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**Comprehensive coverage** for spending a **week or more** exploring Scotland

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## Rick Steves Scotland Details

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## From Reader Review Rick Steves Scotland for online ebook

### **Marcy Berg says**

Provided some ideas for planning upcoming trip, but didn't cover the areas that i am planning to visit in great detail. A good overview, however.

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### **Emily Wallace says**

I am a huge fan of Rick Steves. I have not traveled over seas before and I read this book several times before going to Scotland. While does a great job with the cities he does cover I was excited to find that the little cities he didn't cover were equally enjoyable. I found the guide a great "overview" of Scotland. We traveled with locals so were were able to see so much more than was in the guide. It is a great starting place for planning your Scotland trip.

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### **Debbie says**

And now I'm well-prepared for the second half of our trip!

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### **Bud says**

I used this when traveling to Scotland last year, it was very helpful. Rick Steves is a solid guide in general and this book was no exception.

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### **Cheryl says**

typical Rick steves! Love his travel books, this one was no exception. we used it almost exclusively to plan, and dur8ng, our trip to Scotland last month

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### **Taylor says**

I did not enjoy this version nearly as much as I enjoyed his Ireland edition. I agree with other reviewers where it seemed that he went more with popular opinion rather than experience. Why was Loch Ness not given 3 triangles?! The history and geology alone make it worth the trip, never mind the views and things to do in the area! I think it's a good start but I will definitely be adding my own sections!

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### **Karen Averitt says**

The Rick Steves travel guides are always informative but the Scotland guide is exceptional. The book contains helpful bits about the usual tourist spots, hotels, restaurants, etc. What sets this guide apart are the detailed descriptions of hiking trails and nature areas. If you're traveling to Scotland, this is a great preparatory read!

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### **Brittney DeFriez says**

Very informative and helpful. Not a lot of hiking/kayaking, etc. information, but a great start.

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### **Tammy says**

I have been an enormous fan of Rick Steves since planning my honeymoon in Italy in 2002. I listen to his radio show via podcast and watch his TV shows. But for me, this volume is not his best. He doesn't seem to have the same level of understanding of Scotland that he does of other countries. That is not to say that he doesn't provide accurate information or make excellent recommendations - it's just that the information is not of the same depth of most of his other works. After reading this book, I felt extremely frustrated and in no better position to plan a Scotland trip than I did before I read it. He didn't bring Scotland alive for me like he did in his other books. I turned to a blogger who has traveled extensively to Scotland and was instantly much more successful, though I did bring Rick's guide with me on my trip for on-the-go reference in areas where I could not get cell service.

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### **Barbara Bryant says**

I split this into sections for each day of my upcoming Rick Steves tour, then highlighted useful tips, interesting historical notes, and must-see highlights for future reference. I feel well grounded for the tour, and open to the magic of the moment!

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### **Gwen says**

**Pros:** Like most Rick Steves guidebooks, this book is full of pragmatic advice, history, and practical tips for making the most of your time in Scotland. Steves explains the joys of being in Scotland (rather than just passing through). He provides an understanding the culture and the quirks that make Scotland so interesting, as well as mostly useful maps and many hiking ideas. When I read the The Rough Guide to Scotland and Lonely Planet Scotland, the early history of Scotland didn't grab me (other than Skara Brae), but Steves made the history compelling and made me want to visit many of the sites that I previously wasn't interested in.

**Cons:** Unlike the Rough Guide to Scotland, Steves emphasizes driving, rather than public transit. And also unlike either the Rough Guide or Lonely Planet Scotland, this book is not as comprehensive as it could be; Steves does not include the Shetlands or the Outer Hebrides.

After reading the Rough Guide and Lonely Planet, I had a good understanding of what Scotland has to see and do, so my reading of Rick Steves was mostly for the off-beat items and food (at least in Edinburgh).

Places to Eat around Edinburgh:

- \* Ness for tweed
- \* I.J. Mellis for cheese
- \* Oink for sandwiches
- \* St. Giles Cathedral Cafe and St. Andrew's & St. George's Cafe (I love church cafes. One of my favorites is in Toronto.)
- \* Mimi's Bakehouse for baked goods and picnic supplies

Tips and Things to See in Glasgow:

- \* The Mackintosh House and the Glasgow School of Art are by tour only.
- \* Tenement House Museum
- \* National Piping Centre (which also has a summer school in Winchester VA)
- \* The Hunterian Museum (this is one of those that I read about in the other guidebooks but didn't spark my interest until Steves wrote about it)

Elsewhere:

- \* Isle of Staffa: Fingal's Cave (and puffins)
- \* Near Aviemore: sheepdogs
- \* In the Cairngorms: the Highland Folk Museum (again, Steves made me interested even after reading about this twice earlier and not really intrigued)
- \* On Loch Tay: the Scottish Crannog Centre (same reasoning as the Highland Folk Museum...)
- \* Isle of Skye: the Skye Museum of Island Life, hiking (Old Man of Storr, Quirang, Fairy Pools)
- \* Northern Scotland: Applecross Road and Inverewe Garden

Books/Movies:

- \* The 39 Steps (and movie)
  - \* The Cone Gatherers
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## **Beth Hartnett says**

Rick, you served us well in Scotland...especially that little local music spot in Inverness!

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## **Laura says**

Loved this guide. Done with a first read-through but will keep referencing and probably want to bring it along on my trip. Lots of logistics, a dose of humor, suggestions of what to see and what to skip, and easy-to-understand organization make this book a winner. It had plenty of detail, but was not overwhelming.

This was a guide you could use without needing any others.

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## **XO says**

I travel to some 15 countries per year, visiting them from 1 to 3 times each year. This is the best guide book I ever read. Good luck on your trip and happy travels!

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**Alexandra Danovitch says**

Always the best travel guide. Never disappoints!

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