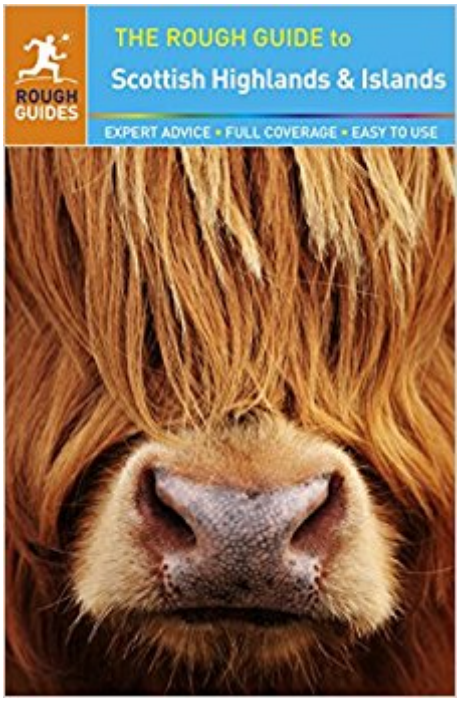
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Synopsis

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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Even by Scottish standards, the legendary Highlands are off the beaten path, requiring a little extra effort to reach, but rewarding the persistent traveler with stunning natural scenery (weather permitting) and many locations of historical interest. This 2014 edition is the latest version of the

Rough Guide to the Scottish Highlands & Islands, with updated content and a slightly revised format.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, and museums. 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 how to avoid school holidays and how 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, which also hosts the annual Highland Gathering, a celebrated highland games often attended by members of the British royal family from nearby Balmoral Castle. Many towns in the Highlands have their own games. Pitlochry, for example, has theirs in September, a true municipal celebration of highland culture that includes competitive highland dancing and a huge bagpipe band competition along with the usual athletics, all in the town's riverside park.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.

First of all, since I love Highland Cows, I loved the cover. But I also felt that it gave very clear descriptions of the areas I was primarily interested in as far as scenery and what to expect for lodging. The two areas I was most interested in were the Isle of Mull and the Isle of Skye as well as the Isle of Iona. It gave a very good idea of what to expect as far as lodging, meals, and what to be on the look out for. I have already passed it on to my nephew who is currently planning his own trip to Scotland.

Another handy book with great information about the great country of Scotland. There are all sorts of helpful tidbits and pointers that travelers of all experience levels will find handy.

Very useful wile travelling in Scotland, and for prior planning purposes.(and I've been there before!).

Excellent & informative - easy to use & pleasant to read.

Good

I found it quite difficult to read tiny font and lots of info but only limited amount as it covers such a lot will now buy a book just about Skye.

Planning-planning---"half the fun of traveling---planning in case of changes!

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