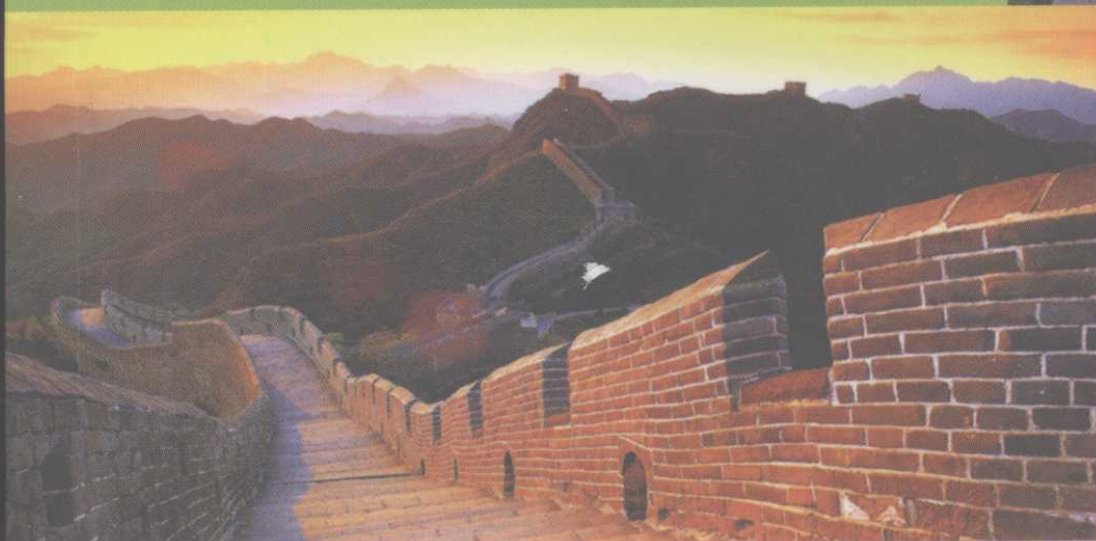


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About the Book

STREETWISE GUIDE BEIJING is

much more than a guidebook; it is a comprehensive source of information for all your travel needs. With sample itineraries to ensure you get the most of your time in Beijing, cultural norms (and taboos), useful phrases (with an easy and user-friendly pronunciation guide), detailed maps, transit options and more, it's like having a wise local "Beijinger" in your back pocket.

Laid out in four main sections, start with the **Introducing Beijing** (naturally) and then make your way into the **Area Guide**, which breaks the city into nine different and interesting sections. You'll find sightseeing, shopping and accommodation choices to suit almost any taste (and budget), as well as detailed bus and subway instructions, all laid out in a clear, concise and informative manner. In the **Travelers' Survival Guide** you'll find "Scams to Avoid" and instructions on everything from how to use pay phones, to how to mail things back home, all compiled with either the casual traveler or newly arriving resident in mind.

Take advantage of the special offers, sample price lists and budget suggestions included throughout, and carry this book with you to show to locals and taxi drivers, as all the addresses are listed in pinyin, English and Mandarin Chinese. You'll even find a useful (and tasty) "Picture Menu" to help make sure you get a delicious meal, no matter where you choose to eat.

Planning to come for the **2008 Beijing Olympic Games**? The **Appendix** contains venues, schedules and more! So whether you are here for a day, a week, or arriving to stay, this book is for you!



Map Glossary

Bei = North	Lu = Road	Xi = West
Beijie = North Street	Nan = South	Xiang = Lane
Beilu = North Road	Nanjie = South Street	Xiaojie = Back Street
Dajie = Avenue	Nanlu = South Road	Xiejie = Diagonal Street
Dong = East	Nei = Inner	Xijie = West Street
Dongjie = East Street	Qiao = Bridge	Xilu = West Road
Donglu = East Road	San = Third/Three	Yi = First/One
Er = Second/Two	Si = Fourth/Four	Zhong = Middle
Huan = Ring	Tiao = Lane	Zhongjie = Middle Street
Hutong = Alley	Wai = Outer	Zhonglu = Middle Road
Jie = Street	Wu = Fifth/Five	

Useful Combination

Bei(North) wu(Fifth) huan(Ring Road)
Nan(South) si(Fourth) huan(Ring Road)
Xi(West) san(Third) huan(Ring Road)
Dong(East) er(Second) huan(Ring Road)

