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Customer Reviews

Food and Beverage Highlight: Ballymaloe Cookery School, Cork Photo by Ballymaloe Cookery School The word "idyllic" comes to mind upon sight of Ballymaloe's cozy farmstead. Just outside a small fishing village in county Cork, this collection of 18th-century cottages is surrounded by gardens and mossy orchards and, surrounding that, a flourishing organic farm. As rustic as the buildings look from the outside, once you step inside you'll find a smartly equipped culinary classroom with large windows, a phalanx of counters and chopping blocks, and cooktops ready for action.

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Over the years I've consulted various travel guides for Asia, Europe and the Middle East: Lonely Planet, Rick Steves, Let's Go, Fodor's. The Frommer's Guides have always suited me best. FROMMER'S IRELAND 2011 is no exception. I like lots of detail on the history, geology, flora and fauna, literature, art and music of the place I will be visiting, and this guide fit the bill perfectly for my trip to the west of Ireland in July 2011. The enclosed map was nicely coated for all of that Irish rain, which didn't hurt either. I don't really need all of the lodging and dining listings that Frommer's includes in their guides, but can always page past them to soak up the background of each place I visit. So much of the Irish experience relates to a very long and complicated past. For example, in Counties Limerick, Kerry, and Clare, I was surprised to realize that the Famine of the 1840's is not an abstraction, but still very much in the minds of the people who live there today. FROMMER'S IRELAND 2011 prepared me to absorb as much as possible from my all-too-limited trip to Ireland.

Frommer's is an extremely comprehensive travel guide. It would have to be since the paperback version is nearly 700 pages. The guide contains everything from general travel tips to Ireland specific advice. The sample itineraries aren't very helpful, but do give some hint of how far you could travel in a day. There is a pocket map at the end of the book and various other maps for each section, but the real strength of the book is in its organization. Each section has subsections for essential info, sightseeing, shopping, dining and accommodations. I would agree with others that if you purchase this guide, don't get the Kindle version. Spring for the paperback. I've purchased a couple of other guides on the Kindle and maps don't transfer well. The only real complaint I have is that the editors didn't update it as thoroughly as they could have. It still references an existing Vodafone shop in the Dublin Airport that has supposedly been closed for a year and half.

Very good and detailed content with lots of useful information and tips. There's however a big shortcoming: maps are in low resolution and absolutely unusable on the iPad; too small to be seen in their standard size and too pixelated when enlarged. Frommer's needs to fix this. The book also seems to lack enough pictures of the places. I don't know if this is the same for the printed edition, but a travel guide should have plenty of pictures to give a better idea about the places. The content deserves 5 stars but with the maps low resolution and the scarcity of pictures I have to give it a 3 star.

In planning for an upcoming trip to Ireland, I bought the Frommer's guide to check out some of the places listed in the travel documents. I found it to be an extremely helpful tool to determine what and

how to pack, what documents were needed to get through Customs as far as taking personal items such as cameras and computers and was able to read a synopsis of the hotels we would be staying in and the amenities they offered. It has LOTS of websites you can visit to get information on most everything from sites to see to places to eat. I've used the Frommer's guide to destinations in the past and my advice, to coin an old familiar phrase - "Don't leave home without it!".

A handy guide with some very detailed information. Plenty of ideas for days out as well as where to eat, how expensive etc. Comes with a folded map - which is really not detailed enough, you will need an up to date road map. (Irish roads/signs are notoriously confusing.) I read through the areas I was interested in & took this guide with me to Ireland as a reference point. It's a bit bulky and heavy but is full of useful info for the traveler.

There is a reason why Frommer's is the gold star in travel planning. This book provides wonderful insight into Ireland's history, geography, where to stay, and what to do. Highly recommended!

Great travel guide! When it comes to these types of books we are very picky, but we took this book to Ireland with us and it was great help! Not only great information in it but also a pretty good read.

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