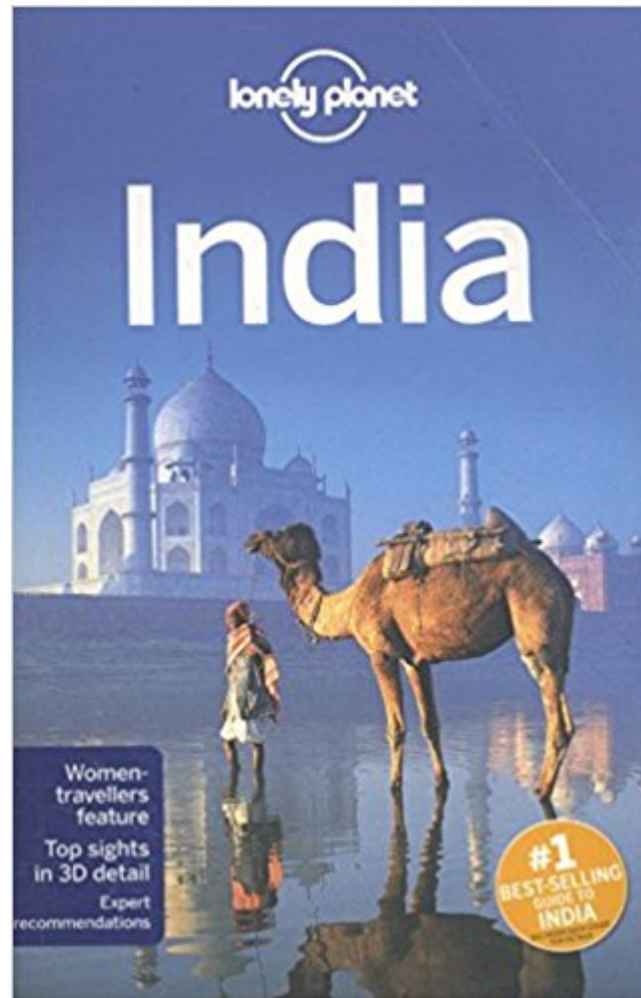




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Let's think about this for a moment. One out of every five people in the world comes from India. There are 13 major languages written in 4 major scripts. The geography includes the world's tallest mountains, deserts, tropical rain forest, rivers, lakes and beaches. Every major religion in the world is represented. Politics stretch from communist West Bengal to staunchly conservative Gujarat. There are at least 4 major, distinct types of cuisine. Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta are all among the largest cities on earth, but India is still 80 percent rural. To call this country "epic" is almost silly. To really grasp the reality, it's helpful to think of India as a confederation of affiliated independent countries. Now, the book. One volume that attempts to cover this vastness is, by definition, summary. There's simply no other way to do it. That means that only the highlights are covered in certain areas. But the thing that makes this a really good book is that the writers have sought the special places, the secrets, that can make a trip to India both authentic and rewarding. Without question, India can be an exercise in frustration. It can assault the senses and sensibilities with harsh reality. A book like this serves as a great primer for your impending experience. This book is not so much designed for trekking as it is for urban exploration. It's the kind of guide that helps you plan a trip rather than to guide you once you're knee deep in the muck. It includes nice, concise summaries of each location, followed by rich directories of listings. All this is framed by recommended itineraries, and social and historical contexts to give your travel an anchor in the larger world. This is all standard Lonely Planet material. So there's really nothing new as far as layout or organization of the book, but the listings are right up to date, the recommendations are spot on, and the descriptions of some places have been changed to reflect reality. I noticed, in particular, that the tone of the writing gives more attention to the state of Gujarat, for example, when that state had been essentially dismissed as an afterthought in previous editions. This is your comprehensive, up-to-date guide to India.

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haven't gone to india yet. but beware this thing is large. like a small phonebook. so if space is an issue, as it is with me, keep this in mind. i have used lonely planet guides for other trips and found them fine. will need to follow up on this after i return from trip.

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well ..of course it is good it is afterall the Lonely Planet..but the book is too large for travelling ...so this is a problem!!

Bought it for my wife who is an avid India traveler. She loves it! We used it extensively on our recent trip to South India.

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