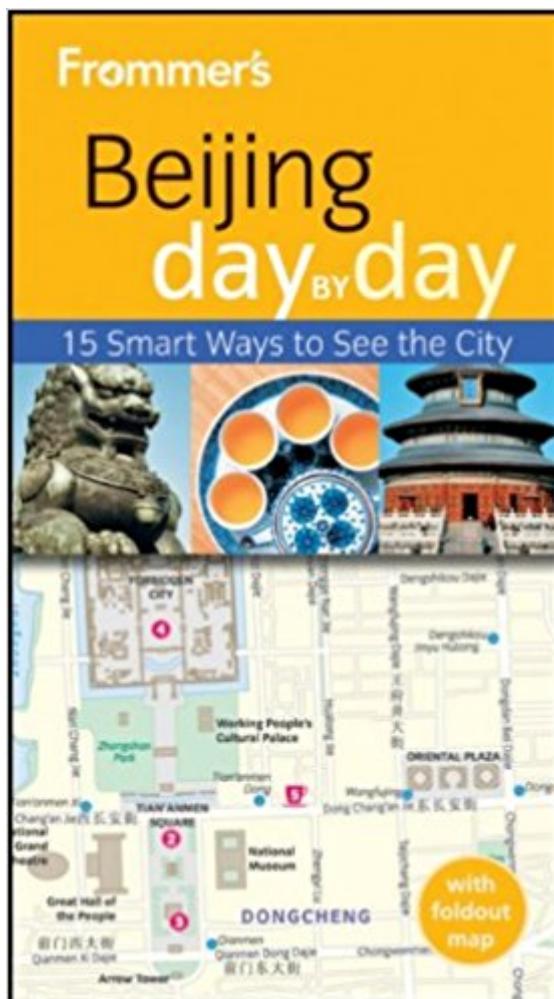


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"[This book offers] time-saving suggestions for getting the most out of your city break and include full size pull-out maps" (virginmedia.com, January 2008)

15 Self-guided Tours. 38 Maps. One Great Trip. At last, a travel guide that tells you how to see the best of everything in the smartest, most time-efficient way. The best of Beijing in one, two, or three days Thematic tours for every interest, schedule, and taste Walking tours of the city's best-loved neighborhoods Hundreds of evocative color photos Bulleted maps that show you how to

get from place to placeHotels, restaurants, shopping, and nightlife for all budgetsA tear-resistant foldout mapÃ¢â€”â€œenclosed in a handy plastic wallet you can also use for tickets and souvenirs

I bought this guidebook because I wanted a small guide to fit in my handbag as I explored Beijing and because it contained a map of the city. In reality, however, the guide fell far short of my expectations and instead I relied almost exclusively onÃ¢â€” Fodor's Beijing, a much better guide to the city. The included map covers only the area in the center of the city, around The Forbidden City. While most people will concentrate their explorations in that area, many other attractions, such as The Summer Palace and the lamasery, are off the map. In eight days, I used the map exactly once and instead relied on the one supplied by my hotel. Next, some of the walking tours are not possible in the time allotted by the guide, not unless you walk through everything without stopping to appreciate it. In addition, some of the stores and restaurants were impossible to find, either because they no longer existed or on streets that couldn't be found. The dining section was too brief, even for a pocket guide, and seemed to be out-of-date. At least the contains a map of the subway system, although the subway map on the map supplied by my hotel was much easier to read. The guide also contains some erroneous information; it recommended getting off at a subway stop that was not the best one for the destination. Not surprisingly for a pocket guide, descriptions of the sites were brief. Save your money for a different guide. It doesn't matter if this fits in your pocket if you can't get good use out of it.-- Debbie Lee Wesselmann

The purchase was made based on Frommer's guides reputation and the fact that this was a "day-by-day" guide allowing to make walking tours with daily itineraries in order to take advantage of my very short trip to Beijing. The folded map that comes with it was neither very useful nor accurate but the subway map on the cover and the smaller city map in the inner cover were extremely helpful. In my opinion the way the information is organized, is not very practical, with cross references all the time: this is not something you want to do while visiting a place, flipping pages to find the info. Some places described have no indications on how to get there, whereas some do. Distances and the time needed to get from one place to another are not accurate either. I rated it 3 because it was anyway a somewhat good tool for orientation in a humongous size city.

Nice size and fold-out city map included, but info on "must-see" sites is often very brief. Organizational mode used - "Beijing in 1 day...2 days...3 days" is not to my liking; would prefer sites in same quadrant of city together or similar sites e.g. museums listed together (index no help if you

don't know exact name); nothing found on Beijing Zoo (what about the pandas?) and less space devoted to lodging and dining. More info on distances and travel times - Beijing is vast, traffic heavy, and taxi drivers speak very limited if any English and do not READ English!

This guide is next to useless. The maps are not detailed, and the directions are vague. At one point it told us to turn left when we saw "a gaggle of Chinese tourists with cameras." Really helpful. One of the authors also repeatedly plugs a high priced restaurant that she owns. Save yourself some money and a lot of frustration and do not buy this stupid book.

Great book with just enough information to guide us the 4 days we'll be in Beijing. It tells us about attractions, places to eat, local customs to be aware of and other great information. It's well worth the price we paid.

Thank you!

Good guide.

I have expected to see more information about the lodge and food in Beijing today. I guess Beijing is just too big and changing too fast for the authors to explore completely.

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