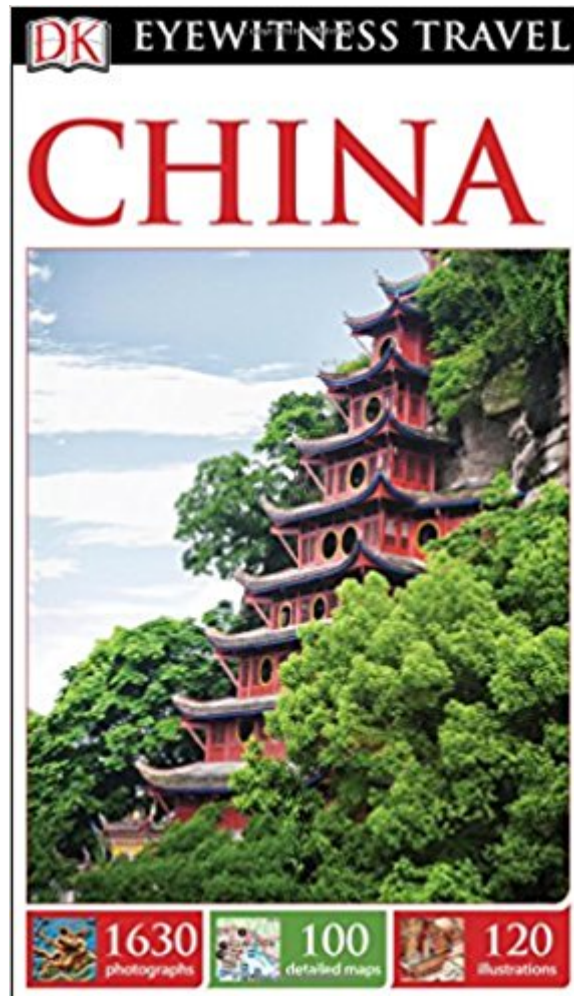




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• The Philadelphia Inquirer

i been in china for 31 days. we went to travel 7 each city south and west china.

DK has again produced a fantastic guide - this time for all of China. While it is not definitive, and in know way can be, it covers an amazingly large portion of the country, in good detail, and with DK's signature photographs. I saw many pictures in here of places in China I'd never seen before, and made me want to explore more of the country. I hope they publish a new edition soon though, before the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

My husband and I travelled independently around China for 3 weeks with this book and the Lonely Planet. We found that the beautiful photography helped inspire our choice of destinations, and the maps and illustrations helped us navigate once we were there. We especially liked the axonometric drawings with labels. Although this book includes some practical information about the sites, the Lonely Planet was much more detailed in terms of how to actually get somewhere. I think it would be difficult to travel with only this book for guidance. A few hotels and restaurants are recommended in the back of the book. This information would have been much more useful if the names were also written in Chinese. We often found ourselves in situations where we could not communicate with taxi drivers or hotel concierges, so we relied on pointing to places (with Chinese names) in guidebooks. Having the pinyin names didn't do us much good since our pronunciation and accents were not understandable.

The eyewitness travel series is the book of choice for any travel. And the China version doesn't miss. I traveled to China for vacation 2.5 years ago when I didn't have the Eyewitness guide. I got a good sense of my travels at the time by reading multiple books and asking my guide many questions. However in my trip this year... I had the Eyewitness guide. It not only strengthened my understanding of the many places, events, and culture which I experienced 2.5 years ago... it prepared me to open my eyes to a whole new world when I traveled in 2007. What sets DK apart is that it gives you not only practical information... But provide maps/pictures/illustrations which others cannot present. And this is all that much important for the Western traveler where China is still in the process of fine tuning tourism and how sights are communicated to visitors. I recommend Eyewitness guides not only for any vacation... but especially for travels to China.

The book has a little heft to it (as in weight not dialogue) but the photos and insightful captions make it worth the carrying. It is more an intro guide than a map for an experienced Asian traveler. Much more an introduction and overview of the biggie tourist attractions (w/good pictures and great basic synopsis) than a treasure map to some hole in the wall establishment or practical contact information for reservations. It offers a great addition to any scrapbook. We took it on a group excursion and ended up passing it around to several others who showed great interest in browsing the pages and ultimately lent it to a couple of travelers who spent weeks following this text's advice for their day trips.

The best travel guide for a first time traveler to China. Eyewitness brilliant aerial views make finding one's way easy. This is a have to carry in China.

All you need to know - places, prices, priorities. A gem of a guide. Dense with info. Great.

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