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Synopsis

All the travel experts agree—consumers want more and different experiences from travel than they did in the past. They want to deeply understand their destination before they go, feel a meaningful connection to the place while there, and return home feeling enriched and ready to share their experiences with others. With these trends in mind, and the results of extensive, proprietary market research, National Geographic Traveler has been enhanced with engaging new features and a contemporary redesign.Each guide begins with an introduction that enables the traveler to sample a bit of the culture, history, and attractions before they go and plan the trip based on their own interests and length of stay. Travelers can immerse themselves in active, in-country "Experiences" and "Off-the-Beaten-Path Excursions" they won't find anywhere else, like visiting a family in a South African township or learning to cook Maori cuisine with a renowned New Zealand chef. Other new features, such as "Insider Tips" from National Geographic photographers, writers, and experts, as well as "Not-To-Be-Missed" lists ensure that each person's visit will be one-of-a-kind and memorable. To make the most of these and all the other great new features, the guides' design has been simplified, opened up, and enhanced with easy-to-read tinted sections. Gorgeous color photographs, high-quality maps, and the popular walking and driving tours are still highlights of our crisp, new look. To complete the update, our new covers boast a striking, single image of the destination, along with the clear National Geographic branding that signifies quality, trust, and all the best in travel.With more than a century of travel expertise, new content, and a new look, National Geographic Traveler is the right guide at the right time—poised to meet the changing needs of today's traveler better than ever and better than anyone. Hong Kong is presented exquisitely with its gleaming skyscrapers and teeming streets. Find out where to drink tea and take lessons in feng shui and kung fu.

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Customer Reviews

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Traveled to Hong Kong in November 2011 and this book was very useful. In fact, I wish I'd read it a bit more ahead of time! In looking back through it after our trip (for purposes of providing a good review), the information is excellent.I expected a bit of a picture book, frankly, but National Geo surprised me. There are enough pics to show the neat stuff, but it is not the focus of the book. The details provided for most topics are thorough and insightful. Readers will not be left wondering how to get to the destinations, how much they cost, etc. That info is all provided.My favorite part of this book, especially for people traveling outside of their norm, is the section in the back which covers the basics. It is called "Travelwise" and covers the following:1. Trip planning - how to get there, what to take, climate, entry requirements, travel to different cities nearby2. Getting around - transit system, car rental, trains, ferries, taxis, etc.3. Practical advice - phones/communications, electricity, holidays, opening times, time zone, tipping4. Emergencies - emergency phone #'s, medical services, disabilities, health/vaccine info, safety5. Hotels & Restuarants - overview of what to expect in hotels/restuarants, and a listing of recommendations by region (with price range and payment method). Each recommendation has a description of why you might want to visit that establishment.6. Shopping - overview of bargaining and market times, descriptions of malls and markets, specific areas to shop for books, cameras, clothing, etc.7. Entertainment & Activites - harbor cruises, night life, dance, cinema, golf, etc.Also, in the body of the book are focus boxes

(usually with a colored background) that give the most pertinent information about a spot. This info can range from a history snippet, to how to obtain tickets. This info is usually something that is helpful and interesting. There are also a lot of map illustrations throughout the text to show an overview of the area being covered. I find it helpful to get the layout of the places I am going.There is one thing I don't agree with in this book and it involves the taxis. I believe the book states most taxi drivers may know a tad of English, but we didn't encounter that at all. NO ENGLISH. Plus, even though we had our hotel write, in some form of Chinese, where we were going (plus the bellman telling them verbally), we were dropped off at all sorts of random locations. Most of them were "near" our location but it took some maneuvering to figure out how to get to each point from where we were dropped off. We probably took over 20 cab rides, and they were pretty consistent in the level of destination confusion. Make sure you have 2-3 cards with your hotel name/address written in Chinese (bring these with you everywhere, the hotel front desk will make them for you). That way you can just hand one to the taxi driver who can then get you back to the hotel.Left out of this book is info on the Big Bus Tour. The buses are the red, double decker type like the ones seen in London. They are a fantastic way to see the city. They give riders earbuds to plug into an audio tour. You listen while the bus drives around, and you can hop on and off at the stops. It was really neat to do the Hong Kong Island tour in the evening as the lights were coming on. Quite a sight and neat to watch the crowds from the height of the bus top.I definitely recommend this book as it has all the info you will need to outline your trip. My last tip is to bring snack foods that you like. Asian food is so incredibly different that we craved some basic American snack foods.

For the person who is from Hong Kong know very well what the book is about. It described in full detail. Unbiased in political condition: the history of Hong Kong. It has more detail description of roads and businesses and the flow of Hong kong people from China her own people can understand. How the British took Hong Kong from China by using the Opium War. How the Japanese atrocities during the occupation of 4 years world War II. Finally, the British also did very good deeds to facilitate the growth of Hong Kong by using their Colony skills to give back what they have taken, making HK one of the top Cities in the world.

As a first timer to Hong Kong, this book was great. Gave me a list of must sees while in town while also giving my cultural tips about how to not make a fool of myself. The city is pretty safe but the book gave me a great sense of where to stay while I was there and what areas of the city to avoid. I'll keep this one on the book shelf and it will forever remind me of an amazing trip to an amazing

city!

Not as much detail or good information as other travel books for Hong Kong but it was okay. I would have preferred more detailed information on how to get to and from certain places and hours of operation etc.

This book offers travel tips,like what to carry for safety,what to wear and where to shop. Also adds a little history and sites to see while your visiting..

We travel a lot and have tried several of the guide books.This book had some good practical information. They seem to concentrate on what you do in Hong Kong rather than where you stay and eat. They have a lot of walks which are easy to follow. They helped us appreciate the places we went. We will definitly use their guides again.In general, we do not use hotel and restaurant listings in a guide. Once a restaurant is in a guide, its prices go up and quality goes down. There are much better places, on the internet, to get this information.

We are going to Hong King this summer. We found this book very informative and easy to read. A great buy!!

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