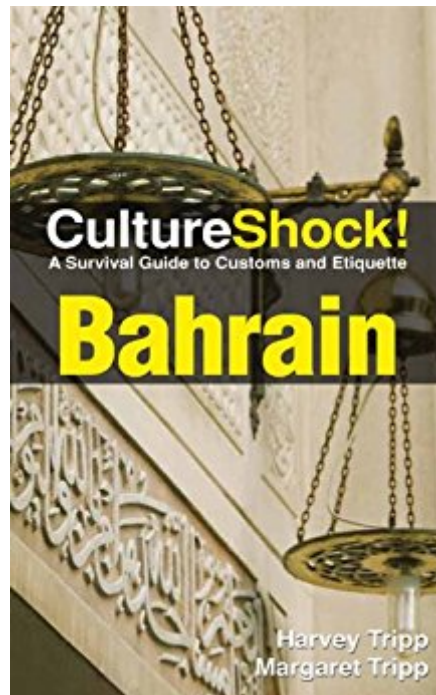




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Although Islamic teachings are conservative, the social climate in Bahrain is fairly liberalised. This temperate society has allowed room for business growth and trade. Discover the rich traditions of Bahraini attire and the significance of the ubiquitous mosques in this small desert shaikdom. In CultureShock! Bahrain, gain insights into business etiquette and glean tips on socialising and settling in – all vital to setting up home and working in this rapidly developing Middle Eastern society

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Customer Reviews

I love the CultureShock! series and the Turkish Ed did not disappoint. Unlike traditional guidebooks, the CultureShock! series is a cultural guide. It is aimed at folks who wish to engage with locals when in-country whether visiting for a day or moving there for work. The final star was not given because in general the books can be a bit out-of-date on some of the customs, that is, describing "traditional" customs that aren't practiced much anymore. This can be embarrassing to discover the wrong way, but once you know it's the case you should be fine by using common sense to determine what's still done and what you should treat as a historical reference from which current practice is derived. I've

found these less-practiced customers to be excellent fodder for conversation when visiting (and raised after building enough rapport to ensure it's taken as genuine interest): "Hey, I read that Do people still do this?" Usually I'm met with a chuckle and a response along the lines of, "well people used to do this when... Now we do ..." Other Countries Owned: China, Singapore, Iran

Great way to get boots on the ground

Read the Nepal book before living there, and it was SPOT ON. This one was read in preparation for a trip and I have the confidence it will be as valuable. The little cultural tips, for example that just saying "hello" in Turkish will go a long way, are what the title is for. Nice writing style as well.

Easy read

Very interesting and helpful.

This book was not as helpful to us for our trip to Turkey as "Culture Shock--France" was before we went to France for the first time. There was some information on casual interactions, customs, and language that was helpful, but large parts of the book are aimed at people going there to live rather than as tourists. If you are going to Turkey to live, even for a short time, I would highly recommend this book. If you are going for a brief tourist visit, most of the information you need for that is available elsewhere. By the way, if you're reading this, you probably already know this, but there are a lot of misconceptions about Turkey. We loved it, people were friendly, it was not at all scary. I'm moved to add this because of the reactions we've gotten from some people when they hear we went to Turkey. Go ahead and go! Don't hesitate! Probably a tour is good for the first visit.

This is a decent book -- A more entertaining book for those who desire the close up view of life in Bahrain should consider Bahrabian Bacchanal- The Untold Story About Arabia.

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