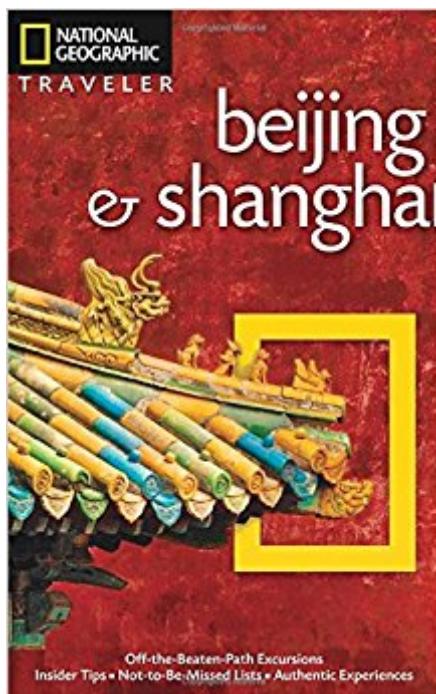


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I travel quite a bit so I am quite familiar with all the tour guides out there. I reviewed several guides at the local library before purchasing this guide and the DK guide for the same cities. Both books were great and very informative in providing the basic practical information and then getting into the more detailed information on all the sites. I loved all the walking tours provided in this book and it's great for all the "do it yourselfers" out there. The only thing I would like to see improved in this book is more detailed maps of city streets but if you supplement this guide with a GPS smart phone or a detailed map, it is great. Just a note that anything Google or Facebook does not work in China so Google maps may not work here unless they have been pre-downloaded but a few in our group got the maps to download and work.

This book provided everything (and more) that I needed before, during, and after my trip in Beijing and Shanghai. I loved the pictures, quick info, and extra tips. What I loved most is that this book provided a quick summary of each special area in Beijing and Shanghai. I was able to use that summary before learning more while visiting the specific area. For example, I read about the Forbidden City in this book, then learned much more about it while visiting the Forbidden City. When scrapbooking, I was able to use this book as a guide to look back on the highlights of each place I visited.

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