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Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in London. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll explore historic Big Ben, bustling Trafalgar Square, and the Tower of London—home of the crown jewels. Learn how to save time and money on the Tube, and how to avoid the mobs at the Changing of the Guard. Investigate London's world-class museums, where you can trace Western civilization from the Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Van Gogh and Picasso. Venture into Soho's theater district for a glitzy musical or a delicious Indian dinner. End a great day at a neighborhood pub, sharing a pint and a chat with a friendly local. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful London neighborhoods. You'll learn how to get around by bus and on the Tube, and which sights are worth your time and money. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

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Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Rick Steves' Europe, Inc.—in Edmonds, Washington, just north of

Seattle; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans. Gene Openshaw is a writer, composer, tour guide, and lecturer on art and history. Specializing in writing walking tours of Europe's cultural sights, Gene has coauthored 10 of Rick's books and contributes to Rick's public television series. As a composer, Gene has written a full-length opera (Matter), a violin sonata, and dozens of songs. He lives near Seattle with his daughter, and roots for the Mariners in good times and bad.

My husband used a Rick Steves guidebook when he was in Amsterdam for a couple of weeks while on sabbatical. He found it to be incredibly helpful, particularly with information on how to see the city from the non-tourist perspective. Based upon that, when we began planning a trip to London this spring, I decided to buy this guide rather than the one I usually would have purchased. This became our bible for a quick, 2-day visit in London. Even though we have visited a couple of times previously, it has been a long time so we needed a guide we could trust. It provides useful information about how long things take to see, what sights are really not that outstanding (particularly when time is very limited), and when to go to avoid crowds as best you can. I valued his honesty and candor since we had more things to do than we had time for; he helped us hone in on what would be the best use of our time and resources. Based upon our experience with the Amsterdam guidebook and this one, his books have become our "go to" resource when travelling. One item of note -- I like to have this type of information in paper form since 1) it is easier to share between people traveling together, 2) you don't have to worry about glare from the sun on your tablet or phone interfering with your ability to see the material, 3) I have found flipping back and forth between sections (i.e. restaurants vs. things to do) is very cumbersome with an electronic book. The print copy of this guide is great since it is relatively narrow so it can be stowed easily as well as the pages and book cover are flexible and lighter weight. This helps when trying to travel light, plus you can always tear the book apart if you wish, only taking the relevant pages with you.

A friend of ours recommended the Rick Steves series before we visited Europe earlier this year; we picked up both this book and Rick Steves Paris 2016. All I can say is: get it! Ok, that's not ALL I can say. This was our first trip to Europe and we spent six days in London, armed with this book and the London Pass. The book tells you what's worth going to or not worth going to and the best times to get in to avoid the crowds. We found the recommendations to be generally spot on, and it helped to get the most out of our trip. Next time we travel overseas, we'll be picking up the Rick Steves book for wherever we end up going. For a week in London, my advice is to take this book, get the 6-day

London Pass (with Oyster card), and download the Citymapper app. All of those contributed to us having a great time.

I LOVE Rick Steves books and his approach. The low rating is due to the physical book itself. It was missing pages (the chapter on day trips) and had other pages repeated (Entertainment in London). I bought this several months ago so it is too late to return (and I had started highlighting earlier portions of the book anyhow). So....I am not "slamming" the content (which is very useful). I am distraught at the attention to detail in the production.

Tons of useful information in a light-weight, pocket-size packing. Well organized and easy to find what you are looking for. Way above some other books I read before, not those repeated filling-up information you can easily find elsewhere. This book really has tourists in mind.

I wanted a good overall "intro to London for those who've never been" book. This book does that. Has detailed guide of things to do/see in the city. Really like that it shows the popular items in each of the major museums, to help you decide which you might want to visit. Good ideas for walking tours in the city. For me, the best parts are the new-travellers guides. Has a long list of items to remember, things to do or not to do, how to be careful, how to get around, etc. With this book, and a good London visitors map, you would be all set

Always have an enhanced vacation and save LOTS of time and money. Thanks Rick!

This book is an excellent capsule for attacking London and sets reasonable, if not universal, priorities for things to see. It also has valid suggestions on how to save money in an expensive city and provides guidance on using the city's transportation system as economically as can be done. By all means get the actual book. The download has all the same info, but it is impractical to use when you are there in London.

This book is full of very useful information and tips about everything related to your trip to London. I would recommend it for everybody who is going to visit London for the first time (but not only), it especially useful for budget travellers. This book is quite different from other guide books because it really gives you practical advices regarding everything you are going to encounter during your trip to this amazing city.

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