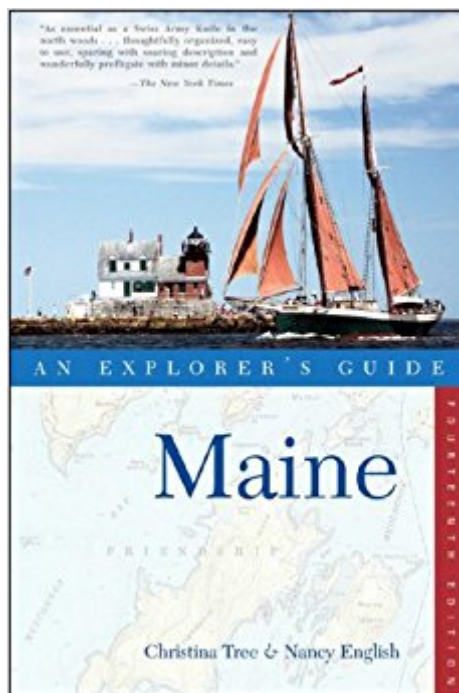




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Customer Reviews

My wife and I go to Ogunquit, Maine every year and I always bring my copy of this book. One of the things we rely on it for is restaurant reviews. This year I decide to "upgrade" to the 14th edition since I know that many restaurants have closed and new ones have opened in the last few years. I was surprised that places that have been opened in the last few years still aren't listed in the book. In fact I think the listings for Ogunquit are the same as before.

The explorer's books are great and I have bought several over the years as they are full of many tips and information. On my next trip to Maine the book will be at my side. I sent the book along with a family member who traveled up the coast to Maine as well.

I gave this book 5 stars not because it's perfect but because I don't think there's anything better out there. I would like to see a few more detailed maps included. But, aside from that, I think this is about as good as it gets. They give lots of web addresses and specifics about bike/kayak rentals

and other things like that. The lodging info is pretty good but you'll want to make use of the internet to supplement it. Overall we have found this book very helpful and we are glad we got it. You may also want to pick up the DeLorme Main Atlas for detail maps. I used to live only 3-4 hours from the Maine coast so you might think I wouldn't need a guide book but I still find it useful.

Our family has read and used this book during many trips to Maine. The book is often outdated in the sense that some establishments that they discuss are closed, while newer places (some open for years) are not mentioned at all. Another problem is that the book frequently mentions a restaurant or hotel but provides no real detail or assessment-- instead, the book just lists a few "facts" that seem simply to have been lifted from a brochure or travel guide or the internet. The authors pride themselves on "telling it like it is" but the superficial, inconclusive quality of many of the entries left our family feeling slightly ripped off and in search of a better, more detailed, more seriously researched guide to the great State of Maine. This guide is definitely a "once over lightly" bit of writing that both disappoints in terms of the content and irritates with its chatty, self-congratulatory tone.

I used this book while recently traveling through Maine. It covers in thorough detail every area of the state, including valuable information that other guidebooks do not contain. It is a straightforward reference full of information covering small towns to large attractions. I had several other guidebooks with me, but this is the one that I kept coming back to.

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