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# Rick Steves London 2017



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in London. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll explore historic Big Ben, bustling Trafalgar Square, and the Tower of London—home of the crown jewels. Learn how to save time and money on the Tube, and how to avoid the mobs at the Changing of the Guard. Investigate London's world-class museums, where you can trace Western civilization from the Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Van Gogh and Picasso. Venture into Soho's theater district for a glitzy musical or a delicious Indian dinner. End a great day at a neighborhood pub, sharing a pint and a chat with a friendly local. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful London neighborhoods. You'll learn how to get around by bus and on the Tube, and 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.

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Since 1973, Rick has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 20,000 travelers to Europe annually. He does all of this with the help of a hardworking, well-traveled staff of 100 at Rick Steves' Europe in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy

groups focused on economic justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. To recharge, Rick plays piano, relaxes at his family cabin in the Cascade Mountains, and spends time with his partner Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie. Gene Openshaw is a writer, composer, tour guide, and lecturer on art and history. Specializing in writing walking tours of Europe's cultural sights, Gene has coauthored eight of Rick's books and contributes to Rick's public television series. As a composer, Gene has written a full-length opera (Matter), a violin sonata, and dozens of songs. He lives near Seattle with his daughter, and roots for the Mariners in good times and bad.

Rick is always the best! Terrific, detailed info that makes trip planning a lot easier than other guide books do.

We had other London guidebooks, but this was by far the best for practical information about what to do in London and how and when to do it. Great insights and background info. I did disagree with his recommendation to use the extensive bus service to get around London. Even with car restrictions, the traffic is terrible and you sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic way too long. The tube was a breeze. Still, two weeks in London was better to have had this book.

Rick is the best. Great tour guide. Filled with facts that will make your trip enjoyable. I always use Rick's books. This August will be my 6th trip to Europe. I recommend his guide book on Rome also.

This book is invaluable while planning and preparing for a trip to London. Everything from unit conversions, to knowing which hotel to choose, what neighborhoods may not be safe for solo female travelers and what places are a must-see. I am loving this as a planning aid while planning my trip to London!

I can't travel anywhere in Europe without my Rick Steve's guides. I don't always agree with his recommendations, I always adjust to my own tastes but his books have been indispensable for practical and background info. I used his Paris book for a trip last year and had to get the London guide for my trip this year. Its perfect for figuring out your way around London, what time things open/close, museum guides etc. I always carry my guide in my purse. Its honestly one of the most important things I take with me for long 16 hour day of sight-seeing. My phone gets poor data signals when I'm in Europe, but I can always count on my handy Rick Steve's guide.

This is a great book. Use it to plan my whole trip. Downloaded the app and used that as well, very helpful as you can listen to the tour on a tablet or a phone so you get your own personal tour and can pause it as needed to see what you want or take extra time. Book is very informative, with good tips and guides. Excellent buy.

Unless we are on a soup to nuts tour, we always use Rick Steves for our European travel. He has never failed to guide us to the top sights and venues and to suggest quality lodging and restaurants at reasonable prices. He gets you out among the natives. London 2017 was an excellent trip planning guide.

Excellent book which helped us see all the best tourist sights in one week in March 2017. There is so much to see that you must have a plan and this book will help you plan your trip.

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