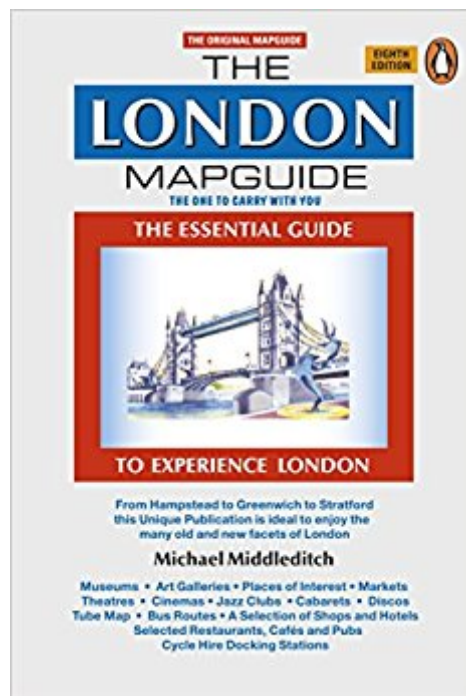




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# The London Mapguide: Eighth Edition (Mapguides, Penguin)



## Synopsis

A completely revised edition of the bestselling London streetmap Michael Middleditch has revised and updated his hugely successful London Mapguide – first published in 1983 and now in its eighth edition. Streets and sights are mapped and named, and there is a full index so that it can be used like the London A-Z. In addition, famous landmarks, places of entertainment etc are indicated on the maps. This edition has a brand-new spread on London architecture, and the Stratford Olympic area is fully incorporated into the book. At 72 pages of full-color maps this is the perfect book for every tourist and city-dweller.

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## Customer Reviews

Michael Middleditch was chief cartographer at Geographia for many years. He created the Mapguides especially for Penguin, and there are three highly successful titles in the series: New York, Paris, and London. He died on Christmas Day 2012, shortly after completing this eighth edition of his famous London Mapguide.

The London Mapguide by Michael Middleditch was the most used resource I took to London. I carried it with me all the time and used it so often it looked like it was years old by the time I returned home. The guide includes both a Tube map and information on bus routes, making it easy to plot a Tube run to the general area of interest, then select a bus that will take you to the exact location. The book is a little large for normal pockets but if you wear pants or shorts with cargo pockets it will

fit perfectly. In my opinion, the best feature of The London Mapguide is the color coding of the Tube stations. The sometimes multicolored station name backgrounds indicate, by color, the intersecting lines. For example, the Oxford Circus Station graphic has a light blue, red and light brown background, indicating that the station intersects with the Victoria, Central, and Bakerloo Lines. The color code is the same one used on the London Tube maps for easy cross referencing. Text information on specific sites, provided in the front of the book, includes map coordinates and the page numbers so you can quickly locate the site on the appropriate map. There were only two things I found could be improved with The London Mapguide. First, the format may be difficult to use for those not familiar with this type of map layout, but if you have used any of the "Road Atlas" type of map books you will find the layout familiar and easy to use. The other thing is the bus route listings which can be hard to follow. I picked up a map on the bus routes of London for free from some gentlemen at one of the major Tube Stations/Bus Stations and used it to supplement the Mapguide and as a book mark. I also used sticky pointers and page markers to indicate locations of interest and to mark the specific pages I'd be using during my daily outings.

This is the 3rd update I have bought of the London Map Guide over a ten year period. Not only is it thin enough to fit in a purse/backpack but the writing is large enough for my over 50 eyes. Once one gets used to the various section it is very easy to use. Sadly I understand the author has died and this could be the last version.

Complete, accurate and easy to use IF you can read a map that is like the old Mapsgo guides to various cities. It has about 50 small maps that are squares on a less detailed map. You have to figure out which square you need. There is a complete street index that lets you know which map square to use. Once you get the hang of this, it's great. The map has some architectural detail of important sights, has bus routes that can be traced, has metro stations, has every street legibly labeled, and is accurate. We found every restaurant we wanted and every sight with ease. I am a proficient old school map reader and was delighted to have a map book to practice my skill. This map guide was simpler than using my apple map app.

This book is a small collection of excellent and useful maps of the various sections of London. There is a small amount of additional narrative info, but the value is in the wealth of info on the maps themselves. If you get weary of trying to navigate a tiny map on your phone screen in bright

sun, this book will save you. High-quality printing. Bright colors. Color photos throughout. Crisp, easy-to-read small type. The map keys are well annotated and there are lists of sight-seeing categories. Also a "tube" map! A street index at the back is also a handy feature. It's small, about a quarter-inch thick, (approx 5.5" x 8") light, and will fit into a cargo pocket or your bag. If you like your maps books to be both useful and "pretty" this is the ONE and ONLY! It deserves MORE than five stars.

As others have noted, this map book is much more convenient and useful than a fold-out map while you are walking around the city. It fits easily into a trench pocket or purse, and I plucked it out at least 20 times a day to figure our way from one site to another. The underground map is conveniently placed on page 2 and was consulted all the time. London's streets can be very confusing, and since this booklet shows every little road and alley, it kept us from getting lost as we walked from place to place. This map book covers the central parts of London, but also reaches north to Camden Market and east out to Tower of London. Our apartment was just off the western edge of the mapped area, so before the trip I had to photocopy a Hammersmith page from another atlas to get us to and from our home base each day. Still, I highly recommend this book. The only time I used my fold-out map was when our party split into two groups and each needed a map to get to our destinations.

Awesome map for walking around London. Really packs a huge amount of sightseeing info in a small package. I like google maps for pulling up directions from one point to another, but this hard copy map is really fun for uncovering unique sights in the city. Kept it in my back pocket for the whole trip and referred to it often. I found it very satisfying for quick reference and for planning a day out.

This is a newer version of the one I've used for years. I keep replacing. Even tho I use my smartphone a lot, this is small, handy & always!!! is correct.

This set of maps is detailed enough for a more-detailed-than-average trip for a tourist. No, it does not have every street, but yes, it has many more streets than most maps. As I plot out a London trip, almost all of the well-known and obscure places I want to go are on streets that show on the map - I have had to draw in only a few. It's worth carrying around.

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