Key to Main Symbols



Sightseeing



Food and
Entertainment



Shopping



Accommodation



Itinerary



Bus Details



TV



Telephone



Air conditioning



Shared bathroom



24-hour hot water



Internet



Laundry service



Most hotel rooms
with basic amenities



Restaurant



Bar



Business facilities



Massage



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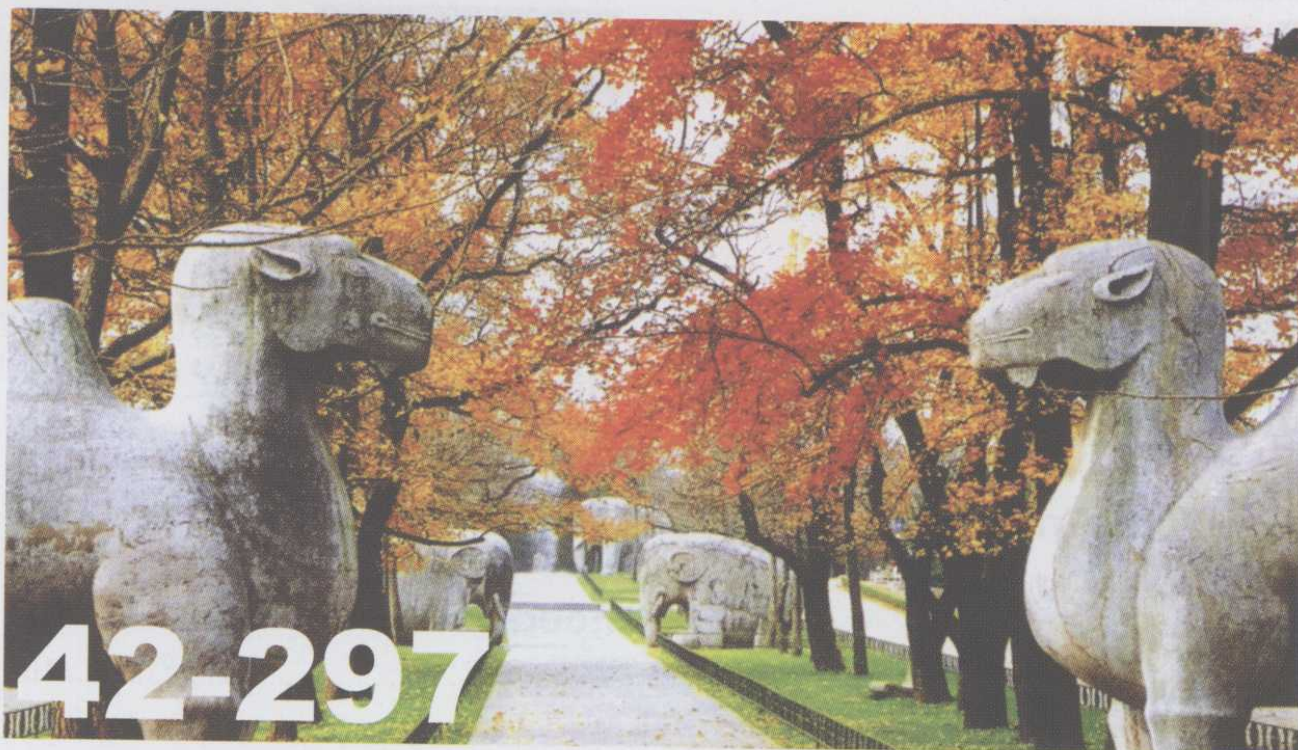
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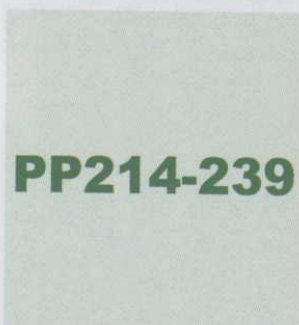
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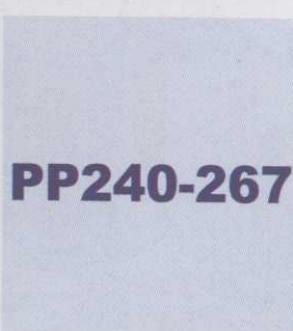
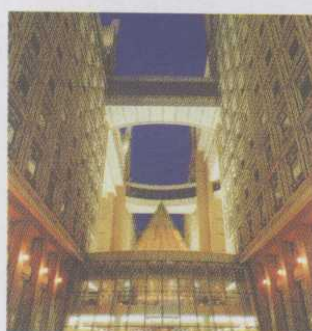
