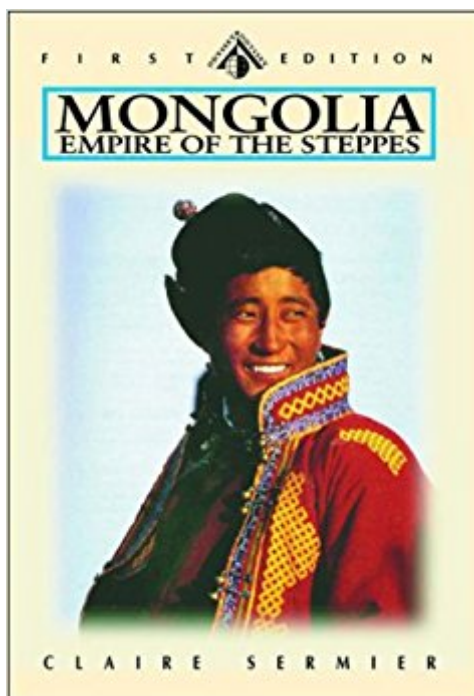


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Whoever goes to Mongolia must absolutely take this guide. -- *Anda*, the premier journal of Mongolian studies in France [T]he most complete and up-to-date guide. -- *Le Monde*

After studying philosophy at the Sorbonne, a brief period of teaching in Central Africa and a number of trips to South America and India, Claire Sermier was awarded a grant to study in Mongolia between 1981 and 1984. She worked for a number of years as a tour guide around the world, and specifically in Mongolia for a French tour organizer, *Terres d'Aventure*.

Unfortunately this wasn't published until a few days after I got back from my trip. This guide contains excellent descriptions of the cities and sites, along with the historic background you need to really appreciate Mongolia in the 21st century. Reading it after I got back helped refresh my memory - and put names to some of the photographs I took. The only downside to this book is that the maps - a handful covering about five aimags (provinces) apiece - are so high-level as to be almost useless.

The Lonely Planet guide, though out-of-date and surprisingly negative - has more and better maps.

Like the Iran guide in this series, this book features good facts for people considering going to Mongolia, and enough pictures to make you seriously consider it. As with the Iran guide, it doesn't feature all the in-depth fact and figures that would make it a helpful guide inside of the country, but it makes a great fact book. There's a brief section on the language in the back, oodles of address for getting a visa, and plenty of gorgeous pictures. I can't think of a downside to this book, because it fulfills its purpose perfectly. Excellent work.

The book covers in some detail most of the important sites and locations that I will be visiting on an up-coming trip to Mongolia. I feel better prepared.

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