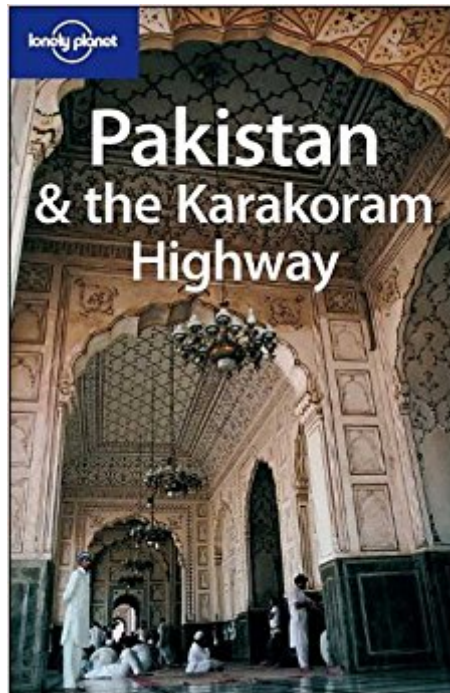




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After using this Lonely Planet Pakistan & the Karakoram Highway 7th edition during my recent 6 week trip to Pakistan I must say that this book is an essential guide for sure. I traveled all along the Karakoram Highway from Kashgar (China) down to Islamabad. From Islamabad I continued to explore the rest of this fascinating country to the southern city of Karachi. If you are planning a visit to Pakistan you simply must have this book. My only criticism is that the map inset of the Karakoram Highway contains serious errors such as placing Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan along the Karakoram Highway region. Lonely Planet should correct these errors as soon as possible so travelers don't think they can cross into Pakistan from those two countries through which I also traveled in 2008.

I just returned from two months in Pakistan, and I primarily used the Lonely Planet. Using the Lonely Planet for travel can tend to give one the feeling that all countries look and taste the same, and are inhabited by mostly backpackers and english-speaking hotelkeepers. The hotels recommended manage to sustain a surprisingly similar clientele throughout the Middle East and South Asia at least, and it starts to wear thin after a bit. The maps of many cities were not up to LP standards, Peshawar's Old City being a notable example. The Rawalpindi section could use an update, and I must say that the food recommendations generally seem to be stabs in the dark, in which case one is better off stabbing in the dark according to his own tastes. Accomodation selection criteria must be devoid of any Architectural or historical interest factors, but is quite successfully utilitarian. Many wonderfully intriguing and inexpensive old hotels are skipped. The ubiquity of this guide tends to

ghetto the Western backpackers in little enclaves, useful both if you wish to avoid them like the plague, or you relish their company. The historical notes are surprisingly knowledgeable in most areas, though some notes concerning the British Raj period are either tritely anti-colonial or of dubious veracity, sometimes both. The Pakistani bureaucracy is a much more flexible entity than the authors would suggest, and things like Foreigner's Registration and exit taxes are not necessarily carved in stone. In conclusion, this guide definitely caters to the trek-minded eco-groover, with disproportionate emphasis laid on the Northern Areas, and on repeating tired environmentalist mantras.

Of the more than two dozen countries I have backpacked through none exceeds the grandeur or the inspirational awesomeness of the country and people of Pakistan---and this book took me through it and across the Karakoram Pass into China. Once again, Lonely Planet, a job well done.DH KoesterAND THERE I WAS VOLUME III: A Backpacking Adventure In Pakistan and China

Pakistan is among the tourism world's best kept secrets, and this book throws open those secrets very well. Lonely Planet has always been good with detail and comprehensive coverage, and that trend continues with its coverage on Pakistan. Without the off-the-beaten track records, I would have missed some of the greatest historical and cultural artifacts that Pakistan has to offer. And the guide truly works as you trek up north into Pakistan's majestic mountains that offer the most mind-blowing natural beauty - even India's Kashmir area is nothing compared to the rugged and untouched beauty of the Swat River Valley all the way to whitewater rafting areas in Gilgit. So when you head to Pakistan, definitely take this book along.

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