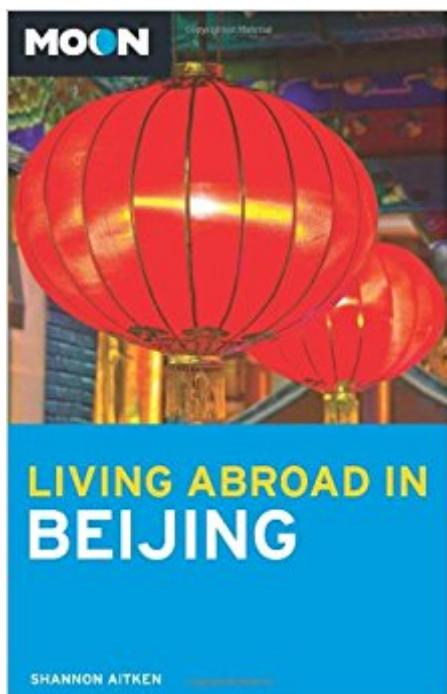


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# Moon Living Abroad In Beijing



## Synopsis

Shannon Aitken has all the insight on what it's like to live in Beijing; she's made the move there herself. In *Moon Living Abroad in Beijing*, she offers firsthand advice on navigating the language and culture of this exciting metropolis and outlines all the information needed to settle down abroad in an organized and straightforward manner. *Moon Living Abroad in Beijing* is packed with essential information and must-have details on setting up daily life, including obtaining visas, arranging finances, gaining employment, choosing schools, and finding health care; plus practical suggestions for how to rent or buy a home for a variety of needs and budgets, whether it's a small apartment downtown or a sprawling villa in suburban Shunyi. With extensive color and black and white photos, illustrations, and maps to help you find your way, *Moon Living Abroad in Beijing* makes it easy for anyone to transition to a life abroad.

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Shannon Aitken was born and raised in Sydney, Australia, where she first worked as a speech pathologist for several years before returning to school to study journalism. After graduating, she went on to write for many of Australia's top food magazines, including *Master Chef*, *delicious.* and *Vogue Entertaining + Travel*. Despite thriving in her career, Shannon longed for a wilder adventure, so she set off on a cycling trip through Yunnan province in southern China and later backpacked through Guilin, Shanghai, and Beijing. Things really clicked into place for her in Beijing, a city that felt both foreign and familiar at the same time. At once she decided this was where she wanted to live and work, so she returned to Australia to pack up her life, moved to Beijing in 2007,

and has been there ever since. In Beijing, Shannon took over the Managing Editor position of what was then the city's oldest English-language magazine, Beijing Talk. She's written travel and lifestyle stories for the China Daily as well as international publications, edited for various publications, including travel companies and charities, and even dabbled in teaching English. Her work has connected her with people from diverse industries and backgrounds and given her rich insights into the city she loves so much. Shannon has studied spoken and written Chinese since her arrival in the country, and though she fears it will be a lifelong battle to truly master the language, she can hold a decent conversation with (patient) locals. Food and travel continue to be Shannon's true passions, and she frequently sets off on trips around Beijing and into the surrounding countryside to hike, rock climb, or just relax. She loves to explore Beijing's multitude of food markets and restaurants, and she blogs about her favorite food findings at mychineseappetite.com. When she has free time, you can find her lazing around at outdoor cafes, on rooftop bars, or on a chair outside her hutong home with one of her many wonderful Beijing friends.

I gave this book to my daughter, who will be moving to Beijing this year. I glanced through the book and found the information to be highly useful...including what measures to take against the city's well-known pollution problem. I liked the fact that the author has spent much time in the city. If there is any negative, it's that the volume is a few years old, and could possibly use an updating. But the information presented seemed fine. There are few, if any other, books on the market like this one. My daughter has studied in Beijing, and was happy to receive this book. She told me that the information will really come in handy.

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