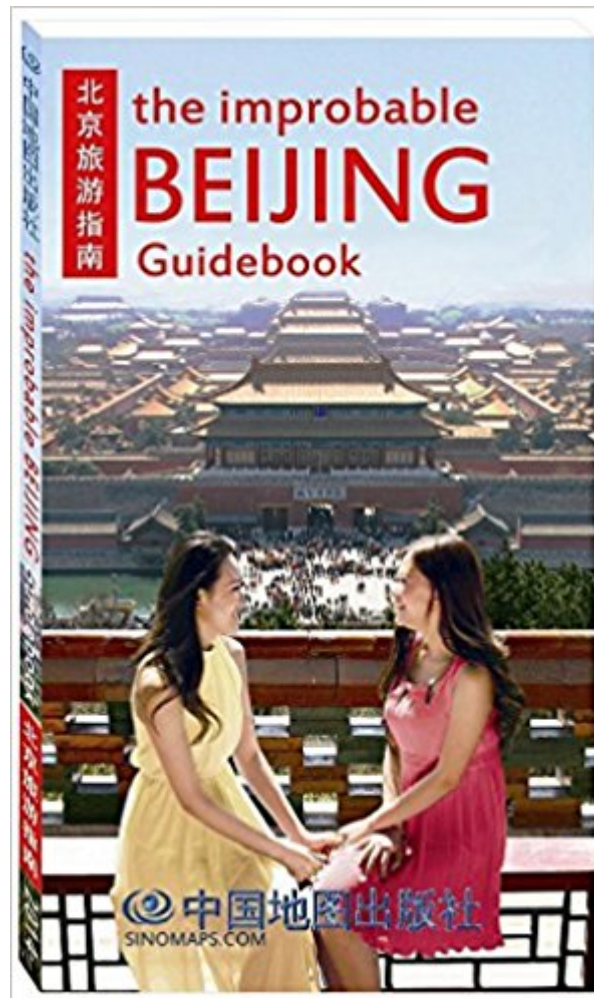




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Beijing is huge and overwhelming, so being able to just open a double-page and hit the city as I wanted to was awesome. I visited the Great Wall on my own, and the book's comment is right - people will make up excuses to get me off the bus and into some sort of taxi. I loved running around the hutong alleys where all the cool bars/restaurants are, not so far from my hotel, but the staff only knew the touristy things. So the specific good points (not in other guides) are knowing all the subway exits; fits lightly into your pocket; much, much more on beautiful gardens and forests; and checking out all the hutongs, the real life in Beijing.

Not too bulky to carry around (like some guides), yet covers all the essential sights and things to do around Beijing plus reveals many hidden secrets, worth knowing. Not a square inch is wasted, it's packed full of useful and well organised maps, tips and absorbing descriptions of what to do, eat and see in Beijing. I will recommend it to my friends visiting Beijing.

I was in China for business, plus had some free time in Beijing. I have to say that this is one of the best guidebooks I used by far. When it comes to Beijing, it is way better than the Lonely Planet guidebook which is so common those days. It's an art, this guide covers all of the necessary information and more.

What an incredibly useful, interesting guide this is. It is fantastic value for the price, easy to navigate, up to date, and fits in my handbag. As a first-timer to Beijing, it has made my visit very enjoyable.

Informative and modern guide book definitely recommended it for anyone traveling to the unique city,

Perfect condition.

I used this guide on my trip to China last month and it was a lifesaver! Since, I didn't have working internet on my phone while walking around the city, I used the book anywhere I went. It gives ideas for "walks" around the city and interesting places to go and visit with good maps and a lot of historical background. I will definitely pass it on to my friends who are visiting Beijing in April.

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