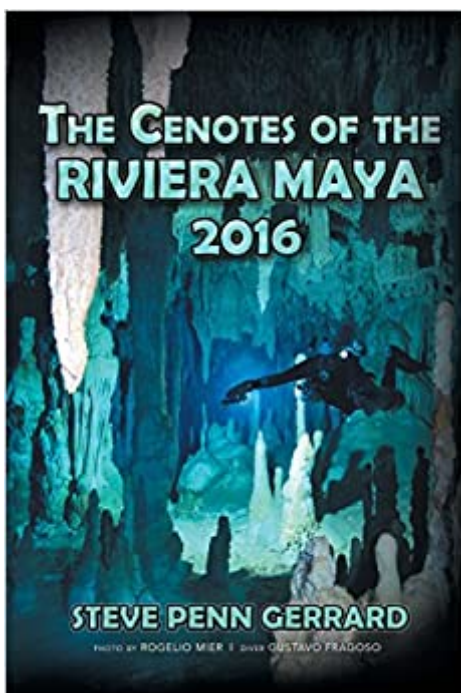


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The Cenotes Of The Riviera Maya 2016



Synopsis

A complete guide to snorkeling, cavern, and cave diving the cenotes of the Riviera Maya. This book includes photographs, maps, and provides details of where and how to swim, dive, and enjoy these beautiful cenotes located on the Caribbean coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

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Customer Reviews

In all honesty I think "The Cenotes of the Riviera...", is only good as an overview of the cave diving in the Yucatan. If you are considering purchasing this book to actually find your way to the cenotes, especially the cenotes around Tulum, then save your money. As a general overview of the diving here in the Yucatan the book deserves two stars but as a guide I would only give the book one star. Here's why: First, the book needs an index. It's really hard to find information on a specific cenote because the reader must page through lists of locations to find the dive of interest. In at least one case, two cenotes located within one mile of one another are described in completely different parts of the book. Secondly, the directions offered are often incorrect including the coordinates and different directions to the same dive site are offered in the same description of the cenote. We have spent a lot of wasted time looking for dive sites based on the faulty directions found in Steve's book. Lastly, the writing needs significant editing.

I have Steve's previous book and have used it to entice people to join me on trips to Tulum area. I was actually very surprised when the new addition arrived. I figured it would just be an updated

version maybe some newer pictures. This version is jam packed with information that must have taken years to assemble and put into a systematic encyclopedia of the cenotes, caves and history surrounding Riviera Maya. Even though I have been visiting the area for nearly 10 years I found lots of new places to dive and good intelligence on how to do. Information such as where to pick up the key or who is the actual land owner can be hard to come by for visitors. Steve has pulled back the curtain on local only knowledge and generously shared with us all. I have first hand knowledge of several places mentioned in the book, some only very recently opened to the public and all the information is spot on from my experiences. Once upon a time this knowledge would only come from hard work establishing relationships and possibly multiple rounds of tequila with the right people. Anyone from backpackers looking to snorkel in a pristine Cenote to hardcore visiting cave divers will benefit from bringing the guide along with them in their gear bag. Thanks for the obvious labor of love! You have created a follow up edition that manages to surpass the excellence of the original. A rare accomplishment.

This is a very comprehensive book on diving and the excellent cenotes in this region of Mexico. As a newer diver with just over 75 dives, I have become enthralled with the challenge and beauty of cavern and eventually diving the caves in this region. I have dove a couple of cenotes with a guide, Dos Ojos and Taj Ma Ha and had an excellent time. I know I will use this guide as an invaluable reference guide as I begin my journey to cavern through full cave diver, exploring these bits of time held in stasis. Steve uses a very entertaining while informative style throughout his book that kept me engaged throughout. I would not hesitate to recommend this book to anyone who has the slightest interest in this subject.

Plenty of information, but not useful-- doesn't give you any idea of what most of the cenotes are actually like to visit. Historical information is certainly interesting, but there really isn't that much written about the physical features of each site-- in many cases, it doesn't even mention if the cenote is open to the sky or enclosed. Travel blogs have proven far more informative. Some of the information in this book is outdated (eg which spots offer equipment rentals or facilities on site). The images on the kindle version are poor and there is no way to access sections for particular areas from the table of contents-- you have to scroll through all of the pages of dive sites looking for the entry you need. God-awful book.

Took it Mex last week and found only 1 out of the 3 caves I looked for. I did not find 27 steps (I think

roads are no longer there) and Chicken Water - both are near Akumal. GPS coordinates appear wrong too (maybe my GPS was set wrong) - tried to verify coordinate on known cave and they were still way off. Book has amazing potential but Mr. Gerrard need to drive each cave and ensure the directions are correct; so much has changed in the Riviera audit keeps . I've dove many of the usual caves so once I leave the beaten path the directions need to be somewhat accurate for the book to be valuable.

I received my copy of Steve's new book last week. It is a very comprehensive look at the cave systems of the Riviera Maya. I have been cave diving there for the past 15 years and found this book to be very informative. It is very different from his last guide book. There are not all the beautiful photos the last guide had. However is is a great guide to the caves of the region with information on many caves that were not even discovered when the last book was written. I highly recommend this guide for anyone who plans on traveling to the area or who just wants to learn more about the amazing caves that are there.

While very different from the "coffee table" style of the first edition, this book is wonderful in its own way: in its encyclopedic array of information about the water-filled caverns and caves -- and cenotes, of course -- of the Yucatan Peninsula. Steve's vast knowledge and years of experience in the area really shines through and if you're interested in snorkeling or cave diving in this area, you won't find any reference that even comes close to this. Highly recommended.

the most comprehensive guide to the area you will find. Whether you are considering visiting the area or have been there many times....you will find useful and helpful information in this guide. I have over 1500 cave dives in the area and am impressed with all the information packed into this book. You will not be disappointed. If the author's intent is to inform and educate.....job Well Done!

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