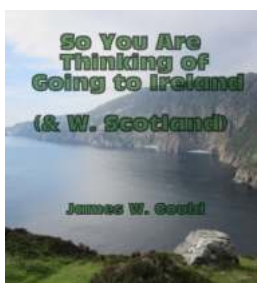


So You Are Thinking Of Going To Ireland Scotland

Are you dreaming of lush green landscapes, ancient castles, and the enchanting melodies of bagpipes and Irish folk music? Look no further, because Ireland and Scotland offer all of this and more. These two beautiful countries located in the British Isles are renowned for their rich history, breathtaking scenery, and warm hospitality. Whether you are a history buff, a nature lover, or simply seeking a memorable adventure, Ireland and Scotland have something for everyone.

Ireland, also known as the "Emerald Isle," is famous for its stunning countryside, charming villages, and vibrant cities. Start your journey in Dublin, the capital of Ireland. Explore its fascinating history by visiting Trinity College and the Book of Kells, or indulge in some traditional Irish music in the lively Temple Bar district. If you're a fan of famous Irish writers like James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, a literary tour around Dublin can be a real treat.

As you venture outside of Dublin, Ireland's countryside will captivate you with its rolling hills, rugged cliffs, and picturesque coastline. The stunning Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, and the Giant's Causeway are just a few of the natural wonders that will leave you breathless. To explore Ireland's rich history, don't miss the ancient castles dotting the landscape, such as Bunratty Castle and Blarney Castle with its famous Stone of Eloquence.



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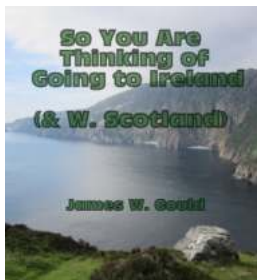
Scotland, on the other hand, boasts an equally enchanting and unique allure. Start your Scottish adventure in the historic capital, Edinburgh. The iconic Edinburgh Castle dominates the city's skyline and offers spectacular views of the surrounding area. Immerse yourself in Scottish culture by attending the renowned Edinburgh Festival or taking a stroll along the Royal Mile, lined with quaint shops, charming cafes, and historic landmarks.

For nature enthusiasts, Scotland's Highlands are a must-visit destination. The rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands will leave you in awe. Take a road trip along the North Coast 500, often referred to as Scotland's answer to Route 66. Along the way, you'll encounter majestic mountains, pristine lochs, and quaint fishing villages. Don't miss the chance to explore mythical areas like Loch Ness, famous for its legendary monster.

Both Ireland and Scotland proudly celebrate their Gaelic heritage. From lively ceilidhs to traditional Highland games, you'll have plenty of opportunities to immerse yourself in their rich cultural traditions. Sample traditional dishes like haggis and Irish stew, and wash it down with a pint of Guinness or a wee dram of Scottish whisky. You'll also encounter friendly locals, who are always ready to share a story, a song, or a laugh.

In terms of accommodation, both countries offer a wide range of options to suit every budget and preference. From luxury castle hotels to cozy bed and breakfasts, you can find the perfect place to rest your head after a day of exploring. Additionally, the transportation networks in Ireland and Scotland make it easy to navigate between cities and attractions, whether you prefer to drive, take a train, or hop on a guided tour.

So, are you ready to embark on an unforgettable journey to Ireland and Scotland? Whether you're fascinated by history, mesmerized by natural beauty, or simply seeking an adventure, these two countries have it all. Explore ancient ruins, trek through stunning landscapes, enjoy lively traditional music, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Pack your bags, say "Sláinte" and "Slàinte mhath," and get ready for an incredible adventure in the British Isles.



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While this travelogue of Ireland is by motorcycle, the exact same itinerary could be done by car.

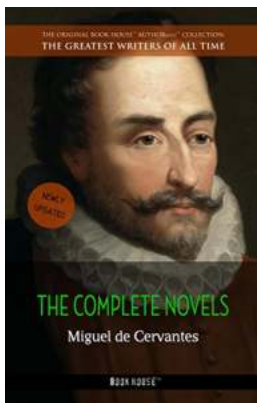
While motorcycling Ireland is a challenge, the rewards are great. As illustrated in the Chapters of this book, the people are friendly, the food and drink are good and history appears at every turn. As talking with people is one of the best parts of travel, some of our conversations with locals are included. But for a biker, the main thing is the endless twisties and the constantly changing terrain and vistas not only over the course of a day, but often within an hour. Indeed, the weather changes by the minute.

