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GUIDE):

32 of 32 people found the following review helpful. The best travel guide you could buy
By Doug Vaughn
When my wife and I take a trip to Europe, we always buy more guidebooks than any sensible person would want. The one that always gets used - over and over - is the DK Eyewitness Travel Guide. The one for London is excellent but we have also used the guidebooks for Rome and Paris with equally satisfactory results. What is great about these books is the careful combination of text and pictures. The traveller can get a "feel" for the city in advance, so that once on site there is a comfortable familiarity with the terrain. The maps are excellent and the 3-D breakout views of museums and other sites of interest are quite helpful. And the book doesn't skimp on that information that all traveller's need when visiting a foreign country - practical information about currency, custom, emergency help, precautions, transportation, entertainment options, plus lists of recommended hotels, restaurants and sites of interest. And even after the trip, this book stays on the bookshelf to be taken down whenever we need a reminder of what we saw and did. Printed on high quality stock and beautifully illustrated, these guidebooks are a pleasure to browse at any time. If you plan to visit London, and don't know the town well, get this book. You'll be glad to have it before, during and after the trip.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great for sightseeing, especially if you walk
By Pan's Oak
The Eyewitness guide is perfect for someone who needs a good map and a list of popular sightseeing places. I intend to do a lot of walking, and am sure I'll be able to find anyplace I want to visit. The one page maps are clearer than an A to Z map. There's also a full sized pull out map, which might be handy to plan longer journeys, but awkward to walk with. The pictures and drawings are wonderful, as are the descriptions. Major sites have at least two pages, and most of the smaller attractions are covered, too. The book divides London into several areas with two maps for each area, an overall one and one of the "best stuff". In the following pages, each attraction has a description and a number, making them simple to locate on the area map. The guide does not give admission prices, probably because they change so fast, but does list web sites and phone numbers if you want more information. There's an underground map and a key to icons on the back inside cover, where they're easy to find and very useful. In fact, the whole layout of the book is extremely user friendly. I did wish they had more details about where photography is permitted. There are icons for "Photography Allowed" and "No Photography", but only a few attractions show either one. There are hotels and restaurants listed, but probably not as many as you'd find in other guidebooks. They also list all the street markets and many shopping areas, give tips on getting around, exchanging currency, seasonal events, and other useful tourist information.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing - all pictures, no "guide", VERY HEAVY
By M. Nadel
My fiance and I just went to London and Paris for 10 days and bought the Eyewitness Guides for both. After the first day we didn't bother carrying either one. First and foremost, these are HEAVY - beware, it was a major reason we stopped carrying them. But our biggest gripe was that they simply didn't have that much information. Heaven forbid you want to find a restaurant or a bar near where you are. Good luck with that. And the neighborhood maps covered a tiny area of the actual neighborhoods. The books are wonderfully illustrated and do have really interesting information on the sites they do cover, but it's really limited to the major stuff. These books would serve better as a primer to read before going than something to actually carry around. I will say the pull-out map was useful, particularly the pull-out part.

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.com The essence of London, found "in the swing, tramp, and trudge; in the bellow and uproar; the carriages, motor cars, omnibuses, vans, sandwich men shuffling and swinging; brass bands; barrel organs; in the triumph and the jingle and the strange high singing of some aeroplane overhead..." (Mrs. Dalloway), is ably conveyed in the visual burst of Dorling Kindersley's London guide. This compact book is filled to overflowing with a montage of timelines, street maps, 3-D aerial views, district maps, cutaways of important buildings--including Buckingham Palace and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre--and more than 1,200 full-color photographs. Like all of DK's books, this reference is overwhelming when you first crack open the pages. There's so much information, you almost don't know where to start. Lucky for tourists, London's editors kept a steady eye on usability when they organized the book. It begins with a short history (mostly conveyed in images) and then moves to an extensive section on the sights and sounds of the city by the Thames. The aim is to give you a "portrait" of each area before divulging the details, of which there is no lack. If you're worried about the practicalities of the trip, fear not: London is on your side. A section on travelers' needs and a handy survival guide--including instructions, complete with photographic aides, on how to use different types of

public telephones--should eliminate any apprehension about exploring this wondrous city. Perhaps the most useful feature for those on the go who want portable information, and for those who hate to haul out maps in public ("Hey! I'm a tourist!"), is the "Street Finder," a comprehensive index of street names and 24 pages of corresponding maps. Small enough to fit in your backpack, London is the guide to grab before hopping on the Underground. --Heidi Robinson ...You feel, looking at them, as if you could close the book and step into the street. -- Contra Costa Times ...considered to be the world's best travel resource to over 30 destinations around the world, make it easier to plan a splendid vacation. -- North American Press SyndicationBoth novice and experienced travelers will be captivated. -- U.S. News World ReportEach book is a visual as well as informational feast about a particular place. -- The New York TimesEncyclopedic in scope, it's meant to be used before, during, and after your stay. -- Travel LeisureEyewitness Travel Guides are marvels of writing, color photography and illustration. What makes these so special is their thoroughness. -- New York Times SyndicateHats off to DK for the Eyewitness Travel Guides...[they] raise the bar for all others. -- Dallas Morning NewsThe best travel guides ever. -- Sky MagazineThe future for travel guidebooks. -- Portland OregonianThe most graphically exciting and visually pleasing series on the market. --Chicago Tribune