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Time Out Shanghai (Time Out Guides)



Synopsis

Shanghai is in the throes of a rapid metamorphosis as it constructs and remodels for the Expo 2010. Written by journalists who live in Shanghai, this guide takes visitors past the tourist traps to the best, most stylish buys in bijou boutiques, big-name designer outposts, and teeming street markets. The Times (London) picked the previous edition as the best guidebook to Shanghai, and this edition improves it with expanded information on where to stay and eat; a must with scores of new hotels and restaurants opening.

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anonymously.

I purchased this wonderful, compact, yet utterly comprehensive travel guide for my second trip to Shanghai. I had purchased other tourist materials and a series of maps to go with, but by the third day decided I really didn't need to lug all that stuff around and put just the TimeOut guide in my pack. Shanghai is a magnificent city and I explored much of it through the use of the metro, supplemented by the occasional taxi ride, and in a few instances, via mo-ped "lifts" provided by citizens who offer short rides from metro and train stations to nearby locations for an average of 10 RMB (about \$1.50 US). I traveled all over the city and accomplished a wide range of non-mainstream mini-missions, including having a pair of glasses made and purchasing semiconductor components at various shops. I also had a lot of fun touring a range of museums (some of them way off the beaten path), eating in a variety of restaurants, getting massages here and there (my back gives me a little trouble), comparing architecture, visiting historic sites, staying in two great hotels, visiting a pharmacy, and much more. I mention all of this to communicate the range and extensivity of my objectives. The TimeOut guide served me at every step - with practical, up-to-date information that I found to be consistently accurate. The guide is masterfully written in an active voice style that provides rich context to one's experience. It is not a drab databook, it's something that speaks to the reader, much like having a friendly, seasoned diplomat-of-the-city next to you. One could start downtown, with just this guide and a bottle of water, and probably not need to access anything NOT contained in the guide for a year, it's really that good.-DS

This book has some interesting information about Shanghai, but is not a useful travel book. There is zero information about dangers and common scams. I am an experienced world traveler, but was stung by a scam in Nanjing Road area. I searched the web and found plenty of information after the fact. This is why I buy travel books first - I expect some practical information. This book specifically says that crime is not a concern. There is no real guidance as to what someone should see given limited time. This is an enormous city and everything is new. I found the Oriental Pearl Tower a good starting point to take in the scope of the city. I also learned to avoid the subway trains during rush hour - they are insanely crowded - beyond most Westerners' comfort level - this is information that is not in the book. I can't say that any other books are better since I only read this one.

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