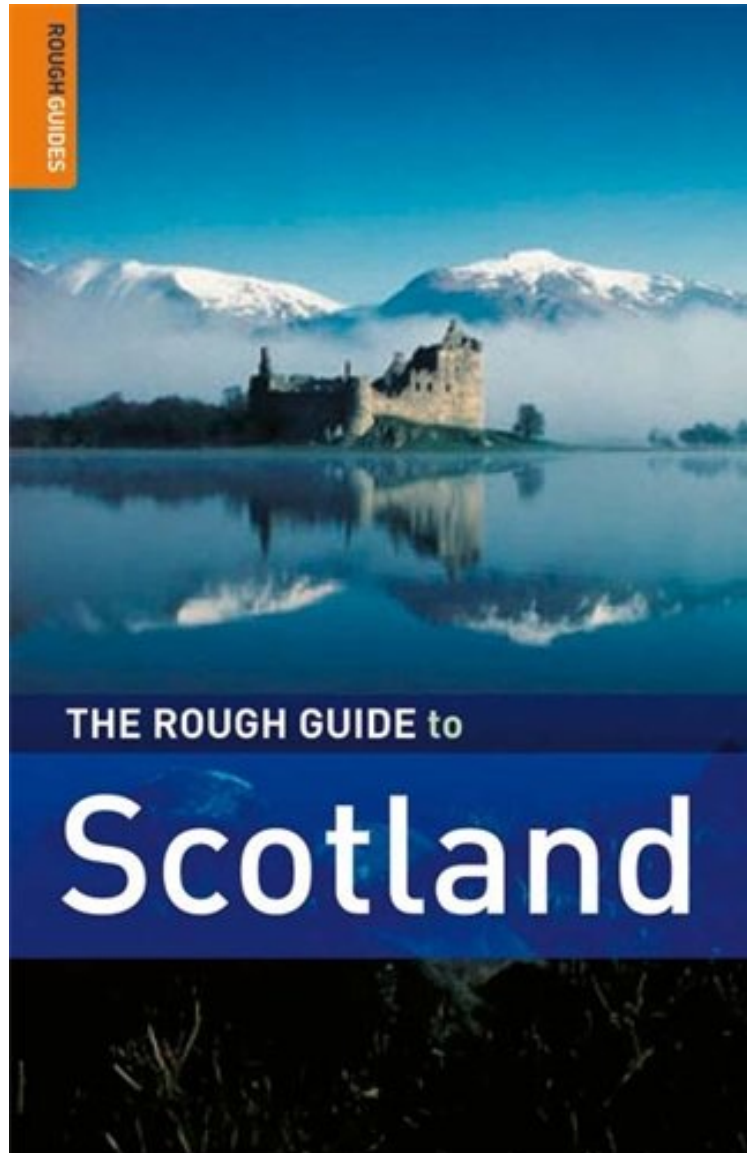


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20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. The High Road to Scotland...By HMS Warspite"The Rough Guide to Scotland 8" is the very latest edition (June 2008) of a compact and highly informative planning resource for one of the world's great travel destinations. Scotland manages to combine modern, dynamic cities with some of the

best-preserved heritage sites of the British Isles and some of the most outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities in Europe. "The Rough Guide to Scotland" is nicely organized into sections to facilitate vacation planning. An introductory section provides the first-time visitor with some welcome hints on when and where to go, including some can't-miss sites. Next, the guide covers the basics of travel to and within Scotland, accommodation, food, and other travel essentials. The heart of the guide is a series of 17 regional sections, covering everything from the big cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow to the Central Highlands, remote Northwest Scotland, and the major island groups of Skye, the Hebrides, the Orkneys, and the Shetlands. Each regional section identifies visitor highlights, backed by narrative, maps, graphics, and black and white photographs to assist in putting together itineraries. Information on individual attractions usually includes operating hours and website addresses. Regional information on accommodation and dining are included. Scotland may offer something for everyone. The cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow have the latest in shopping and modern culture. The famed Scottish Highlands are easily accessible by road or train, yet offer a broad choice of challenge from the afternoon stroll to the week-long backpacking expedition. Edinburgh has a fascinating array of excellent museums, while large numbers of castles, whether intact or ruined, are open to inspection by the tourist. Even the little border town of Gretna Green offers some interest; it was once England's favorite place for quicky marriages, based on a difference between Scottish and English law, for which it drew mention in a Jane Austen novel. A concluding section in the guide provides essays on history, music, and books about Scotland. Special color sections scattered through the guide address Scotland's unique architecture, festivals, and outdoor recreation. The quality of maps and city graphics should enable the average tourist to do detailed planning. Those planning to drive and/or hike may wish a driving map or detailed Ordnance Survey charts in addition to what is provided in the guide. "The Rough Guide to Scotland" is written in standard Rough Guide language, addressed to the average traveler and not shy about expressing opinions on which sights are worthwhile and what to expect in the way of manners and customs. This guide is very highly recommended to those interested in planning a fascinating vacation in Scotland, and as an orientation guide to those fascinated by Scottish culture. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The rough guide to Scotland By pedal roy I have a lot of faith in The Rough Guides having relied on them for several countries I have cycled through. This one is up to expectations with interesting sections on the Orkney and Shetland Isles plus the expected titbits on whisky and other items associated with the culture of the Scots. Scotland delightfully complicates the often confusing English language. for example a hill can be a ben, a mount, a brae or if high enough, a Munro... Munro bagging and other outdoor pursuits are included. Maps a good and so are the selected illustrations. As with all Rough Guides I like the Things not to Miss near the start of the guide. The Rough Guide importantly also helps with the environmental issues of travelling. Roy Sinclair 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful during my trip to Scotland in 2007 By Day I used this book prepping for my trip to Scotland, found hostels, things to do, maps, good info on public transit etc. When I got to Scotland, I found the book to be accurate and very helpful. The reviews were good, recommendations were good, and the information was accurate. I would definitely recommend to anyone else traveling to Scotland.

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