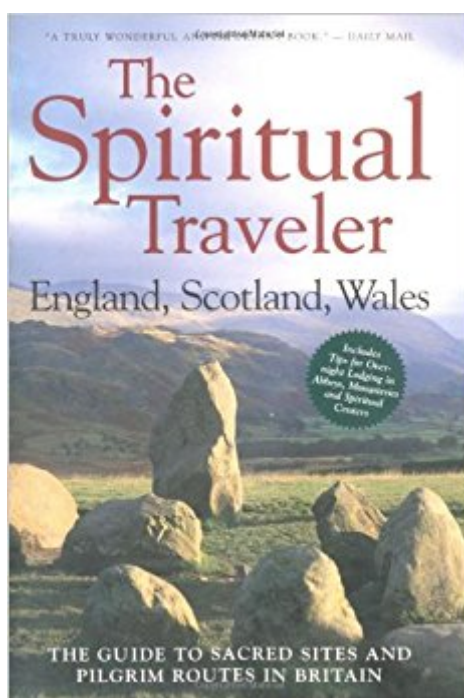


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# England, Scotland, Wales: The Guide To Sacred Sites And Pilgrim Routes In Britain (Spiritual Traveler)



## Synopsis

Here is a unique guide book that takes us on a journey across the rural and urban landscapes of Britain, and helps us to discover and explore a multitude of sacred sites.

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## Customer Reviews

This thoughtful first installment in the Spiritual Traveler series will be deeply appreciated by both pilgrims and armchair travelers. While other books have toured British monasteries and churches, the Palmers go one step further by exploring the entire sacred landscape: separate chapters analyze holy wells, sacred cities and plant and animal life. The authors speak eloquently about the history of "sacred planning" in England's towns, giving examples of sites whose very layout forms an expression of Christian geomancy. The bulk of the book is given over to detailed descriptions of cathedrals, pilgrim roads, henges, druids' circles, shrines, monasteries, ruins, graveyards and martyrdom sites. The book closes with a "Multi-Faith Pilgrimage," which includes a Theravada Buddhist vihara, a Sikh Gurdwara, a Sephardic Jewish synagogue, a Muslim graveyard and other holy places. A useful glossary offers suggestions for lodgings in British retreat centers, abbeys and monasteries. Throughout the book, the authors express strong opinions, such as condemning the soulless "arrogance of recent town planning" or the cruelty that has so often been perpetuated in the name of religion. Such editorializing is unusual in a travel guide, but is not out of place here, since the guide seeks not only to introduce sacred sites but to cultivate a sacred way of seeing. (Dec.)

Forecast: This is the first series to cater to the growing niche market for spiritual travel books. Its

two-color design is as attractive as many other guidebooks in the travel section, with sophisticated illustrations and photographs. Expect this series to build into a full-fledged brand, with future installments planned for various regions of the U.S. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"A truly wonderful and important book." -- Daily Mail, London

I think the book is very well researched, written, and laid out, I'm not quite sure why I expected differently, perhaps because of the stone circle on the front, but I thought it might be more geared to the ancient and pagan spiritual sites. Instead, while it includes prominent ones, a lot of ink is given to relating stories of various Christian saints and other church leaders, and the sites associated with them.

I just like these kind of books. I just booked a trip to Scotland so I will be referring to this book a lot. I can't wait to get to Scotland and actually see some of these places I've been reading about.

The book is phenomenal and I cannot wait to put it to good use on my next trip. It covers all sacred sites from the mound graves to Chinese temples. This book is written with a great deal of historical research and care, I love that Palmer does this without rendering the book unreadable. The b&b's, hostels, and other accommodations while cost-conscious are lovely and inviting. Again, I am totally in love with this travel guide.

The only reason I can't give this a 5 star rating is because I haven't gotten through it all. I like the path maps that show various pilgrimages and the stories about why certain places are considered sacred and spiritual. I am going to the UK this summer and plan on visiting some of these sights.

A good book, but very general and mostly focuses on Christian and Jewish and Buddhist sites.

This is more than a simple traveler's guide book. It provides the detailed history, significance and practices surrounding the sacred sites of Britain, including many lesser-known sites. The book gives the reader a foundation necessary for truly understanding and experiencing the sacred sites. I highly recommend this book for anyone who wants to visit Britain's sacred sites and come away with more than a snap-shot view.

Fabulous book. Love the alternative way of the travel experience. Thinking of purchasing others in series.

Very informative, well written, and inspiring. I now have a whole new list of places I want to visit!

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