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Ten Must-See Sights: Lyon



Synopsis

An ancient city once famed for its silk weaving, Lyon's historical district is a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose Medieval buildings, cramped streets, and beautiful gardens nestle in amongst modern buildings of glass and steel. **Ten Must-See Sights: Lyon** does exactly what it says on the tin, giving you the background and history on the city's top ten must-see attractions, plus essential information on opening times and location. We don't fill endless pages with hard-to-read maps and difficult-to-download photos; there are ten chapters of text, one on each attraction, all written by our team of experienced travel writers.

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Customer Reviews

I have been to Lyon several times and when I saw this book I thought, great, I can now see what I had missed so far and potentially plan my next stay. Well, after reading it I was quite disappointed and I can't recommend this to anyone traveling to Lyon. To start, there is no map in the book to show you the sights mentioned. So when you decide which sights you want to visit it will be very hard to plan your day. I am also not sure if you can follow all the directions in the book. I found a very obvious mistake - Croix-Rousse is not "to the southwest of the Fourviere". I couldn't follow the book

without consulting an additional map so I wasn't really checking similar statements, this one just caught my eye. Information about weather in Lyon I found to be completely deceiving. For example: "Winter is the driest season in Lyon, with temperatures falling to as low as 17.9 C (64.2 F)." What?! How come I was freezing in December? Or: "June to August: Summers start off at around 38.4 C (101.1 F), and soar as high as 40.5 C (104.9 F)." Summer starting in June with 38 C?! This was clearly written by somebody that hasn't been in Lyon often and just did his research over Internet interpreting data in a wrong manner. Or what was written for autumn "The city starts to become green once more, as well as bearable, especially since the tourists start disappearing." We have here somebody writing a book for tourists and he is arguing that the city is bearable only after tourists start to disappear? Not to mention that actually August in Lyon feels empty and it is only when French people return from holidays and the school starts that the town is crowded again. There are more mistakes in the book like data on population in the area, basilica that receives 1.5 visitors every year, Roman Emperor Tiberius ruling "from 14th century to the 37th" and other... So as I said, this book gives the impression of something researched over Internet, written in a hurry and not edited. My recommendation would be to search for another guide, preferably one of the established ones, until the author improves on this one.

Seriously dry tour guide. Almost regretting booking this trip there in a week. Pretty sure this town is more fun than that. It does have some good details about different areas of the town that would be useful.

A map and some photos would make it more useful.

Great, and useful.

"Ten Must-See Sights" is much more than a list of hot spots; it's a quick and fun review of the history, culture, and people of Lyons. If you're planning on doing a walking tour or sightseeing, it's just a fantastic introduction that will enrich your experience. Green writes more like a friend telling you about a great city than a professor telling you what you ought to enjoy. Anyone sick of the flatly opinionated, derivative style of Yelp and other star ratings sites will also appreciate the human touch here. This book is way better than the classic five-pound sightseeing tome. You won't miss the three dollars, and the improvement in your travel experience will be priceless.

I was pleasantly surprised at the depth of information covered. I would recommend it to anyone planning a trip to the region.

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