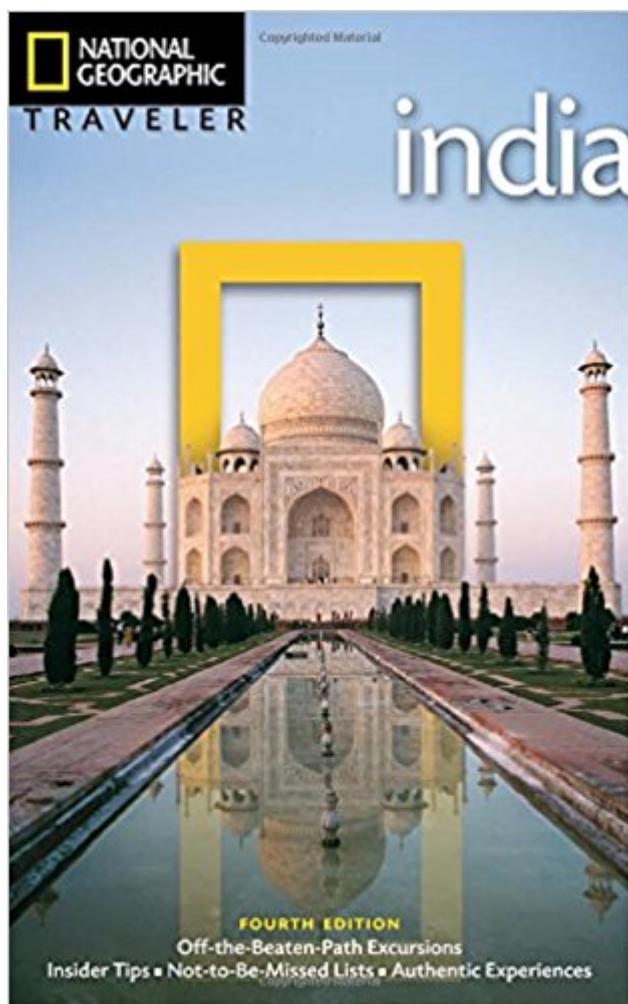


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# National Geographic Traveler: India, 4th Edition



## Synopsis

This gorgeously illustrated guide deftly escorts readers to India's most popular sites--the Taj Majal, the pink sandstone city of Jaipur, and the water palaces of Udaipur, to name a few. The guide covers the country in full, from the capital city of Delhi to the far reaches of the subcontinent, including Rajasthan, the Deccan, Goa, and the Himalaya. Special tours and not-to-miss lists, such as a rickshaw ride through Old Delhi and a drive through colonial Mumbai, provide an intimate glimpse of daily life. An extensive review of the country's vast history and rich culture leads the guide, while detailed sidebars throughout delve into India's heart and soul, exploring such diverse topics as Indian marriages, palace hotels, Mahatma Gandhi, and Indian spices. The guide contains three-dimensional floor plans and detailed architectural drawings, plus indispensable regional and neighborhood maps and practical information on how to get around the country, handpicked hotels and restaurants, and selective activities and entertainment options.

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## Customer Reviews

Louise Nicholson lived in London for 28 years. A trained art historian, she has worked in conservation and the art market, as well as at the auctioneers Christie's. Since 1985, Nicholson has combined journalism with writing numerous books, many of them about London. Her awards include the London Tourist Board's for the best book about London published in the 1980s.

After comparing this with the Insight Guide and the Footprint India Handbook, this is the one I

bought. First, I found its organization the easiest to follow, as I tried to put together a three-week itinerary for my first visit to India. Second, it has many useful tips--often in sidebars--about places to go and places to stay, with internet links provided for finding additional information. Regional maps at the beginning of each chapter make it easy to see the location of important towns and points of interest in each particular state. Town maps, though not detailed, still give enough information to enable you to follow suggested walks or rides in the major towns. As a photographer, I liked the excellent photos. There are often tips for photographers which, while fairly obvious, still serve as useful reminders ("Best Taj Views," for instance.) A representative but not exhaustive list of hotels and restaurants is in the back. If you want more detailed information you might turn to the 1500+-page Footprint India Handbook, but I found this NG guide to be the best all-round guidebook for someone interested in visual as well as textual information. Downside: the thick, high-quality paper makes it a heavy addition to your suitcase.

We've been to India only once and were totally captivated by it. Having said that, we know that we barely scratched the surface and accomplished that only because we had knowledgeable and dauntless Indian friends to guide us. We will definitely go back, better informed and able to allocate our time because of Louise Nicholson's advice. I haven't read every word yet, but both the descriptive material and the references address many of the questions I had before our prior trip and I expect to devote several hours to this book in the weeks preceding our next venture -- and take it with me. As informed as they are, all of our Indian friends (no surprise and no negative implications) have regional preferences and we'd like to be able to participate more fully in the scope and character of our itinerary.

This book provides a great insight for an upcoming trip to India. This is not for the budget traveller. I didn't give it 5\* because for some places, it doesn't provide that much information. Also, it lacks practical information like trains numbers, a bigger list of (cheaper) hotels indications, etc. But it's a great book to do your homework before going to India. I don't advise to take it because it's kind of heavy. The LP guides would be better as you can buy them from the regions like Rajasthan or South India for example.

This book is good for a list of places to see while staying in India, however, it has no useful maps, train schedules, advice, etc etc. The book just seems to be filled with pretty pictures and not much useful information. I ended up returning it immediately and buying the lonely planet's India guide - its

MUCH thicker, but has information that is more useful for my stay.

My grandson is studing in India with a scholarship, he has been traveling for several cities in India, everytime he writes he tell me the book has been very usefull in these trips.

Had very limited information and maps. Not a great guide book.

Helpful but not essential.

For the experienced traveler, this one's just "meh."

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