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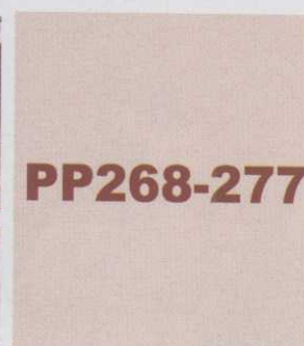
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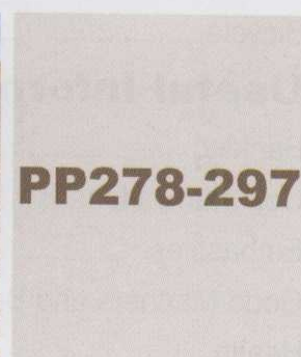
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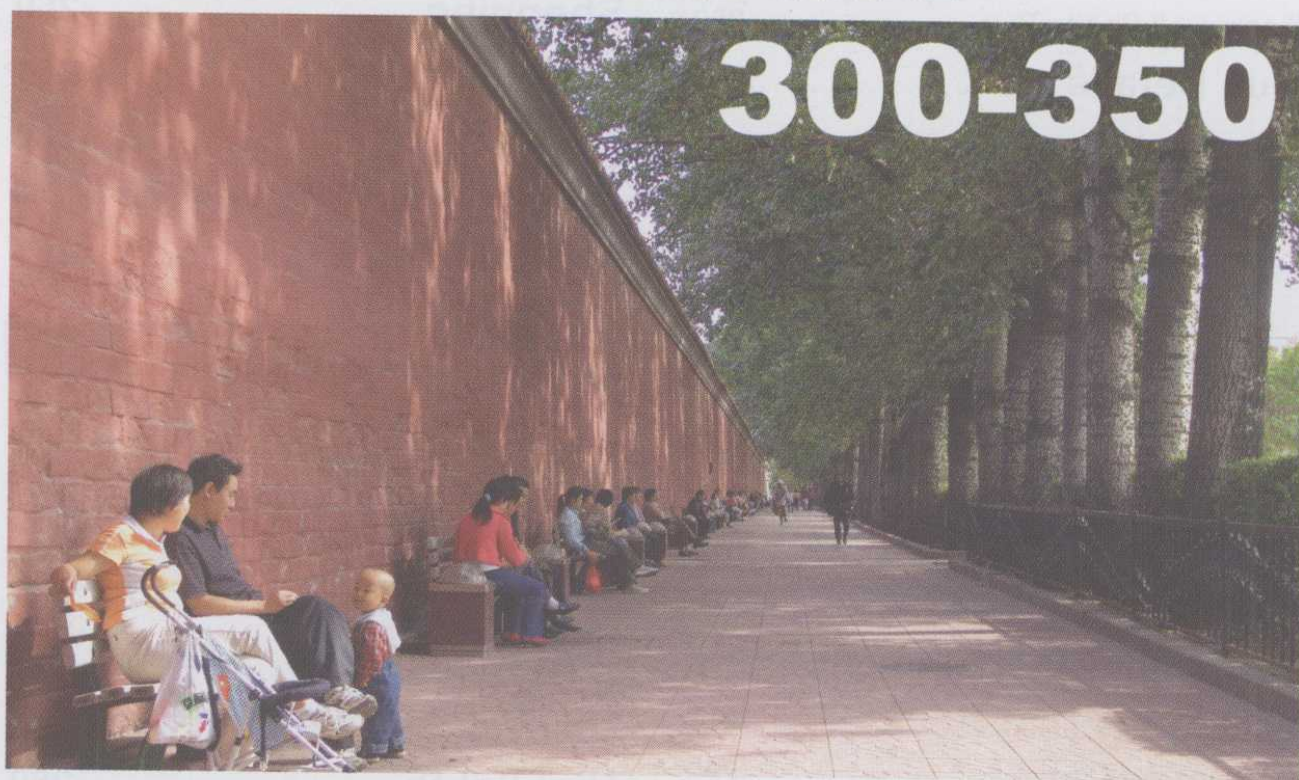
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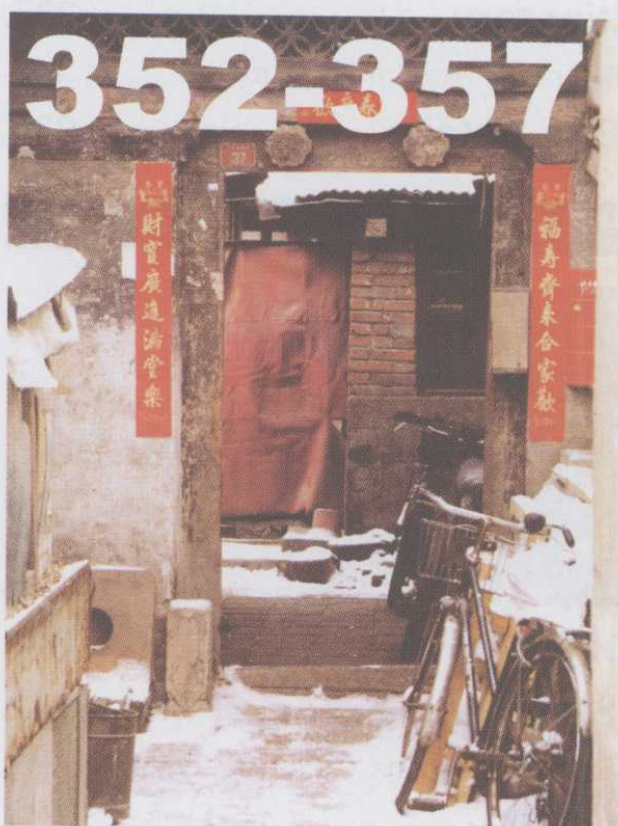
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You'll find the city very well organized in a clear manner with color-coded sections, detailed maps, sample itineraries, accommodation choices, transportation options and symbols to denote pricing, discounts and more! Enjoy!

