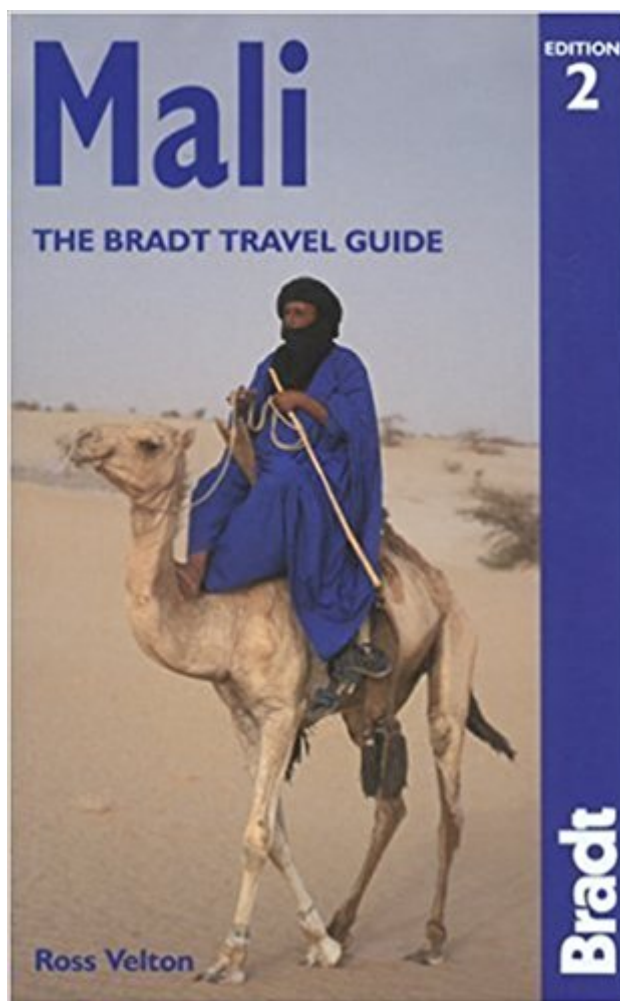


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# Mali: The Bradt Travel Guide



## Synopsis

Mali is one of the most exciting destinations in West Africa. At its heart is the River Niger which winds through vast areas of the Sahelian landscape, linking the fabled city of Timbuktu with the capital, Bamako. Travelers can explore Dogon cliff villages, the famous mosque at Djenné and much more in a country enlivened by colorful markets and arguably the best music in Africa. Ross Velton looks at every aspect of travel in this seldom-visited country, enabling the visitor to get right to the heart of a land whose people are some of the most amicable in Africa. This guide features:

- Planning and preparation, including health and safety
- Where to stay and eat, complete with a guide to Malian food
- Ancient civilizations and culture, including the Tuareg and Dogon people
- A comprehensive guide to Malian music
- Practical information, including accommodations, transport, and maps to aid non-eccentric journeys

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"A well-structured, practical and informative guide."--Travel Africa

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preparation; health and safety; rail links, transport on the River Niger and other travel routes; ancient civilizations including the Tuareg and Dogon people; a comprehensive guide to Malian music; communicating in Bambara and French.

Other travel guides cover all of Africa or all of West Africa. The entire Brandt Guide book covers only one country, Mali. Therefore, there is more actionable information on Mali including more town maps and descriptions of villages and tribal markets where you can find traditional life untouched by modern ways. There is also more depth and more insight. The author seems to have more connection to Mali. This is more valuable than having a guide with a more recent publication date. Published on quality paper, the pages are denser and heavier than others but indispensable for navigating along the path less traveled. Traveling on your own, I wouldn't go without it. You would risk bypassing places that would cause you post-travel regrets.

When we travelled to Mali in 2007, this was the only guide book on the market (I don't know if there are others now or not) that dealt just with Mali. Lonely Planet has one on West Africa, but that was just too bulky to lug around. We were with a group, so weren't using this to plan the trip, just as background. It worked well for that and was as accurate as any guide book ever is, considering that things are always changing.

This is a good solid guide book and essential on a trip to Mali. The only one (in English) that I could find that is dedicated only to Mali. The illustrations are great and so are the maps. Covers all one needs to know on a first trip.

This was a nice and fast introduction to modern Mali, not a place your average tourist goes so information can be very limited. This did the job nicely.

I am planning a trip to Mali and this is the best resource I have found. It includes history, maps, flight schedules and much more.

Am planning a trip to Mali in early 2011, and I have looked at several available guides. Bradt is the absolute best.

I bought this for a friend's teenager going on school trip. She found it very useful preparing for the

trip and used it often while traveling.

For those who are interested in traveling in Mali, this book is a great choice. The text is clear and comprehensive--covering all regions of the country. It also gives leads to further resources, for anyone interested in pursuing this in depth.

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