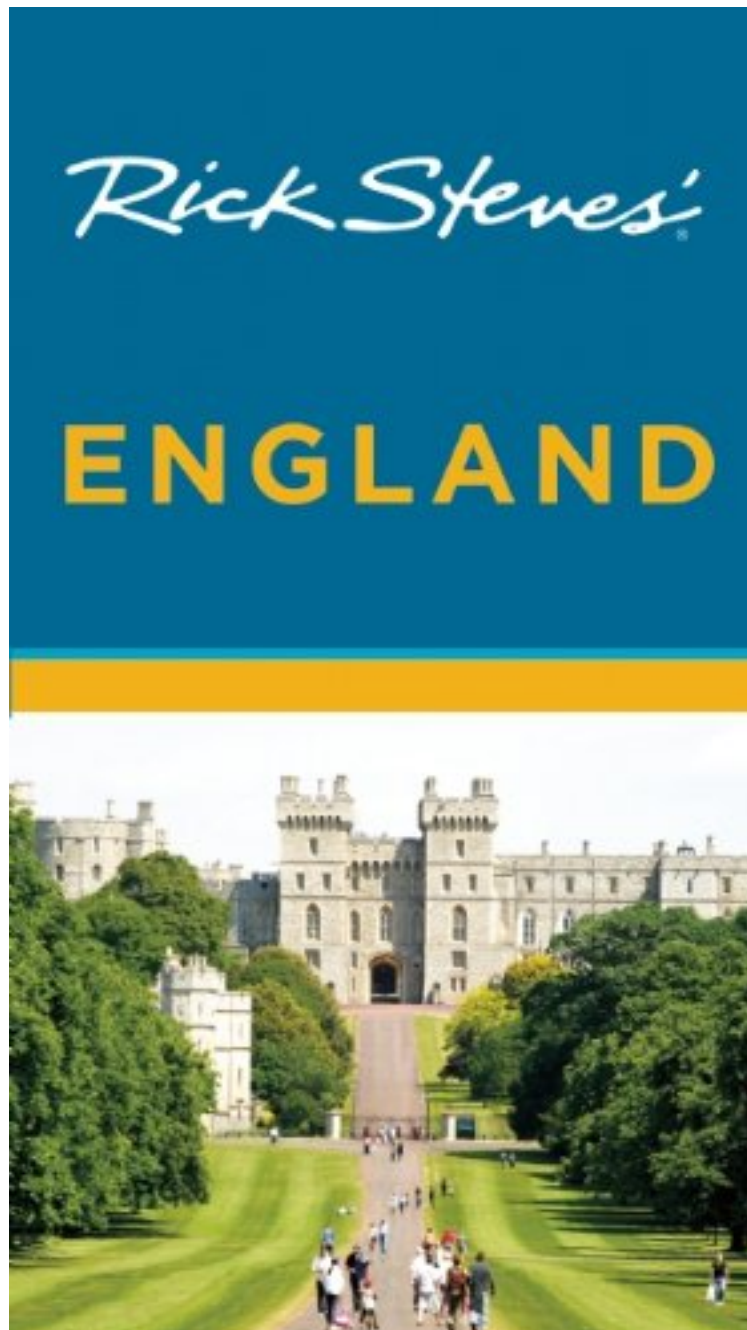



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Rick Steves : Rick Steves' England before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Steves' England:

