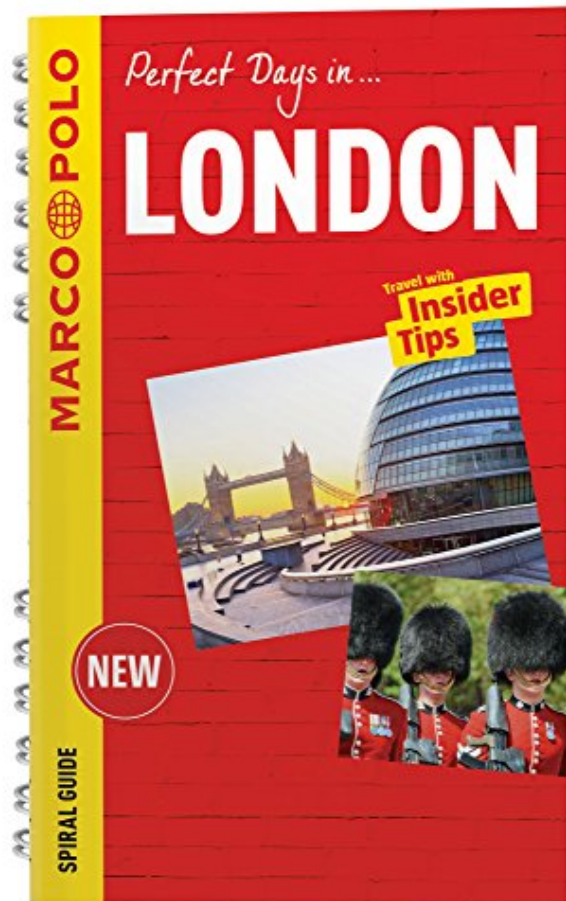


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**Marco Polo Travel Publishing : London Marco Polo Spiral Guide (Marco Polo Spiral Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised London Marco Polo Spiral Guide (Marco Polo Spiral Guides):

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inevitably make a guidebook redundant well before its time. They are in the main safe suggestions but personally I prefer something that takes a bit of finding, and that is what I want my guidebook to help me do. Amazing however to discover that Harrods has 30 places to eat! It was off to Kew Gardens – as we were attending the literary festival Write On Kew – with guide in hand. It mentioned the coral tower which I made a point of visiting. Apparently coral is extremely hard to grow outside its natural habitat. We discovered on our own an amazing little collection of paintings and sketches by explorer and traveller Marianne North which have been brought together in a gallery. This for me was one of the highlights of the visit, and which would be a fantastic addition to the guidebook. And finally we decided on a restaurant recommendation from the guide book. Heddon Street off Regent Street is just bursting with buzzing eateries and we chose to eat at Tibits, which was an Insider Tip. The ethos is vegetarian food and offers a buffet of around 40 different dishes that can be mixed and matched. Being of Swiss origin, it has clearly taken its inspiration from the Alpine buffets set out in ski resort hotels. A reasonable eat, some interesting dishes, but with rickety outdoor tables and slow table clearing it feels only a little above “average” and because of location, it is on the pricey side (to my mind, it isn't a patch on, for example, Pix Pintxos which is where I would choose to eat when in London – this has interesting food and a really buzzy atmosphere). But overall some good eating recommendations throughout. This guide provides a very safe pair of hands for a trip to London and will steer you in the right direction to get as much as you can out of the first few days.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Marco Polo Spiral Guide London - well written and well made By Victor This product was received free from the manufacturer in return for an honest and unbiased review I recently used this guide during a trip to London and found it to be most useful. The guide is handily pocket sized, measuring 12 x 21 cm. being spiral bound it opens easily and can be folded right back without damaging the spine. The pages are a good quality that will resist a light rain shower. These physical attributes are essential and helped the guide resist the wear and tear of heavy consultation when wandering around. Inside the front cover is a map of London, with areas colour coded to correspond with sections of the book, so you can see at a glance where in the book you need to look. Inside the rear cover is a tube map. There is a fold out map of the centre in a plastic wallet towards the back, which can be taken out for detailed consultation. The guide has been well thought out, and divided up into some useful sections. There is a 'Magazine' which contains a potted history and run-down of the main attractions. This is followed by 'finding your feet' with information on transport, accommodation, food and drink etc. There then follows 5 sections for different sections of the city, each with similar sub-headings along the lines of 'getting your bearings', 'two perfect days', 'Top 10' and several detailed sections on main attractions. The end of the guide contains suggested excursions and walks, and a few practicalities such. There is also a detailed street atlas and street index, in addition to the pull out map. I know London slightly as a tourist, having visited once a year or so for the last 15 years. I have my favourite haunts but am always on the lookout for other places to visit or things to do. This excellent guide provided that in the form of the suggested walks and tours at the back, which took me to some interesting places away from the main attractions that I have not seen before, and are just the sort of thing I love. Each had a good description and a little rundown of local history and features that I found most useful. This is an excellent quite, well constructed and useful for the rigours of regular use, and very well organised and written. 5 stars

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