Tourism

EUROPE'S BEST AND WORST

Rick Steves, an America's leading authority on European travel, has travelled all over the world. He writes European travel guidebooks and hosts travel shows on public television and radio. He gives tourists some hints about Europe. Read his text about Europe's best and worst places to visit.



Let's start with the most boring corner of Great Britain, South Scotland. The area south of Edinburgh is so boring that the Romans decided to block it off with Hadrian's Wall.

London, York, Bath, and Cambridge are the most interesting cities in England.

The castles of the Loire in France are the most interesting castles in Europe.

The friendliest people in Europe are the Irish and the Sicilians. The meanest are those tourists who refuse to understand the French.

Italy's island of Capri, the German town of Berchtesgaden, and the French Riviera in July and August are Europe's top tourist traps.

Geneva (Switzerland) and Grenoble (France) share the "nice place to live but I wouldn't want to visit award.

Europe's most overrated and polluted city is Athens.

The most exciting country is Italy.
The tackiest souvenirs can be found next to Pisa's tower and in Lourdes.

The best French castle is Chantilly near Paris.

The best look at Gothic is the Saint Chappell church in Paris.

The biggest mistakes that tourist's make: packing too heavily, relying on outdated guidebooks, not wearing a money belt, leaving home with too many hotel reservations, and taking other people's opinions too seriously. Happy travels!



True or false?

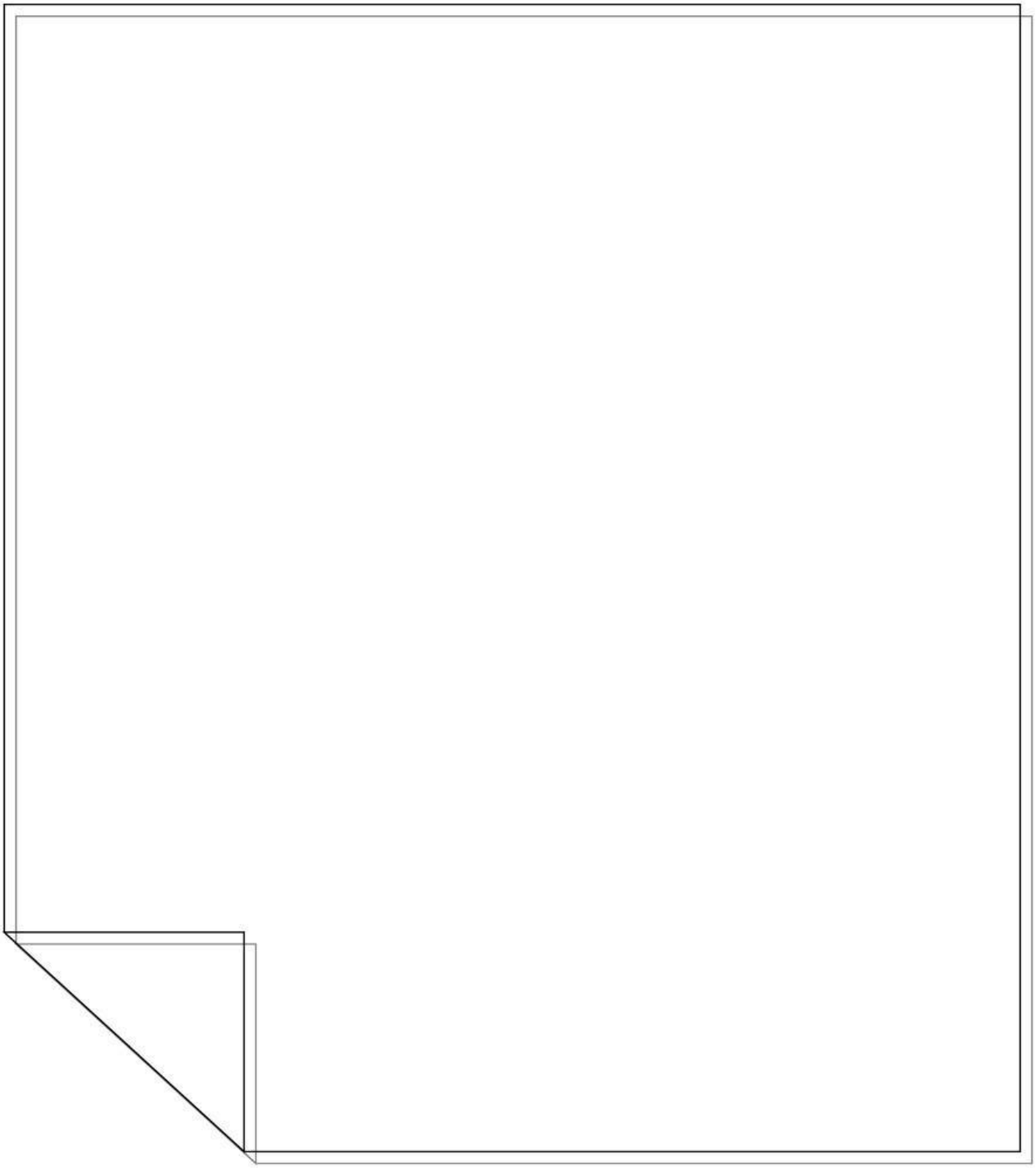
Edinburgh is the most interesting city in Great Britain.
The Romans build Hadrian wall to hide Edinburgh.
Bath is a great city in Scotland.
The Loire castles are more interesting than the castles in Scotland.
The Sicilians are friendly because they understand English.
Nobody wants to live in Grenoble or Genève.
Athena isn't as wonderful as it is described.
You can buy original souvenirs in Lourdes.
The saint Chappell is a gothic construction.
Tourists take to much luggage on their trips.

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Answer the questions

1. Do you know the places Rick Steves mentions in his text?
2. If yes, do you agree with his description? Why/ not?
3. If you don't know the places, would you like to go there after having read his description? Why/not?

Make a rating like Rick Steves about places you know



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