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- Dozens of full-color maps
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks
- Multiple itineraries to explore the top attractions and what's off the beaten path
- Major sights such as Tiananmen Square, Confucius Temple, and Temple of Heaven
- Side Trips from Beijing including The Great Wall, Thirteen Ming Tombs, The Western Temples, Eastern Qing Tombs, and Chengde

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Customer Reviews

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are sadly lacking. Read the paper addition first, then leave it home.

This book was very informative about where to go and what to see. I live in China, and I have been to Beijing many times, yet this book was able to help me see new places. The book does a good job in describing what's available and highlighting places of interest. Prices are not always current, but that is more due to the fast-changing nature of China. If you do use this book (and I recommend that you do!) Be aware that not all of the great places listed are easy to find. The maps help somewhat, but Beijing is large, and it can be difficult to pinpoint exactly where you need to go. You will need additional ways to help navigate to the out-of-the-way places.

I'm leaving for Beijing this Thursday, May 17, 07, and prior to having this book, I was worried about names, cities, map, language, and pretty much EVERYTHING. Having the book has calmed me, there's great suggestions, events, places to see, walk, bike, and drive to. There's English names, there's pronunciation, and most impressively, there's clear Chinese characters given at the end of each chapter for you to show the taxi drivers. This is, if I'm not mistaken, the most updated version on the market, (as LP and others are releasing editions later on this spring/summer) so it's an obvious pick for anyone looking for an updated guide to Beijing and surrounding areas. I'll further continue my review upon my arrival home, after putting this guide to the test.-----June 4, 07Baaack!! was there for 9 days, and in those nine days I've probably seen more than the residents of Beijing. The hutongs, the markets, the million and one temples, all breath-taking. I took most of the suggestions on sightseeing, went to the Lama Temple, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, basically all the sites that Fodor suggested. I did most of my shopping for gifts and souvenirs in Beijing, but held back because a lot of people were telling me that Hong Kong was the place to shop (as I was going there after Beijing). Well I learnt on my own that if you want the knockoffs, then Beijing is the place to be. But if you want the authentic stuff, then Hong Kong is the place to be. Anyway, this guide had great and up to date information concerning where to shop and for what. I did not test the nightlife section. Not really my thing. I need sleep. I did test the Food suggestions, as I went to Metro Cafe (an Italian place which was apparently very good). It was good, but not the best Italian food I've had. If anything, I was just glad to be eating something familiar. THE BEST Italian place that I found was at the Ritz Carleton Hotel, called Cepe. I'm telling you, it was like a breath of fresh air after eating Chinese food for all those days. The reason I'm not giving the guide a 5 is because spending all the time in Beijing, I started meeting various people who'd give me their personal favorites on where to go and what to do so I found myself going against the

guide and more on word of mouth by the end of my trip. I also wasn't fond about the organization of the book. I found myself constantly looking for a specific place or a specific map with the translation and it wasn't fun flipping through and through a million times. All in all, I would not have had such a great time if I didn't have this guide. I only wish I had Fodor's Hong Kong for the little time I spent there. I had to take a tour instead. cheers.

I bought this book because it is the most recent guidebook out there for Beijing, and it's been OK. However, I wish I had gotten a different guide. This is the first edition, and there are a number of small, but irritating and confusing mistakes. For example, the Panjiayuan market is given as being in two different, far apart, locations on two different maps in the book. The book gives the characters for the Dashanzi neighborhood in reference to the Danshanzi arts district, and this is not enough for a taxi to get you there. Subway closing times are inconsistent on different pages. All this adds up to a way less than satisfactory guidebook experience. I also found the organization of the guidebook less than efficient. All in all, I wish I'd gotten the Rough Guide, and I over-rated the importance of having the most recent guide published (you can just look up a recent subway map on the internet!). The book does have good ideas for things to do in Beijing, and I had a great month here doing stuff that was well off the beaten track. The maps were OK, though the pull-out map adds very little.

Having moved to Beijing 5 months ago I needed a guide to help me navigate the city and get settled, as well as explore all the great attractions. I have always found Fodor's guides to be easy to read and well organized. So far, Fodor's Beijing has been helpful and pretty accurate, better than most of the other travel guides that I have looked at.

Good book

I received my guide over a month ago. As I started reading it, I noticed that about 35 pages of content are missing (almost the entire Chapter 3 from about page 61 through 97). This seems like a press mistake as there is no sign that the missing pages were ripped out. I will attempt a return and post back.

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