The descriptions that follow (over 23,000 words and 70 photos for Ireland and Scotland) cover what we saw and did each day in the course of 1400 miles and 10 days on the bike (a BMW 1200GS). Separate trip notes for each day give detailed turn-by-turn directions and some bailout routes to shorten the ride if weather or fatigue gets too much.

Other Chapters cover tips on deciphering the confusing roads and roundabouts, planning realistic daily rides, the types of roads and curves you are likely to encounter, especially on the coastlines, Irish food and suggested clothing and gear. An overall itinerary with lodging and a map is also included, along with a suggested gear list and a list of tips on motorcycling Ireland.

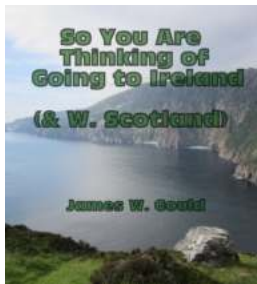
At the beginning is a description of our three day stay in Dublin before starting the trip. Such a stay is recommended both because the city is great and to adjust to the time zone before starting your ride. You will need all your focus, what Lee Parks (author of Total Control) calls 100 cents of concentration. A Dublin stay will also introduce you to Irish speech, food and history which will make your ride more interesting. A short Irish history timeline is included at the end of the Irish section to help you understand references to events that are still alive in Irish thought, including 1916, the Evictions, the Potato Famine, Bloody Sunday, Cromwell and more.

There is also a bonus section covering a 1,000 mile car trip in Western Scotland that we did right after Ireland, going from Kircudbright (kerr – KOO – bree) in the South to the Isle of Skye in the North. If you have the time, it is a great trip extension. The Scottish Chapters cover our daily routes and activities as well as some history and a few of the more quirky Scottish terms. As with Ireland, there is an overall itinerary and a map. While we did the Scottish leg by car, actually the Irish trip laid out here would also work by car, preferably a small car. Two wheels or four, your call.



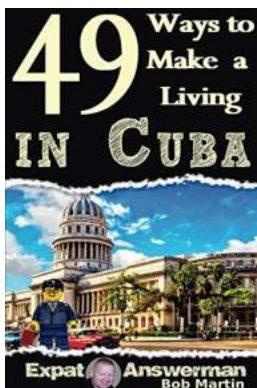
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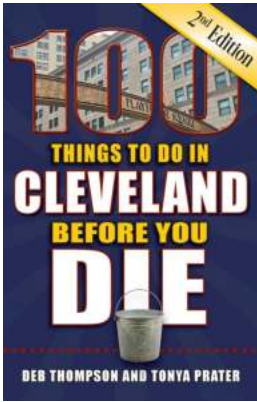
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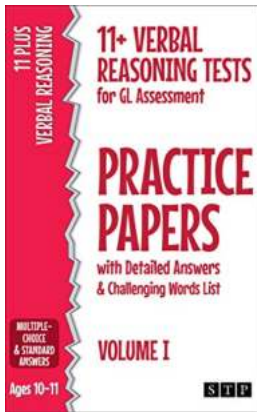
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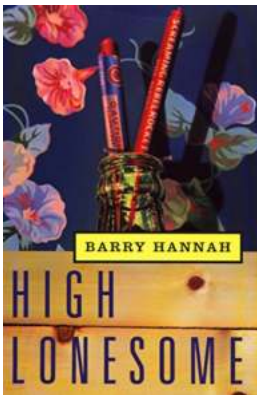
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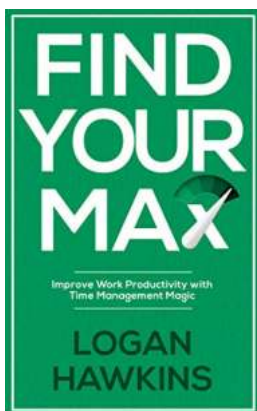
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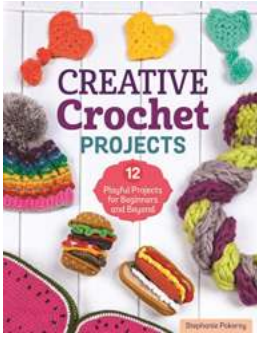
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