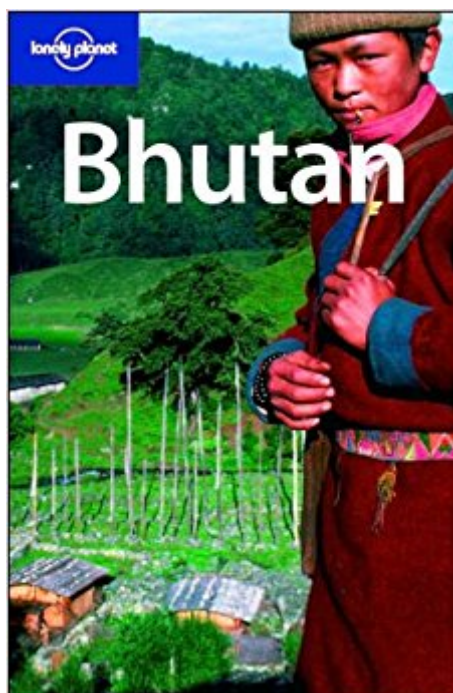


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that travel leads to a deeper cultural understanding and compassion and therefore a better world.

Due to the recent "opening" of Bhutan, there have been few travel books on the country. This LP is about as good as you are going to get at this time. It is often dated in hotel information, but that is understandable. Unless are an Indian citizen, you must be escorted by a travel guide most of the time. This leaves you little room to roam alone. However, it is nice to be able to tell your guide that you want to see or visit a certain place. This book educates you enough to be able to discuss some of these places intelligently with your guide or travel agent.

Bhutan is such a special country that I needed a small guide to take with me, and this covers everything I could want. It is tricky to get into the country and you need an "official" tour company and this is explained in detail so there are no surprises. Plan way ahead as the paperwork takes time - your agency does this for you. The maps are very good as are descriptions of sites; the "20 top experiences" with photos at the beginning will send you in the right direction. The survival guide in the back is thorough and answers any question you could think of. Once again, a terrific Lonely Planet guide (I have tons).

I couldn't find any travel guide books locally on Bhutan. Since the tour I will be taking in November includes hotels and meals this book was fine for my needs even though it is not the latest edition. I was looking for background info on Bhutan and general travel info.

I bought this guide before my first trip to Bhutan, and it helped me immensely in planning my tour. It contains detailed information about the country--history, culture, geography, and facts for travelers. And it gives accurate information about the trekking routes and cultural tours. As is typical for Lonely Planet publications, this one is interesting and well written, and I found the information to be relevant to my trip. It is not easy to travel to Bhutan (there are many government restrictions), and this book made everything easier. I had such a successful, fun trip that I've been back several times ([...]) and I still refer to this edition of the guide. It's packed with good information, and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to go to Bhutan.

I have used lonely planet travel guides for many developing countries such as Viet Nam, Bhutan and Nepal. They are packed with information and well written. However, they are sometime hard to navigate and can be out of date on some items.

1/21/2016 Not sure why I got this review request now. Purchased several years ago. Found it useful (but of limited benefit only because we were on a tour package).

Hi. I am actually in Bhutan as I write this. We are a "Lonely Planet" only household and travel consistently throughout the year. But, Lonely Plan for Bhutan on a Kindle is driving me crazy! Often "click on" does not go to the correct section. Maps are too small (even with Aa) to do much good. And you really need color for maps. So, there is still is the great information, but the Kindle edition leaves something to be desired. I am about to go out and buy the paper copy.

Book like new, very pleased. Thanks!

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