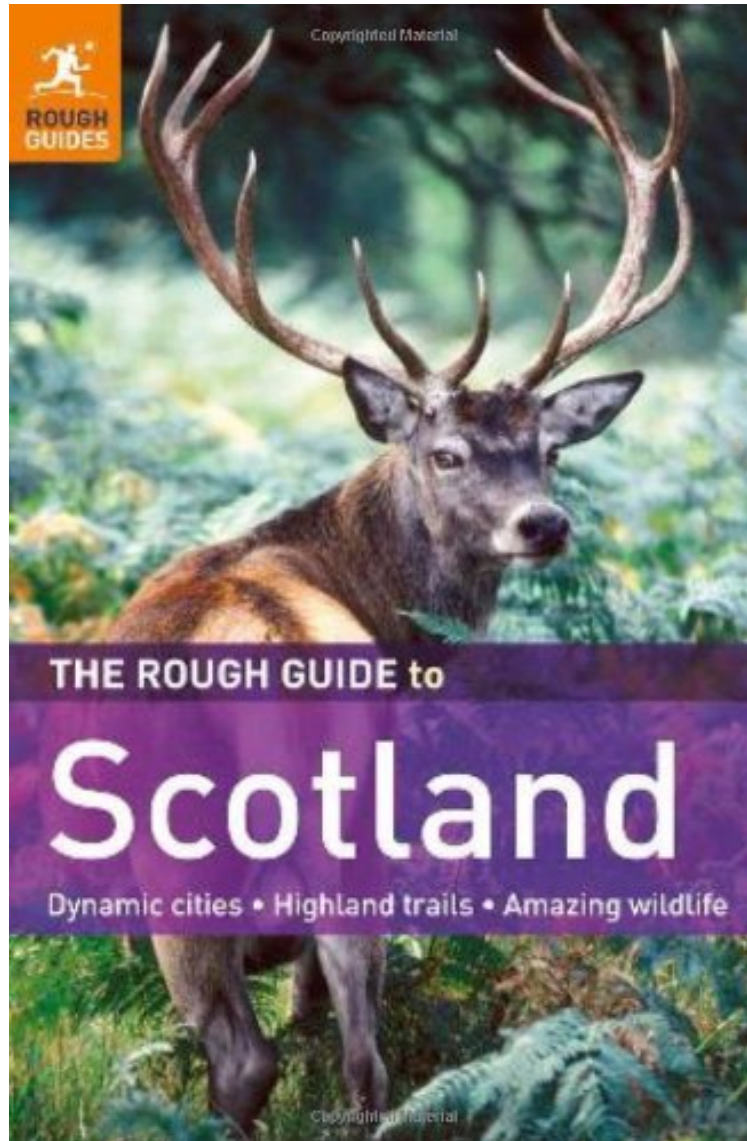


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good but out of date; Kindle edition maps are awful

By digerati

We bought this as our previous "Time Out" guide was getting long in the tooth (circa 2006) for a trip to Edinburgh and the surrounding areas. While I like the combination of detail and "off the beaten path" elements in Rough Guides, this particular guide is unfortunately below average for the series. The good: well written, detailed travel writing on the key sights and places to go. Good sidebars provide local color, and everything you'd expect to cover on a trip is here, including a sprinkling of out-of-the-way places that are great for return trips. There's a lot of information regarding getting around, though it does grate that the Rough Guide editors assume you will never, ever rent a car unless there's no other means of transportation. Do not expect any recommendations for a day's castle sightseeing itinerary by car, for example. The bad: the Kindle edition maps are utterly useless because they are of such low resolution. I don't understand this -- the maps in the Kindle edition of the Barcelona rough guide are at a higher resolution and far better for it. These are too small to read at normal page size on a Kindle Fire, and when enlarged are so blocky and pixelated that you can't read them. Also, there is no index, and the search function is pretty much useless: when you see the list of results, you have no idea if your search term is just mentioned in passing in a paragraph, or if that's the main section covering the item you're looking for. It seems like no one bothered to check the Kindle edition to see if it was actually usable on a Kindle -- it's a very lazy conversion of the printed book. Secondly, for a guide updated in 2011, there was a lot of out-of-date information on Edinburgh. For example, the section on the tram system says it is "expected to be operational in 2012". This is what Edinburgh council vainly hoped in 2008; they now expect it to start in 2014 at the earliest. Listings were showing their age with venues that have been closed for some time. I can't help thinking there must be better travel guides to Scotland, especially on the Kindle.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. rough guide to scotland

By Marilyn

This updated Rough Guide along with the one for Iceland is very handy for a cheap trip via Icelandic Air to spend a week in Iceland and then on to backpack for three more weeks in Scotland. We will take it along to use on the trip. Scheduled, for instance, four nights in Glasgow for a private room and shared bath for \$18/night and only a few dollars needed to hold the room. Has all the schedules for ferries, buses, and most all museums are free. Looking forward to a long and inexpensive trip to the U.K.

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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