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The Rough Guide To Scotland



Synopsis

The Rough Guide to Scotland is the ultimate travel guide to this beguiling and beautiful country. It will guide you through Scotland with reliable information and detailed coverage of all of Scotland's attractions, from the world-class cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow to its many idyllic islands. This fully updated guidebook features detailed practical advice on what to see and do and how to get around, plus up-to-date reviews of the best hotels, B&Bs, shops, and restaurants. Whether you're looking for traditional village pubs or want to go puffin-spotting on Shetland, The Rough Guide to Scotland has you covered. Accurate maps and comprehensive practical information help you get under the skin of Scotland, while stunning photography and a full-color introduction make this your ultimate traveling companion. Make the most of your time on earth with The Rough Guide to Scotland.

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Scotland is to be judged by its own standards, a unique place in the British Isles with its own stubborn sense of cultural pride, several first-rate cities, much surviving history embodied in castles and other even more ancient structures, stunning natural scenery, and some famously variable weather. This newly updated 2014 Rough Guide to Scotland is big on expert advice, not only on the most popular tourist attractions, but also what is to be found off the beaten path with a little extra effort. Scotland is located in the north of the British Isles, accessible by plane, train and automobile

from London and from entry points in Glasgow and Edinburgh. This guide puts the practical stuff upfront, with quick recommendations on when and where to go and what to see, followed by additional practicalities. The following chapters cover Scotland by geographic area. The entries are concise, well-organized and packed with information and commentary. The guide has lots of maps and diagrams, but relatively few pictures; the authors may have assumed that buying this 600 page guide was sufficient indication of intent to forego the sales job. There are specialized entries on the history and languages of Scotland, along with some recommended books to read. This reviewer has found this guide useful for finding interesting things to see and do on out of the way itineraries, but the book has good chapters on the historical and cultural attractions of Edinburgh and Glasgow. It is worth remembering that Scotland is a surprisingly large area with few major population centers north of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and a thin transportation and hospitality infrastructure. The elbow room and the opportunity to wander are a magnet for many visitors, but planning ahead is recommended, especially to reach some of the remoter areas and the islands. This reviewer can recommend the vast Cairngorms National Park, set in the rugged Grampian Mountains but easily explored by day trips from any of several pleasant small towns such as Braemar. Also recommended are Scotland's highland games, local celebrations of highland culture that include competitive dancing, bagpipe contests, and some unusual athletic events, including the caber toss (think a small telephone pole). With averagely good weather, Scotland provides superb opportunities to explore, whether on foot or bike, or by automobile or train (or even ferry). Scotland and this guide are highly recommended.

Loved the "Overview" nature of this since we were visiting so many places. Topical, honest location reviews, points of interest and good food recommendations.

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Great guide. I bought a few different guides to start planning a family vacation, and this one is easy to follow and informative.

Description of places and history pretty good. Needed more information on getting there.

Great resource!

I used a kindle guidebook on a visit to Paris last year and found it very convenient. I was easily able to find the information on a particular place and flip back and forth to maps. So, in preparation for a trip to Scotland, I bought this kindle book and read it at home to decide which sights to see. There's a lot of good information in this book, but I was shocked to realize, as I neared the end of the book, that there is no way to navigate to a particular section! I would have had to bookmark all of the initial pages of the information I might have wanted to re-read while on the trip. I'm not in the habit of bookmarking, but I doubt it's easy to find a specific bookmark. So, I cannot recommend this book in kindle format at all.

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