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Somaliland: With Addis Ababa & Eastern Ethiopia (Bradt Travel Guide)



Synopsis

Little known to the outside world, Somaliland has much to offer the truly intrepid traveler. This pioneering guidebook introduces one of the world's least chartered travel destinations. It covers everything from the low-key capital Hargeisa and mediaeval port of Berbera to peerless rock art sites such as Las Geel, and the scenery and wildlife of the Daallo Escarpment, towering 2,000m high above the pristine reefs of the Gulf of Aden. Written by Africa specialist, Philip Briggs, it provides unparalleled background information, including the only maps in existence of the capital and other major towns.

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'Briggs' love for Africa, and his deep respect for its people, inform and illuminate the whole experience.' Travel Africa

Philip Briggs is a travel writer and has written numerous guides to the African continent. [View all reviews](#)

The book came in pristine condition. Can't wait for my Somaliland adventure.

While Somaliland doesn't offer a wide range of tourist activities, much praise is deserved for this guide book. Tiny, self-reliant and democratic Somaliland has long deserved the praise of others, if only for having achieved what it has achieved with little outside help and in an troublesome region. This guide book is well presented and researched, giving valuable and accesible information

on the legacy of this little known -and officially invisible- country. Philip Briggs gives insightful views on Somaliland: of course the text is more simplified than the lengthy academic books on the country, but it is still comprehensive and has the honour of crucially being the first book to specifically explain how to get to lesser known sites in Somaliland like Zeila, Erigavo and Daallo Escarpment and a few treasures I had honestly never heard of even on my visits to the country. For those comparing it to the Somaliland chapter of the Lonely Planet Ethiopia/Eritrea book, this guide book is much more extensive and well-presented, and includes at least a dozen sites not mentioned in Lonely Planet. Eastern Ethiopia (Harar, Dire Dawa and Jijiga) and Addis Ababa are also included in a reduced form, as many travellers will be accessing Somaliland from there. Nonetheless, I wish Philip Briggs would consider including Djibouti too, as quite a few travellers also stop-over there.

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