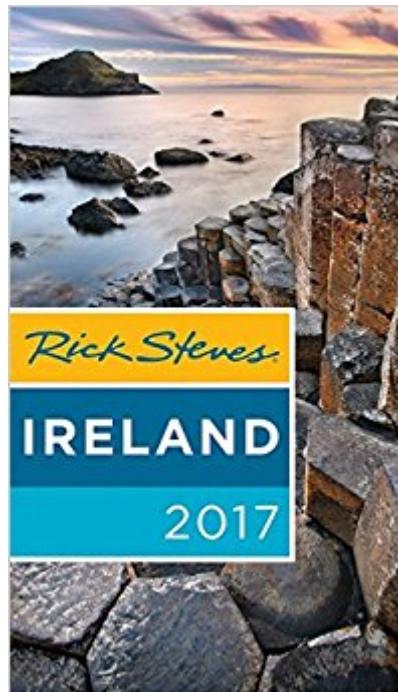


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# Rick Steves Ireland 2017



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Ireland. With this guide, you can explore lively Dublin, quaint Kilkenny, and the moss-draped ruins of the Ring of Kerry. Navigate meandering back roads that lead to windswept crags on the dramatic Dingle Peninsula. Explore Ireland's revered past by following St. Patrick's footsteps to the Rock of Cashel. Marvel at Newgrange, the mysterious mound older than the pyramids; then connect with today's Irish culture by grabbing a pint at the local pub, enjoying the fiddle music, and jumping into conversations that buzz with brogue. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. He'll help you plan where to go and what to see, depending on the length of your trip. You'll get up-to-date recommendations on what is 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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## Customer Reviews

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. Irish-American Pat O'Connor first journeyed to Ireland in 1981, and was hooked by the history and passion of the feisty Irish culture. Frequent return visits led to his partnership with Rick Steves and his work as a tour guide and coauthor of this book. Pat loves all things Hibernian (except the black pudding) and thrives on the adventures that occur as he annually slogs the bogs in search of new Irish travel discoveries.

I am not a big travel book fan in general anymore because I think the world changes faster than printed books. BUT for those that appreciate a travel book I think Rick Steve's books are the gold standard. They find interesting places that aren't run of the mill, break down costs well, and provide a ton of great travel tips. His 2017 Ireland book will be useful as my 70+ year old parents and I sit down to plan our next adventure. They trust his opinions, and his Midwestern, no-nonsense approach to travel.

We always review Rick Steve's guides and shows before heading somewhere. He's gotten way more popular since we started using his books, and it's not uncommon to find the places he recommends overrun with other folks following his advice, but appreciate his "tells it as he sees it" stance.

Can't go wrong with planning a trip using Rick Steves' advice. He saves us a lot of money on our trips and helps us rule out sites that aren't that great! This is the second time we've used one of his tour books. Forget the expensive tours. Just buy Rick Steves' books and follow his suggestions!

Rick's insights make this a great book for planning your trip to Ireland. It gives you the tools to help make choices of what is important to each prospective traveler. Plus many asides on the history and background of the different areas of Ireland. Some areas I thought I would enjoy became less attractive to me with Rick's recommendations. While others I had not considered were added to my list. Practical information on such things as money, the transportation systems, music, food, and local people were supplied with Rick's humor and honesty.

Needs some updating (i.e. reservations are MOST needed -- tourist season doesn't wait for July anymore), and other changes, but great recommendations on local tour guides and things to do. Bed and breakfast recommendations were some on, some off, same with food. Had a great trip

based on recommendations from this book. Buy it way in advance, read, research, then reserve.

We are going to Ireland in the fall. This is the most informative book we have read on Ireland. Highly recommend.

We used this book in order to plan our visit to Ireland and thought that his recommendations were spot on. We loved all the B and Bs where we stayed, and his notions about what to do and see kept us very happy.

This book was awesome for my first trip to Ireland. I read it ahead of time and highlighted the areas that we wanted to see and we were able to follow along perfectly when we got to Ireland. The map inserted was Very helpful also. Highly recommend this book for your trip to Ireland. It's a smaller size and fits in your backpack very easy

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