22 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Guide for England? Needs subtitle which might read " Most of Northern Counties Not Included"By CustomerBought this because I liked his book on Ireland, first one I've ever used by Steves. But, VERY disappointed with this England book. He covers very little of the countryside....focusing on the American tourist havens....and those are primarily in the south of England, i.e. London, Stonehenge, the Cotswolds, Bath, Windsor. For experienced England visitors they are mostly the first places we all travel to....though there are a few I found on a recent visit, like Avebury and would highly recommend to every visitor. These are all well worth visiting! BUT, Steves fails in his coverage of the North of England....which begins on page 635 and ends on page 835. He never once mentions the gorgeous countryside in Lancashire, failing to ever mention the Trough of Bowland, the Ribble River valley for walks and biking; Pendle Hill and the witches of the 1600s; spectacular villages like Wray, Carnforth, Clitheroe. Instead he spends an unbelievable, "inconceivable" 16 pages on Blackpool, Lancashire, even calling it "Britain's tacky, laid-back, underbelly." Okay, Rick, I do understand the reasoning you gave in the book, but 16 pages??? Coverage of Hadrian's Wall excellent, and Durham the same. Same complaint though for the beautiful countryside of Yorkshire and Northumberland.....villages, trails, castles....missing! I cannot even faithfully pass the book on to anyone I know for then I should feel like a co-conspirator, and would have to write pages of addendums. Your book made me sad.....I was born in Lancashire, family immigrated to U.S. when I was a toddler, and have spent many incredible visits touring the North with cousins, but this visit I am traveling with my new husband who has never been there. We will be using Lancaster as a home base, and I felt certain you would be of help in planning our own day trips in the North of England....Blackpool is not a destination :)15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Rick Steves' guide books are brilliant!By amtmcmThis is the third trip to Europe I've planned with the help of Rick Steves' guide books. They are so clearly laid out and well organized with extremely useful information. Here are a few of my favorite attributes:Rick puts 1-3 triangles next to cities and sights according to his recommendation for including them in your itinerary. Three triangles means it should not be missed. And he includes a lot of sights that don't have a triangle too, so it's not like he only covers the most important places to visit, he covers a lot of less popular places too. This triangle key really helps in planning what to see in each city, especially those cities where we don't have much time.The hotel/BB recommendations are excellent and the pros and cons for each lodging are so helpful. For instance, he recommends some places because the location is good and another place because it's a good value, etc... And when I cross reference these recommendations with reviews on Trip Advisor, they are always well rated. The map of the hotel locations include major sights and transportation options so you can choose a lodging according to where you want to be visiting. This is very helpful when you'd like to be walking to sights or need to be near a train station. Don't forget to mention this guide book when making reservations as some places listed in this book will give a discount.Restaurant recommendations are also mapped according to sights so you can easily find a place to eat close to where you're visiting. And there is always a variety of restaurants to fit different budgets.He includes self-guided tour instructions for major museums and sights like Westminster Abbey. I followed his tour for the Louvre exactly as written and it was perfect! I'm looking forward to doing the same in London.One of the best things about Rick's guide books is his commentary and sense of humor. These books are actually fun to read and not just an encyclopedia of information. My husband is currently reading this and I think he's enjoying it as much as a Bill Bryson book. He keeps sharing the funny parts or saying "did you know.....?" The tips for travelers are always pertinent and there have been times I've been thankful for a useful bit of info I've read in this guide. Highly recommend! I wouldn't travel to Europe without Rick Steves' amazing guide as a resource.9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. I love Rick Steves' productsBy rrich00I have traveled to Europe 4 times with Rick Steves' books. I usually buy every travel book I can find for planning, but Rick Steves' is the only one worth the money.Most books act simply like an encyclopedia of places to go and things to do there. You can find all that information for free online.Rick Steves' gives you his opinions, which I really appreciate. He also helps you plan by saying things like "If you have 3 days, spend them in London, 5 days-Add Bath, 7 days-Add York" and so on.One note, though: calling the Rick Steves travel advice line at \$100/hour is a REALLY bad idea. The guy I talked to just wanted to read the guide book to me. He even spent a great deal of time telling me basic travel tips like "call your banks and let them know you'll be using your credit cards overseas" even though I told him I had been overseas several times. It was a total waste of money.

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in England.In this guide, you'll find a mix of splendid cities, ever-so-quiet villages, historic ports, and seaside resorts. Visit the manors, museums, cathedrals, and castles that preserve England's history. Explore the scenic bays of Cornwall, hike the wild moors of Dartmoor, and discover why the Lake District is Londoners' favorite playground. Travel back in time at Stonehenge, tour the remnants of the Roman Empire along Hadrian's Wall, and see the ancient baths in the city of Bath. After a bustling day of sightseeing, relax at a neighborhood pub, sharing a chat and a pint with a friendly local.Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. You'll learn how to get around England by train, bus, or car, and discover 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.

About the Author 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 Europe Through the Back Door—in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle—Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.