

If Lars lacked paper qualifications, this book stands him in good stead, Danish TV having defined them Denmark's most adventurous family. Indeed, the parents noticed the growth in confidence of the kids, including the first teenage response of Liva, six years old by this time.

At the back are 25 pages of coloured pictures from the trip.

This is nearer to home than many adventure travel books but presents many different issues, especially about travel with children.

villages but not excessively so and there is some overlap. Some of the smaller lakes in the vicinity are included with canoeing as one of the sports to which they are well suited, nothing new, prehistoric pirogues having been found in the pristine Lake Monate.

A map would have been useful for those not familiar with the area.

**The Ionian Islands**



*Yannis Ragos  
Greek National Tourism Organisation  
978 960 534 051 3  
2nd edition 2016  
240 x 160mm  
87 pages, paperback*

This guide works its way through the Ionian islands, village by village, pointing out the attractions, listing the events, activities, sports and important telephone numbers.

The best swimming beaches are indicated, presumably not the smaller ones difficult to reach by those on foot, and there are many attractive photographs of

the coast, many of them aerial. There are also pointers to the numerous caves, particularly the Blue Caves on Zakynthos.

Villages and beaches are all marked on location maps and there is a large fold out map at the back. History is included and it is surprising how frequently the 1953 earthquake still features and how buildings have been reinstated to their original designs rather than to something more resistant.

The lists of sports include watersports but, even when these are broken down into individual sports, kayaks are never mentioned once. Yet one of the large double page spread photographs includes three sea kayaks being paddled in the foreground at Vathy on Ithaca.

For Zakynthos, locations are given where camping is banned and the area has to be cleared completely at night in order not to disturb turtle egg laying.

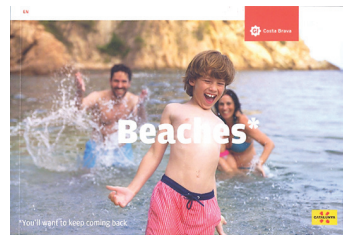
**Folegandros**



*Yourtranslator  
Municipality of  
Folegandros  
200 x 280mm  
24 pages, paperback*  
Other than a short introduction in five languages, this booklet consists entirely of island pictures. The only text is an unobtrusive note in Greek and English to give the location.

I worry about a set of hairpin bends below Panagia at Chora, shown from three angles, alternate corners, for no obvious reason, at the lip of a vertical cliff. Fail to brake for any reason and you would have no chance. Otherwise there are some very inviting seascape venues shown.

**Beaches**



*Patronat de Turisme Costa  
Brava Girona  
Robert Carmona & Xavier  
Carmani  
160 x 230mm  
172 pages, paperback*

Each Costa Brava beach has a full page photograph, a couple of paragraphs of description and then a whole series of icons

giving full details, from the exact dimensions of the beach to the setting, access by car, bus, boat or on foot, toilets, showers, bars, restaurants, sports equipment hire, parking, lifeguards, first aid, dogs, mooring, much information for the disabled and whether clothes are required.

Some beaches can only be reached by boat and some have moorings for cruise ships. A particularly useful aspect of the booklet is that it includes problems, parking difficulties, exposure to Tramuntana winds and places subject to rockfalls after dark.

Sea kayaks appear in a few pictures, usually onshore in the distance, and attention is drawn to a kayak school.

The pictures quickly make it clear which are secluded coves and which are long sweeps of sand for the hordes. While most photographs show few people, the icons suggest how busy they get, supported by the size of carparks and whether you will have to pay for parking if you want to get close. There is a lot more information here than appears at first glance.

**... The Blue Feelings of Aegean!**



*Federation of Dodecanese  
Islands Small Family  
Accommodations  
160 x 230mm  
44 pages, paperback*

Each of the Dodecanese islands is introduced in turn with a full page photograph facing text in English and Greek, the pictures mostly of the

coastline. The limited information given does tend to get bogged down in purple prose. Surprisingly, a page is devoted to warning about what is claimed to be illegal internet advertising in the form of accommodation offers by people who are not members of the publishers' organization.

**Beaches**

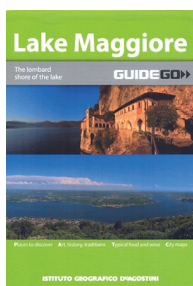


*Patronat de Turisme de la  
Diputació de Tarragona,  
C Montcada 32, 3r, 43500 Tortosa  
Oriol Gracia  
200mm sq  
24 pages, paperback*

This guide to the beaches of Catalonia's Terres de l'Ebre remains virtually unchanged (Dec 11, p63). The list of icons for each beach now includes one for beaches where pets are allowed. (We would have one for where dogs are banned!) The list of

yacht clubs and marinas has also expanded. Finally, the fragile stencilled cover has been abandoned. Otherwise Catalonia attempts to attract tourists as before its independence vote.

**Lake Maggiore**



*Istituto Geographico DeAgostini, C so della  
Vittoria 91, 28100 Novara  
180 x 120mm  
2012  
144 pages, paperback*

At first sight this is simply an update of the Lake Maggiore guide (Nov 2012, p52). The cover pictures are the same, various articles are unchanged and many of the photographs are the same. Also, the tiny typeface, less than 7.5 pt, is retained.

In fact, the major difference this time is that it covers the Lombard shore of the lake rather than the Piedmont shore so both books are needed to give comprehensive coverage. This time there seems to be a little more emphasis on the lakeside mountains and