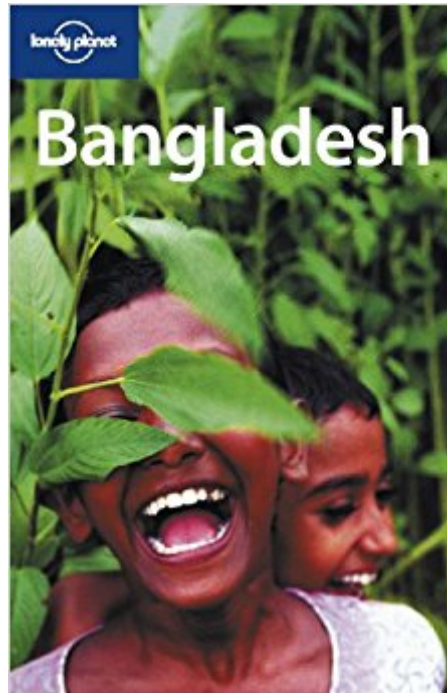




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Customer Reviews

As Bangladesh is a developing country, things are changing fast - especially with regards to tourism. The research for this edition of the guide (6th Edition, published 2008) was completed in 2007, and a lot has changed in the past three to four years. Hopefully, Lonely Planet will update this edition and add more, current listings. As there are not many guides for Bangladesh in the first place, I bought both the Lonely Planet and the Brandt guides, and ended up replying almost exclusively on the Brandt guide, which is more up-to-date. Generally, I've had very good experiences with Lonely Planet guides, but Bangladesh is definitely an exception (and a place where a good guide would be particularly useful).
Bangladesh (Bradt Travel Guide)

The used product was in very good condition. It has the basic information but the guide does not go into a lot of detail on anything. I use Lonely Planet Guidebooks often and they are usually adequate. This one is OK for my short trip but if I needed more information, I would look for a more complete guide.'s service was good. The price is reasonable, book in very good condition, and it was received as promised.

I have used a few dozen travel guides in my life but I have never come across one so full of inaccuracies, so poorly written, and so illogically constructed as this one. To start off, the history section sums up a few thousand years of Bangladeshi history in a couple pages of sweeping generalizations and the text is sorely lacking in organization. To make up for the atrocious writing, a time-line is provided to help the reader make some sense of the jumble in the prose. The dates in the time-line, however, are not even mentioned in the text so it is completely impossible for the reader of this mess to make any connections between the text and the time-line and come up with a logical understanding of Bangladesh's history. The maps in the book do not at all reflect reality. At least half of the places I visited were incorrectly placed on the maps. Buildings were non-existent, streets that were not on the map were roaring with traffic on the ground, and many places seem to have just been placed somewhere near their actual location due to laziness on the author's part. Totally unacceptable. Most importantly, a lot of the information was just plain wrong. For example, one of the border crossings to get into India was described as being easy to find and well signed but it was not even possible to cross the border at this place, nor had it ever been possible. The actual border crossing was not even mentioned. The descriptions of the historic sites were vague and inaccurate. In a country with few signs describing monuments and sites, a one line description in the guide book is not nearly enough, especially when its wrong. Lastly, the writing was uninspiring, bland, confusing, and often grammatically incorrect. I know that this is not as important as the actual information contained in the book, but having to stumble through some of the descriptions in this book (especially in the history section) was like torture. The author's command of the English language is at an elementary level and this, in my opinion, reflects badly on Lonely Planet. Bangladesh is an amazing country filled with wonderful, hospitable people, but this guide really does nothing to facilitate a trip through the place.

I am currently in the middle of a 2 month stint in Bangladesh, and I concur 100% with the negative reviews this guide has received. I can't say with absolute certainty that this is the worst travel guide ever made, but it is definitely the worst one I have ever come across. (This is coming from a person

who normally loves Lonely Planet.) I am not alone, every single expat I've met here thinks this book is a joke. If you are planning on coming to Bangladesh I guarantee that you will need a good guidebook, so get one, buy Brandt.

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