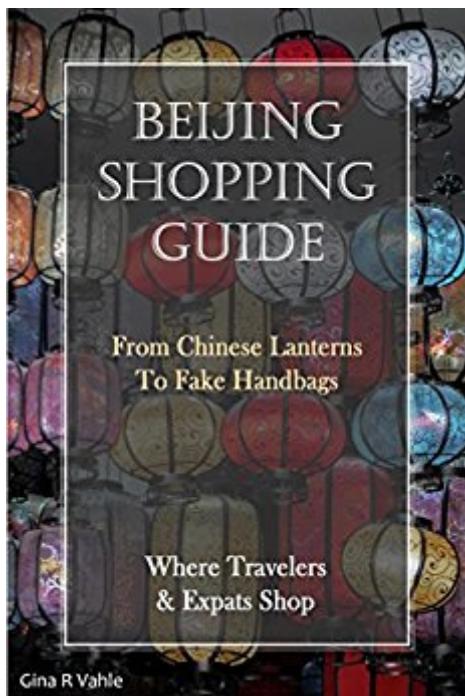


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Beijing Shopping Guide: Where Travelers & Expats Shop



Synopsis

Beijing Shopping Guide - Where Travelers & Expats Shop Beijing can be an overwhelming place for a newcomer. The language makes it difficult to navigate and to find the things you are looking for. But sticking to the main tourist and expat areas for shopping means missing out on so many great shopping experiences in Beijing. Where to shop in Beijing This Beijing Shopping Guide tells you where to find everything in Beijing, from souvenirs to everyday items, Chinese specialties to imported goodies. Need a gift or souvenir for someone back home? In the mood for buying sneakers or a hand bag? Can't find your allergy pills or need an urgent medication refill? Looking for brussels sprouts or lemon grass? Craving a bagel or a rye bread? This shopping guide has you covered. This is an insider shopping guide, not a collection of store promotions. This insider shopping guide is solely based on the perspective of the author and input from her fellow expat friends, not on sponsorships from stores or tour companies. You will find no paid store promotion in this book. Instead the guide is filled with practical insights from years of living in China's capital. Chapter 1 gives you valuable tips about shopping in China's capital. How to shop tax-free as a foreigner. What are good things to buy in China and what are not. Bargaining and getting the best price. What to consider when buying knockoff products. Product safety and what to watch out for. Chapter 2 tells you for every type of product where in Beijing you can buy it and what to consider. Clothing: Foreign brands, Chinese labels, tailors, ... Accessories: Bags, shoes, jewelry. Sports and Outdoors: Apparel, shoes, equipment. Electronics: Phones, computers, cameras, accessories, ... Souvenirs: over 10 suggestions for gifts from China. Health & Beauty: Medications, glasses, personal care, ... Specialty Items: Music, art, books, fabric, ... Food: Chinese specialties, International imports, fresh and organic produce, coffee, ... Household: Decorative items, antiques, dinnerware, household appliances, furniture, ... Chapter 3 provides a comprehensive lists of markets, shopping streets, malls and stores, complete with address in English and Chinese and subway information. Over 20 different markets 13 shopping streets. Many of Beijing's countless shopping malls and special stores. Chapter 4 lastly equips you with basic Chinese phrases and characters that are useful for shopping in China. About the Author Who better to write a Beijing shopping guide for foreigners than an expat? A guide based on daily live experiences, not a brief visit from a guide book writer or through the lens of a local tour operator. Gina moved to Beijing in 2011 and is the founder of the Beijing Expat Guide, which is designed to help newcomers to Beijing and soon-to-be Beijing expats make the transition from West to East. She also wrote Newcomer to Beijing - How to get started as a new Beijing expat and is the co-author of the Expat Guide Managing in China - The Truth about Cultural Differences in the Chinese Workplace, which is about

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