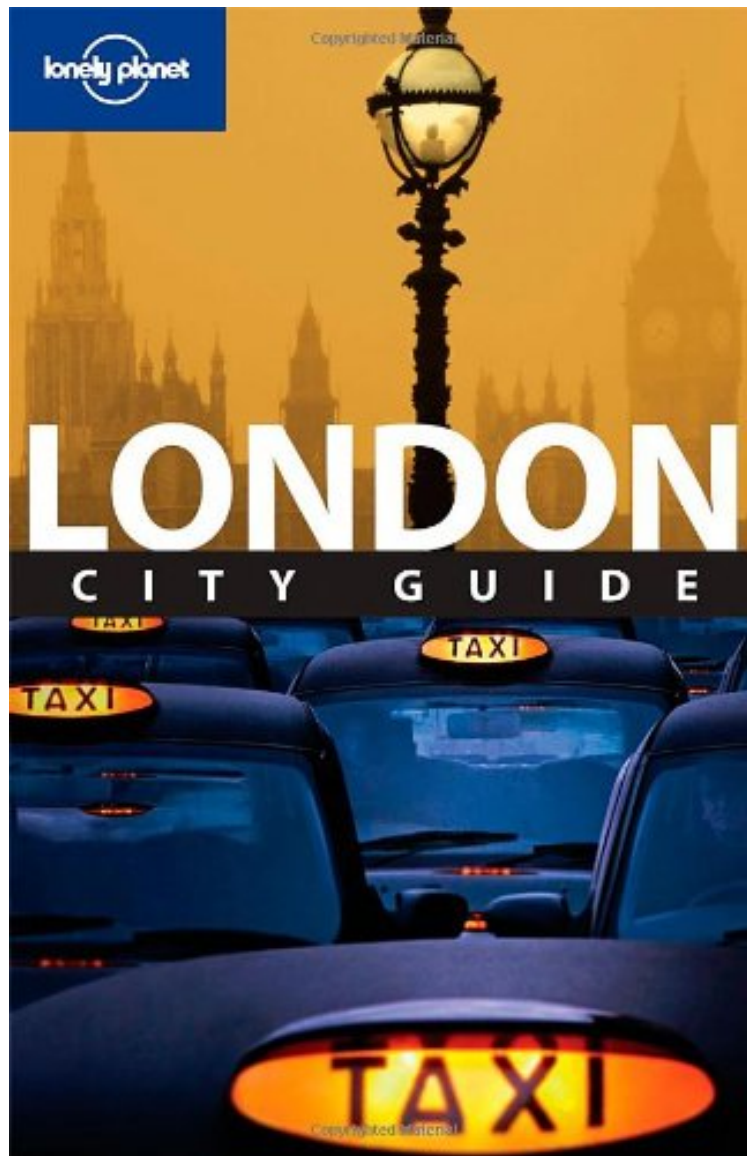


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not as good as it could beBy Liberty 4I agree with many other reviews: the index is confusing. And most importantly LP's user friendly color maps in the back of the book (2010 printing)are gone. They have been replaced by a fold out paper map that, inexplicably, does not label the neighborhoods (wanna know where Bayswater is? Too bad) and less detailed maps in the neighborhood chapters. I

don't need a flimsy paper map- esp when I already have a laminated one- I need the detailed neighborhood maps. It's one of the reasons I buy LP guides.(I will tear the maps out of my 2002 LP London).The layout in the form of monochrome tabs always bugs me. Is it too much to make a red tab for hotels, a blue for restaurants, etc, so I can find what I need faster?Content is fine; I won't know how updated the info is until I get there.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A big list of restaurant that are useless for a backpackerBy Martin Alberto Vega. The information about the history of London was Ok.. Ok with the walking tour. All the highlights and backdoor are inside this guideBUT...looking with a backpacker eyes... They should reduce the big restaurant list and make a better explanation of the highlights is the sight section.Just for your information, I love Lonely Planet...this is a constructive recommendation that I give to all the city guides...Another important thing, specially for what they call "A city guide"...they should give more information (map and path) of the buses. Yes...it is not Paris...in London it is easy to find a map for the buses...free of charge...BUT ...I am paying more that US\$15 for a city guide, man...they should include.So, I think, less restaurant and better transport and sight information.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good but room for improvementBy Michael GoldbergerI normally have no complaints about Lonely Planet books - I've used them repeatedly. The London book is good with great maps, descriptions, directions, and updated admission costs and times, however, I found two things below my expectations: While the maps are good, this edition did not list supermarkets as most other Lonely Planet books do. (When touring on foot as I normally do, I like stopping in to a supermarket for a quick snack or drink - usually quicker and less expensive than going to a restaurant.) The other feature I found confusing is listing sights outside of London proper with no directions on how to get there. If I wanted sights outside of London, I'd had bought the Britain edition! If excursions outside the city are listed, it would help to see how to get there and an indication of how long it would take to get there, so one can plan an itinerary.

Foreign visits are expected to grow by 4.5 per cent in 2007 while foreign visitor spending is anticipated to increase by 4.1 per cent ("Visit London").This is a new-look city guide featuring great new design and a new colour section. It contains walking tours that lead visitors to the city's well-known and not so well-known attractions. London's diverse culture is covered with locals interviewed for their insights.

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