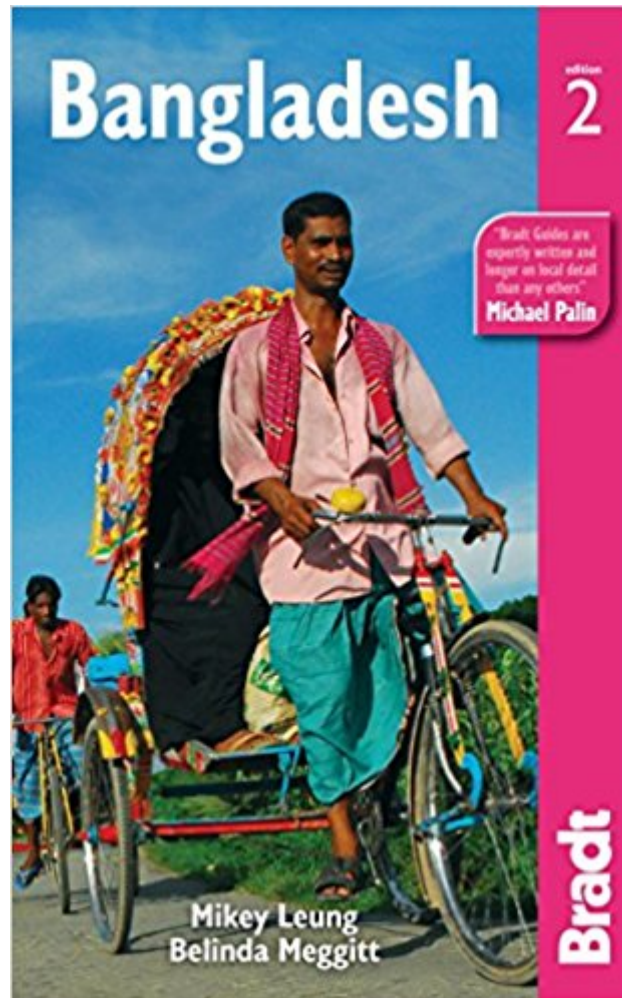




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# Bangladesh (Bradt Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

This updated guidebook, with a focus on responsible tourism, offers greater coverage than any other to the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and to the world's largest mangrove forest at the Sundarbans. Personal insights guide travelers to aspects of the country almost unknown to visitors – dolphin and whale watching, winter bird-watching, and golden Bengal's silk and archaeological highlights.

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## Customer Reviews

“Mikey Leung and his co-author Belinda Meggitt have succeeded eloquently in bringing Bangladesh out from the shadow, or perhaps armpit, of India and revealing a country worthy of exploration in its own right. Real Travel”  
“This guide provides valuable travel information, advice and an insight into a people who ‘possess hearts of infinite kindness’.” If you want to get off the beaten track then this is well worth a look.  
Adventure Travel Magazine

Mikey Leung is an ICT consultant who volunteered in Bangladesh for VSO. He covered current affairs as a radio journalist while researching the guide.

As other reviewers have noted over the last couple of years when it comes to Bangladesh the Bradt guides are superior to the Lonely Planet series (and I say that as someone who tends to buy LP

books). Having owned the previous edition of this guidebook I can tell you that a lot of the information is essentially the same but there have also been a range of updates - as one would hope to see. The book itself would be highly useful to expats as well as tourists and sections of it are certainly aimed at those who for whatever reason are going to be spending a lot of time in Bangladesh. The format is fairly standard - there are history and culture sections up front and there are all the hum-drum bits of information you'll need like money and ATM issues. The body of the work itself is organised in regions, a lot of time is spent on the transport side of things, accommodation in different places is also discussed in depth and obviously a lot of time was spent actually getting out there into these towns and finding out what there was to do there. You can feel the time taken to research this book seeping out of the text. I've no idea if putting out a guide book to Bangladesh is a financially viable prospect for any of the various competing guidebook publishing houses. But this seems to be a well researched one, so I hope they make their money back on it and that it encourages them to keep up the good work.

It's about the only game in town. Not many people go to Bangladesh and the only time I buy Bradt guides is when I go to a country that doesn't seem to have many other travel guides. The books are ok--they have the info but it's not organized in a way that works as well for me as DK Eyewitness travel guides. I find myself skipping back and forth to get the info and the map coordinated. It's better than not having a guide book. I tend to chop up the book to save weight and only carry sections that apply to where I am traveling.

I bought this before a two-month trip to Bangladesh. The guide is written mostly for those who will be spending a fair amount of time here (like expats), but it goes into great depth with the history, culture, and the sights. The information is up to date, and it's great having an idea of things before diving into this chaotic country. Of the two guides I have, this is definitely the best!

too much information in the book, but would be helpful if you want to experience hands on travel. I wish it had more pictures. And now there are more resorts for tourists, this book needs to update itself with the new information, but this one is so far the best one to travel Bangladesh.

Good synopsis as well as detail. Definitely worth the investment for a first time traveler. Bangladesh can be enjoyed, not just experienced.

The book has useful information but is limited in descriptions to determine a more informed travel itinerary for my purposes.

I ordered this one and the Lonely Planet BD guide and this has lots more information.

In Dhaka and around I tried these two books:- Bangladesh, Lonely Planet, 2012- Bangladesh, Bradt, 2012. The Bradt Guide is by far more detailed, it seems partly written for expats, not for tourists - and it is written by people who worked in the country, not by a commissioned travel writer with a strict time limit. Especially for Dhaka, the Bradt has a much larger selection of hotels, restaurants and caf  s; if you have the Bradt, the Lonely Planet doesn't appeal at all. I cut the relevant Dhaka pages out of the Bradt and stitched them together anew to get a very handy city guide. The Lonely Planet's appeal went even steeper downhill since they launched a new design with new, unusable city maps around early 2012. So now Bradt even has the better maps, even though they are not overwhelming. I'd suggest bringing a smart phone you can use for navigation, for instance with Google Maps. SIM cards with unlimited internet access are very affordable in Bangladesh (your phone must be unlocked, but I think they can do that for you), and even the slow "E(dge)" speed is enough for Google Maps. If you switch to satellite images, you can precisely plan your walks in rice and mustard fields.

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