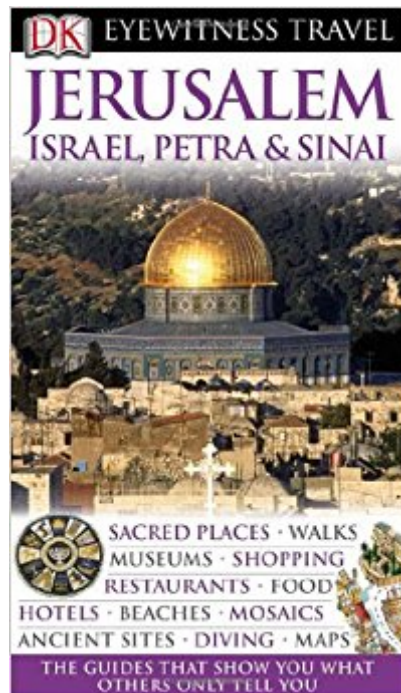




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The Eyewitness Guides are the best available. No other guide gives a better historical overview. None prepares you better to see the major sights. And when you do see those sights, it is like meeting an old friend. Your joy in the place is founded on recognition not just the excitement of being at that spot. More about these wonderful guides: while the maps are great; the number of places described enough to keep a native busy a life time and the specifics--times when open and such--are phenomenal; and the thoughtful editing (divisions into sections--nitty gritty you-need-to-know-this stuff spot on--while all this is place, it is the illustrations that amaze. That's it there! These guides are beautiful. The double page illustrations will ready you to enjoy the places of greatest interest and import. You'll know what works to look for in museums to nooks and apses to study in palaces and cathedrals. And all of this rendered in color and on art stock normally found in very expensive publications. Here I'm thinking of actual artbooks (now costing a mint) or a magazine

like Architectural Digest (which is thick with ads but still costs a lot--"much," not a parcel of land). But again, it is the visual preparation that Eyewitness guides give that you will find most rewarding. And again, you are walking into a new world but you enter recognizing it as you might a very good friend last seen a very long time ago!

My wife and I spent a week in Israel in March 2009. The 2007 edition of "Jerusalem & The Holy Land" was extremely helpful in preparing for our seven-day tour. This guidebook is packed full of information. I was able to plan ahead on what to look for at a given site. For example, from this guide I learned that the Church of the Nativity had faded paintings on columns done by the Crusaders. I was able to actually see them. This book is very practical. The photos of Israeli currency are very helpful as most of my purchases were made in Shekels (Incidentally, a 2-shekel coin has been introduced since guide's publication). The Hebrew phrases in the book are helpful. My only suggestion would be to add a few basic Arabic phrases as one will encounter many Arab shopkeepers. I hope to return to Israel in a few years and will again purchase a DK Eyewitness Travel book.

You just can't beat DK travel books in my opinion. I must have about twenty of them from Great Britain to Spain to Mexico to Turkey. I LOVE the pictures and illustrations. The information on pricing and events is as up-to-date as the most recent edition. However, most of the stuff doesn't change from edition to edition because once something is over a thousand years old another year doesn't make any difference. Since this is the Jerusalem book, I can only add that this one like all the others is a must read - cover to cover - BEFORE one steps on the plane. A great introduction to the "must see and must do" of the city and country in question

I enjoy being a world traveler probably because I love to do as much reading and preparing on the country including culture, history, food, customs and points of interest. I'm always looking for a well rounded travel book. The EYEWITNESS TRAVEL BOOKS are one of my favorites. They cover everything you would want to know including maps, sacred places, museums, shopping, restaurants, hotels, ancient sites, etc. The books are full of pictures so you really get the feel of the location. The Eyewitness is divided into area color codes. It is such a nice size, that it is easy to carry along in your suitcase. I always read the Eyewitness book, (and I say that because I have several for various countries I've traveled). I highlight all the information that I want to remember or be sure I see. After returning from the trip, I edit my photo's and by checking photos in the book or

titles it makes identification that much easier. Then I can review what I have seen not only for myself, but share with others. This particular trip will be to Jordan and Israel. All the Eyewitness books are excellent. I almost always have a guide on a tour and reviewing from the book helps me to get so much more out of the trip. A person invests a lot of time and money into travel and I feel I must get out of it the most possible. Any serious traveler would appreciate Eyewitness Travel books.

"Jerusalem" and the Holy Land" was a great help to me while on my recent Sabbatical. It was small enough to carry and yet informative enough to be worth carrying. However, since I was visiting 5 countries, I made a habit of leaving each guide book to lighten my load as I was picking up other items along the way. I bought this one to replace the original and couldn't have been happier to receive it on time and in great condition. It helped me remember places and stories and, more importantly, label my photos.

I have found the DK Eyewitness Travel Guides to be the best wherever I have visited. In addition to well-written descriptions and photographs of places, they contain valuable cultural guidelines, historical references, assistance guides, etc. I was visiting this area as a guest of a World Vision employee and I left it at their guest house on the Mount of Olives for the use of others who would be visiting there. I have recommended it to others visiting the region and have purchased an additional copy for my next visit. I also purchased a copy of the guide for England when I was going there this year and found it to also be awesome!

Having been to the Holy Land twice--the latest in 2009--and leading another group at Easter, I can't recommend a book like this enough for those who are going. Even if you're on a tour, this type of book will help provide information that will make your visit more educational. You will learn things that just can be easily missed. DK includes some of the most vivid and colorful pictures to go with their descriptions. Bring it along in your camera bag as you can't go wrong with it.

Love these books. They are a good source of information and the pictures are beautiful!

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