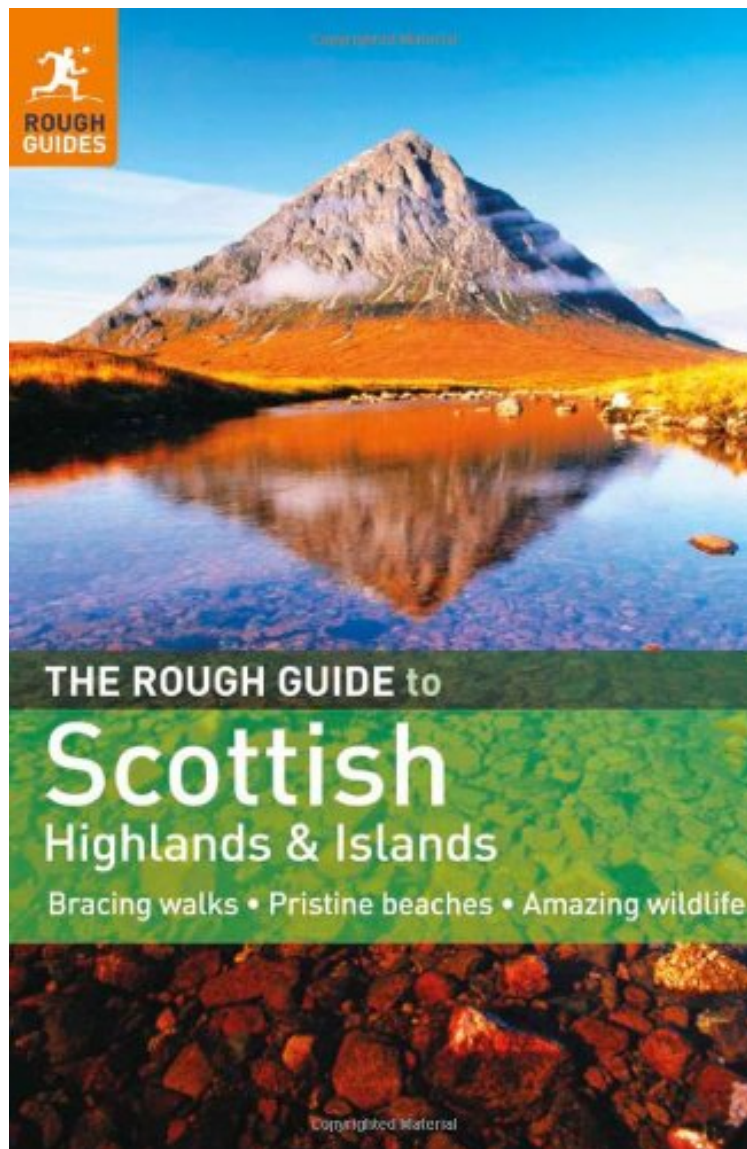


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**Rob Humphreys, Donald Reid : The Rough Guide to Scottish Highlands Islands (Rough Guide to the Scottish Highlands the Islands)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Scottish Highlands Islands (Rough Guide to the Scottish Highlands the Islands):

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Highlands Islands...By HMS WarspiteEven by Scottish standards, the legendary Highlands are off the beaten path, requiring a little extra effort to reach, but rewarding the persistent traveler with magnificent natural scenery (weather permitting) and more than a few locations of historical interest. This 2011 edition is the latest version of the Rough Guide to the Scottish Highlands Islands. The Highlands and Islands are located north of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and west of Aberdeen, which with Inverness are the principal entry points into the region. It is a surprisingly large area with few major population centers and a thin transportation and hospitality infrastructure. The elbow room and the opportunity to wander are a magnet for many visitors, but planning ahead is recommended, especially to reach some of the remoter islands. This guide is divided by geographic area: the southeast coast of Argyll, the Central Highlands including the Cairngorms, the Great Glen including Loch Ness, sparsely populated Northern Scotland, Skye, the Western Isles, Orkney, and the Shetlands. Each section discusses items of interest such as castles, lochs, mountain walking, whisky distilleries, museums, and highland games. The sections include maps and graphics of the few towns, along with information on how to get there and where to eat and to stay. This edition also includes lots of websites and a healthy if limited selection of color photographs. There are practical hints on when to go to avoid school holidays and to minimize the impact of the highly variable weather. This reviewer's favorite area is the vast Cairngorms National Park, set in the rugged Grampian Mountains but easily explored by day trips from any of several pleasant small towns such as Braemar. Braemar, by the way, hosts the annual Highland Gathering, a celebrated highland games often attended by members of the British royal family from nearby Balmoral Castle. With averagely good weather, the Scottish Highlands and Islands provide superb opportunities to explore, whether on foot or bike, or by automobile or train (or even ferry). The region and this guide are highly recommended. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Go-to guide for Scotland By T. R. Great book. My brother and I used it as we traveled throughout western Scotland. It was invaluable for finding places to stay, dining and historic landmarks. Nice inserts explaining events in Scottish history. Like all good travel guides it came home water logged, dirty and read almost cover-to-cover. It never let us down and I'll carry it again when I go back. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Planning a trip By Helen Morrison I wanted specific information about some of the islands and this book has met my needs very well. It's laid out nicely and is easy to follow.

The Rough Guide to the Scottish Highlands Islands is the definitive travel guide to this untamed region, with detailed, stylish maps and stunning photography to bring it all to life on the page. From the deserted white strands of South Harris to moody Glen Coe, the Scottish Highlands and Islands are the perfect places to drop off the radar, whether you're camping wild or staying in a boutique hideaway. The Munro summits are as much of a challenge as ever and the Highlands are stuffed with myriad other opportunities for adventure, from world-class sea kayaking and mountain biking to near empty surf-breaks. Whether you're traveling by car, bike, or public transportation the comprehensive travel advice in The Rough Guide to Scottish Highlands Islands will help you navigate your way around easily and point you in the direction of incredible animals such as puffins and whales. Up-to-date and honest reviews of all the best accommodation and home-grown, fresh eating options for all budgets will all ensure that you maximize your time in this, the most stunning part of Scotland. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Scottish Highlands Islands.

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