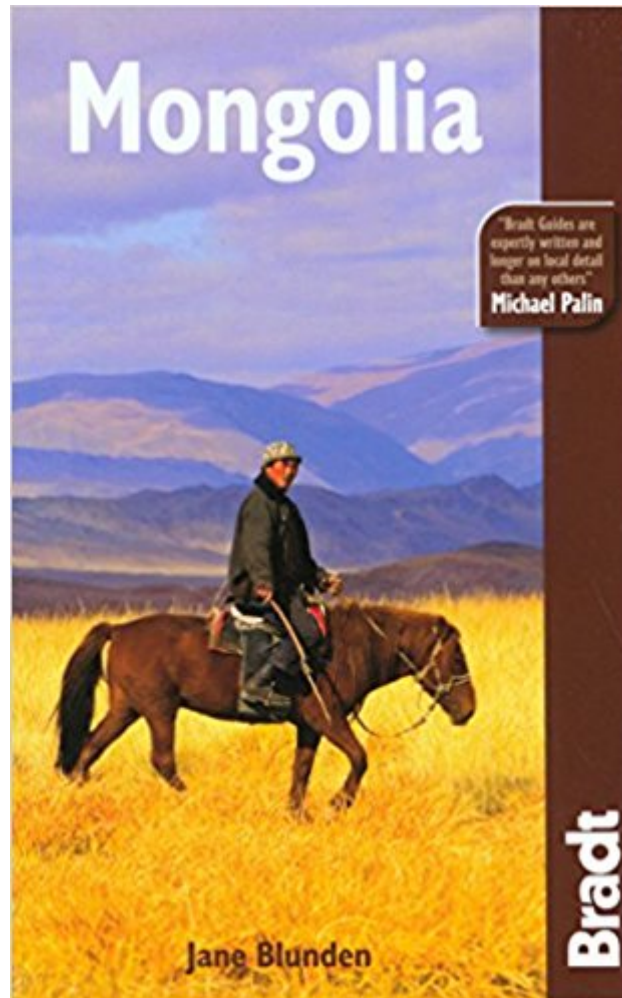




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'An impressive guidebook - clear, comprehensive and very readable.' John Durham, Former British Ambassador to Mongolia 'A great read for arm-chair enthusiasts, packed with facts and advice from the author.' Traveller

Mongolia is one of the few countries left that can be explored with a true spirit of adventure. Open to the Western world only since 1990, this "Land of Blue Sky" offers excellent horse or camel riding, thrilling festivals such as the renowned Naadam, and a heritage steeped in rich culture and tradition. This comprehensive guide includes detailed history and natural-history sections, and full coverage of the thriving capital, Ulaanbaatar. And, for those keen to sample the unique pleasures of staying with nomads, it explains how and where to experience the traditional lifestyle of a Mongolian ger. Inside you will find information on: customs, ceremonies and festivals; special-interest holidays, including riding, hiking, biking and bird watching; in-depth information on national parks, wildlife, conservation and flora; language, pronunciation and useful phrases;

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Good description of the Mongolian life.

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If you want to get real background about Mongolia, its history and its people-- than this is the book for you. No mere travel guide--this book gives in-depth perspective about the country dealing with things everywhere from the street children to environmental issues. You'll probably need to buy another guide to get more information about where to go and what to do--but this book will really give you a 101 course about the country that no other travel guide will give you

While providing good information for things that have not changed, the book is out of date. For those seeking to visit Mongolia in the near future, you will need additional up to date sources. Having said that there is a lot of information in this well organized guide such as history, geography, places to visit, to name only a few. W. Klein

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