tourist trap.

Before traveling I often have trouble deciding between spending \$30 on a Lonely Planet Guide or \$0 sifting through online blogs. To be honest neither option gives me what I'm looking for, and either provides too much or too little, so I decided to try this guide book, and it is EVERYTHING I could have hoped for from a travel guide book!! The authors clearly know their city well, and even better, know their money-saving audience! Plus, I really enjoyed all of the jokes they included in the book -- it kept me smiling the whole way through :) I hope they write guides for more cities in the future!

Found this book in Livraria Cultura in Sao Paulo and used it for my entire week-long stay in the city!! Cute graphics, fun style and great recommendations for bars, food, activities and all types of hidden gems. I loved that the authors included notes on history and culture that I hadn't found in other

guide books. If you're going to Sao Paulo, this guide is a MUST! So happy that this is now available for Kindle :)

I've done my fair share of traveling, and I have to say that this book made my trip to Sao Paulo perfect! There is so much to do, it's easy to get lost. But every destination I checked out from this guide met or exceeded my expectations. I absolutely recommend it to anyone visiting Sao Paulo for the first time, or even to anyone looking to get to know the city even better!

This is one of the most unique, accessible, and enjoyable travel guides I've ever read! The writing is great, recommendations are the right amount of thorough and concise, and the authors clearly know what's up in their city. Bonus points for the lovely illustrations and maps, too. After reading this book, I truly can't wait to eat, drink, and explore in São Paulo!

Great . The authors have done a nice job of highlighting key neighborhoods. This is my fourth trip here and then put it out lots of things I would otherwise have not seen. Even my colleagues that live here didn't know about some of these places

Prior to arriving in SP this past summer I was weary. I'd heard complaints from several budget travelers such as myself that it was immense, innavigable and expensive. And I can see how it would be if you were alone & unprepared. Fortunately I purchased "Piecing Together" upon recommendation from a friend and I don't know what I'd have done without it!! Pro-tips on commuting come hand in hand with the best food recommendations I found anywhere. Seriously, do NOT overlook the sushi or Lebanese recommendations. History/culture writing was interesting, relevant, and unpretentious. The book is short and uncluttered, every recommendation is worth consideration. Seriously, I've wasted money on massive travel books that both overwhelm and underinform, this does the opposite. A must-read for anyone looking to decipher this magical city!

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