1. Pick an area

Explanation of Beijing's layout.



Each area is color coded for convenience.

Quick reference to color-coded areas.

2. Fold-out area map



Quick reference to main section's content.

Color-coded numbered/lettered circles correspond to locations marked on Area Map and in the content.

Denotes food and entertainment hot spots.

Introduction and highlight information to the sight.

3D map of the attraction.

3. Sights

Streetwise star rating

- ★★★★ = Sights that you can't miss.
- ★★★ = Sights that you should visit.
- ★★ = Sights that you can visit if you have time.

☒ Symbol for recommended nearby restaurants.



Introduction to the hot spot.

Quick and interesting facts.



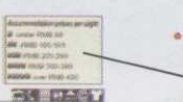
4. The finer details

Price guide with symbols to denote price range.

Quick reference to the area's listings and map locations.

Detailed hot spot map.

5. Set your home base

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Accommodation/amenities chart.

Price guide with symbols to denote price range.

Key spots to take notice of on your route.

6. Recommended itineraries

Step-by-step itinerary.

Suggested itinerary route map.

Total expense of this itinerary.

Itinerary B: Hutong Tour

Route 1 (by subway & foot)

Start at Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門) -> Beihai Park (北海公園) -> Beihai Park South Gate (北海公園南門) -> Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門)

Route 2 (by motorcycle)

Start at Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門) -> Beihai Park (北海公園) -> Beihai Park South Gate (北海公園南門) -> Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門)

... (more details) ...



Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門)
Beihai Park (北海公園)
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Beihai Park North Gate (北海公園北門)

Area's major bus stops can be also found on the fold-out map.

7. Transportation

Bus routes complete with bus type, hours of operation and highlighted spots of interest.

Major Bus Stops Major bus stops in the central area along the busy railway line, such as Chongwenmen, Fuchengmen, Nishiwan, Beijing Railway Station and Dongmen. All of these stops are marked on the map on page 10.	Chongwenmen (崇文門) To Beijing Railway Station (北京火車站) To Fuchengmen (富城門) To Nishiwan (西便門) To Dongmen (東門)	Fuchengmen (富城門) To Beijing Railway Station (北京火車站) To Chongwenmen (崇文門) To Nishiwan (西便門) To Dongmen (東門)	Nishiwan (西便門) To Beijing Railway Station (北京火車站) To Chongwenmen (崇文門) To Fuchengmen (富城門) To Dongmen (東門)	Beijing Railway Station (北京火車站) To Chongwenmen (崇文門) To Fuchengmen (富城門) To Nishiwan (西便門) To Dongmen (東門)	Dongmen (東門) To Beijing Railway Station (北京火車站) To Chongwenmen (崇文門) To Fuchengmen (富城門) To Nishiwan (西便門)
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The fast-disappearing siheyuan compound houses give us a clear look at urban life from days of old.



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Beijing Layout Map

For simplicity Beijing may be seen as a huge rectangle. The Forbidden City stands at the center, with fairly concentric ring roads surrounding it (four shown on the map). The street pattern follows a north-south, east-west grid. The main east-west thoroughfare, Chang'an Jie, cuts between the Forbidden City and Tian'anmen Square.

For convenience, we've split Beijing within the Fifth Ring Road into a nine-area grid. The first area falls within the Subway Line 2 (the Loop Line), with the other areas branching off from its edges in eight directions: North, Northeast, East, Southeast and so on. Each area has been given its own descriptive nickname and color to help with your bearings and to help you remember what this part of town provides. Happy trails!



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