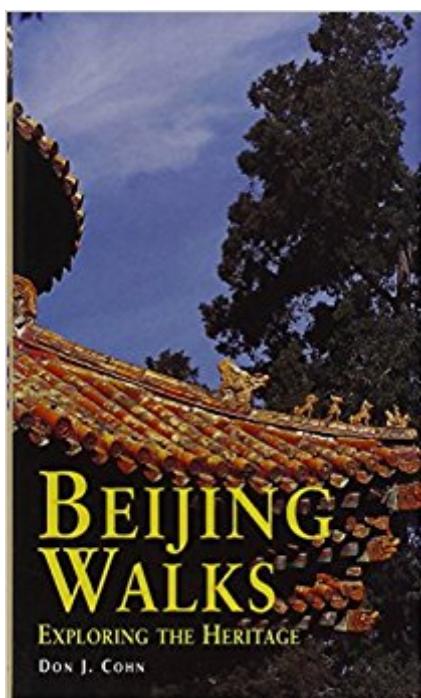


The book was found

# Beijing Walks: Exploring The Heritage (Odyssey Illustrated Guides)



## Synopsis

Beijing Walks presents six detailed walking tours of the most important historic quarters of the Chinese capitalthe Forbidden City, the former Legation Quarter, Beihai Park, the Temple of Heaven, the Confucius Temple, the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square,

## Book Information

Series: Odyssey Illustrated Guides

Paperback: 384 pages

Publisher: Odyssey Books & Maps (March 1, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 962217762X

ISBN-13: 978-9622177628

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.9 x 8.7 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 4 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #2,391,443 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #95 in Books > Travel > Asia > China > Beijing #1164 in Books > Travel > Asia > China > General #2274 in Books > Travel > Asia > General

## Customer Reviews

Don J. Cohn lived in Beijing for five years and has visited the city over 200 times since 1979. As a China scholar, he has written, edited, or translated over 50 books, articles, and reviews on many aspects of Chinese culture. He now divides his time between New York, Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, and Hong Kong.

I hesitated to purchase this book because the publish date was early 2008, which predated a lot of change in Beijing in preparation for the Olympics in August of 2008. And to be honest, we only used two of the walks listed in the book; Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, mainly due to time constraints. That said, the writing was fantastic! The author imparted information above and beyond what typical guidebooks offer, going into a brief historical summary of the site before talking the reader through an impeccable walking tour. And all I can say is that his dry asides about daily life in the Forbidden City had my friend and I in stitches throughout the day.

I took several of the walks in this book. The directions were easy to follow. The book points out

interesting details along the walks. My favorite was in the hutongs in Beijing. It really was a fabulous chance to see a non-tourist neighborhood. I found some great ink drawings while on this walk. The book really gave me details I did not find in the travel guides.

I purchased the book for a dear friend traveling to China in May. She is a walker and Tai Chi lover. She found the book very helpful and the book actually directed her to a Tai Chi class in Beijing. That photo of my friend is truly worth the 1,000 words! My only request was to find time to shop for a REAL nice high end handbag for me. We are both very happy she went to China!

In October 2008, we took this book with use to Beijing and I am so glad we did. It gives specific information on 6 very different areas of the city, including how to get to the starting point and to leave from the ending one. In addition to the specific sites involved in each walk, it often gives information on nearby attractions, and a section in the back describes places to eat nearby with candid reviews by the author. The best part is the actual material for each walk: about half of each section gives context, usually both historical and social, and the other half describes the walk itself and what you are seeing along the way. Given that Beijing is changing by the hour, it has valuable warnings about things that may have changed since the book was written (crucial information for one walk we did, even though this book is copyright 2008!). We ended up going to 4 of the 6 recommended areas, and following the book fairly closely for 3 of them. My only regret is we didn't use the book more for the 4th walk - I realized later we missed out on a lot! If you enjoy spending a little extra time understanding what you are seeing, and if you are relatively unfamiliar with Beijing, then you will find this book very rewarding, particularly if you prefer to tour on your own without a guide. This book also has beautiful photos.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Beijing Walks: Exploring the Heritage (Odyssey Illustrated Guides) China Travel Guide: Best of Beijing - Your #1 Itinerary Planner for What to See, Do, and Eat in Beijing, China: a China Travel Guide on Beijing, Beijing ... (Wanderlust Pocket Guides - China Book 2) Beijing: Where To Go, What To See - A Beijing Travel Guide (China, Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, Peking, Guilin, Hong Kong Book 3) Beijing: Where To Go, What To See - A Beijing Travel Guide (China, Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, Peking, Guilin, Hong Kong) (Volume 3) Odyssey Illustrated Guide to Tibet (Odyssey Illustrated Guides) Odyssey Guide to the Kathmandu Valley (Odyssey Illustrated Guides) Short Walks in The Cotswolds: Guide to 20 Easy Walks of 3 Hours or Less (Collins Ramblers Short Walks) Pub Walks: Walks to the Finest Pubs in the Yorkshire Dales (Yorkshire

Dales: Top 10 Walks) Newcomer to Beijing: How to get started as a new Beijing Expat Forbidden City in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 1) Temple of Heaven in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 2) Tiananmen Square in Beijing - a travel guide and tour as with the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories Book 9) History of Beijing - a story told by the best local guide (Beijing Travel Stories) Walking Mont Blanc Walks: 50 Day Walks And 4 Multi-Day Treks (Cicerone Guides) New Zealand - The Great Walks: Includes Auckland & Wellington City Guides (Trailblazer the Great Walks) Walks and Rambles on the Delmarva Peninsula: A Guide for Hikers and Naturalists (Walks & Rambles Guides) Walks and Rambles in and around St. Louis (Walks & Rambles Guides) Beijing Travel Guide: An Easy Guide to Exploring the Top Attractions, Food Places, Local Life, and Everything You Need to Know (Traveler Republic) Insight Guides: Beijing City Guide (Insight City Guides) The Perilous Road (Odyssey Classics (Odyssey Classics))

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)