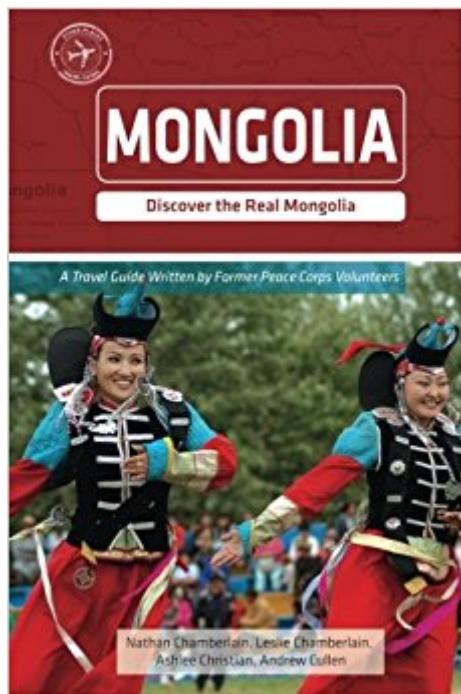


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# Mongolia (Other Places Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Mongolia is an adventurous travel destination. While some luxury accommodations exist in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar (UB) and some tourist hot spots have more Westerner-friendly accommodations, the most interesting experiences are outside the capital, where travelers must be creative, patient, and resourceful. The good news, though, is that your extra work pays off – and this book will serve you well in discovering the real Mongolia. The authors of this book served as Peace Corps volunteers and, combined, lived for over ten years in Mongolia. They lived, worked, and played in local communities all across the sparsely-populated steppe and in the quickly developing urban centers. With the help of local travel experts, host families, fellow travelers, and a national network of expats and locals, they share their distinct perspectives so that you can experience the country as they did – from the inside. - Wander off the beaten path to enjoy the unique hospitality of pastoral nomads on the steppe. - Take in the rolling mountains, meandering streams, and nourishing lakes that gave rise to some of the world’s greatest civilizations. - Explore Tibetan Buddhist monasteries – many of which have been hidden from outsiders for centuries. - Watch the three manly sports, experience the four cardinal directions upside-down, and learn the five traditional herd animals of the Mongols. - Ride to where roads become pastures and pastures become desserts in the Land of the Blue Sky. •

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## Customer Reviews

As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV), I know that RPCVs have the best information on important things like availability of toilets and toilet paper, showers, and food that won’t make a traveler ill. I’d never been to Mongolia before, but was happy to put my trust in this book. And, it was

a good decision. This was a great guide during my trip (1 month), because it helped me and my driver (my Mongolian friend's brother) make good decisions on places to visit in and around the Gobi Desert. The information, particularly on Erdene Zuu, was excellent to have along because the description is long enough to provide a lot of information, but not too long to be boring or dry. It's really an excellent book!!! Also, I loved reading it before my trip, to learn about the culture and the background of various locations. I really enjoyed the 1/2 page interviews with local folks. My driver found that our GPS did not agree with 2 of the GPS locations provided in the book. We don't know which one was incorrect, so be careful with your GPS. I should mention that when I met other tourists, they borrowed my book to learn about the places they were visiting. They also appreciated the information to be found in the book. I've included it here: <http://mongoliavist.weebly.com>

This book was a surprise. I didn't expect to learn so much about Mongolia while reading *Mongolia (Other Places Travel Guide)*. The history information at the front of the book is well written & easy reading, especially when you think of history. The book is informative about Mongolia itself & the people. I especially enjoyed how they profiled a variety of people in the different areas. It is a very comprehensive book telling about money, hotels, nightlife, transportation, etc. in the different areas of Mongolia. The fact that four former Peace Corps volunteers, who had lived in Mongolia, wrote this book makes it so informative because they were there. It makes me want to take a trip to Mongolia! The book makes it so easy to travel around Mongolia.

I have an incredibly high opinion of Leslie, Nathan, Ashlee and Andy and I know them personally. We served together as Peace Corps Volunteers in Mongolia and they are fully committed to Mongolia and its wonderful people. In fact, proceeds from the authors are going back to Mongolia to support educational and community initiatives. What other travel guides can say that? The short story is, don't buy touristy travel guides. More importantly, don't be a tourist. Engage with real people, see the country the way people that love it see it, and don't exploit anyone, ever. This travel guide will help you do that. It's the only guide about Mongolia like that on the planet and it's the only one you need to read. Thank you Leslie, Nathan, Ashlee and Andy, for your service to Mongolia which is continuing long after your time in the Peace Corps has been completed.

A great guide with terrific photos. Also handy for an armchair vacation.... I doubt I'll ever get to Mongolia but am fascinated by the country and the people. These authors really know the details and give practical, useful advice ----concise, witty.

The detail is fantastic down to favorite eats, the places to avoid those unwashed veggies and people to track down for tours and volunteering. The only thing that would enhance this wonderful guide would be some pictures, but then it would be too big to carry!

Very small print. Not good for older people.

Accurate and complete book with great advice and recommendations. Mongolia is awesome!

I'm also a former Peace Corps Volunteer who spent 3 years living in the middle of Mongolia. I love the country and its people and encourage anyone to make the trip. This guidebook will help make your trip much richer with so much information about the culture and the history. And there's lots of practical information to ease your way. Go and enjoy!

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