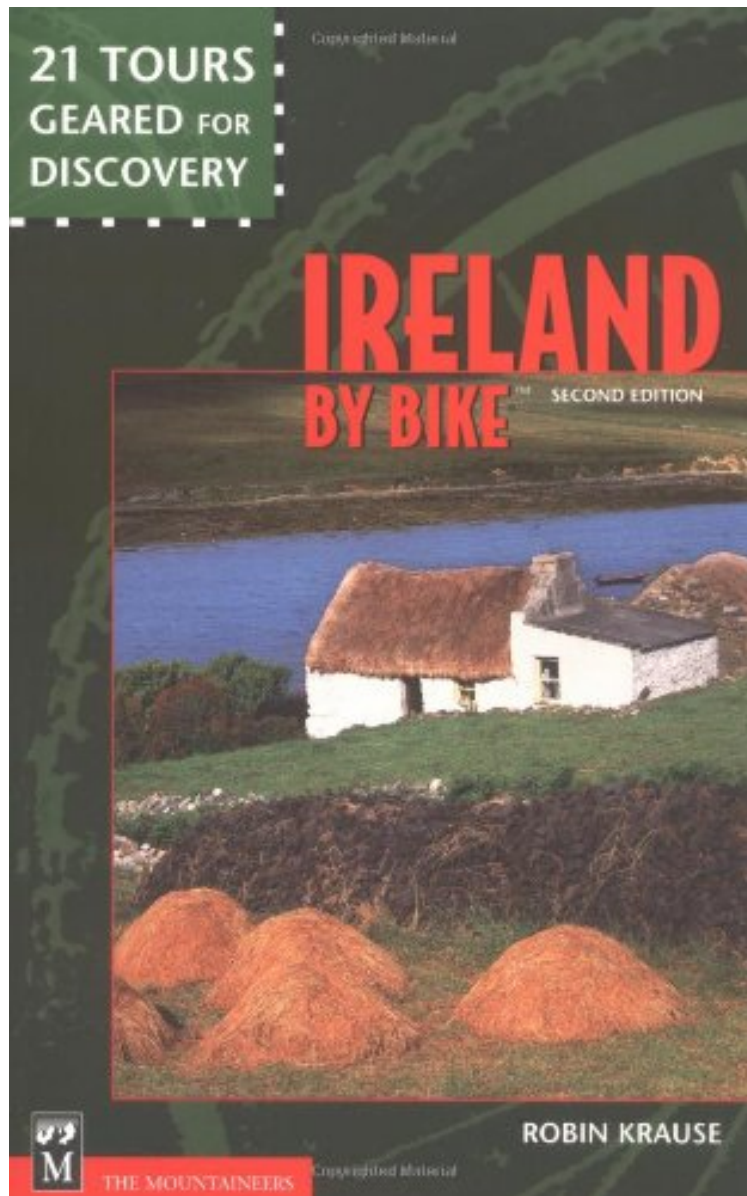


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**Robin Krause : Ireland by Bike** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ireland by Bike:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Best Used in Conjunction with Other Resources By JeffriH I bought this book before my first bike trip in Ireland, as a couple of the itineraries were similar to ones the group I was touring with would be taking. Plus, I planned on (and eventually did) further bike trips in Ireland. As itineraries go, these aren't

bad. The directions aren't always perfect, but neither were the ones we were given by the tour company. As another reviewer mentioned, you should always purchase good maps! Even then, you can still make a wrong turn and get lost. In that case, don't hesitate to stop and ask for directions on the best way to get back to your intended route!!The author himself says that you need another guide or resource for places to stay (i.e., Bed Breakfasts). There are also better guides for the sites along the routes, once you know the route you're taking. And if you're really interested in reading up on Irish History before you go, get a different book--almost every other guide book I've ever read did a better job of doing a brief overview.Still in all, this is a good resource for starting to plan your trip; just remember not to depend on it alone!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Needs to be updatedBy CustomerFairly good information but out of date in regards to pricing etc. Book was published in 1999. Obviously the historic sites are still there, you just can't rely on the lodging info.14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Three Bike Trips to IrelandBy Craig W ShieldsMy friend from Canada wanted to tour Ireland based on a picture he saw on a co-worker's desk. His co-worker had toured Ireland and had nothing but good things to say. He asked me and of course, I said YES! Even though I biked recreationally, I had no idea what I was in for. I bought this book and we used it for all 3 trips (1998, 1999, 2000). In all 3 years, we cycling the last two weeks of September. I feel like writing my own cycling book as we've learned a lot in the three tours to date. Anyway, back to the review. Reason for end of September, The kids are back in school, the tourist trade is winding down, the BB's are still open there's less cars on the road! I would do this for any country.I find a lot of the bike book reviews complain about map detail in the books, not finding their way according to the book or not according. You should buy a bike book as a reference only and a good Michelin-like map. Keep an open mind with the book, use a good map yeah, if you get lost, it's another adventure awaiting you.I liked the author's write up on the history of Ireland, always good to know a little about the country you're touring. We looked at the book's routes and then transposed them to the Michelin map for actual riding. I had a handlebar bag with an enclosed topside map bag so you can read your route without stopping. The Ireland by Bike book was always at hand. In 3 years, it's a little weathered but will always stay in my collection of books.The authors mileage was accurate, the tips along the way, the scenery spots that are off the beaten path. An example would be to stop at the signpost 2 miles out of a town, find the lane, walk up the lane 1/2 mile and you see this round fort. We saw things we would never have if it weren't for this book. Excellent examples of things like this thruout. Music pubs, BBs, just an excellent book.I thought all the .... By Bike books would have a common standard but is not the case. Beware before you buy, they are not all like Ireland By Bike as far as detail.If you want to ride 30 - 50 miles a day, stop to see the sights and enjoy the country, the people, the Guinness, this is the book for Ireland.Does not cover Northern Ireland. The author never rode into.Now we're looking for another country to tour now that we've done all of Ireland.

\* Contains all the information you'll need for successful touring\* Covers attractions, amenities, pubs, and bike shopsYou'll be cycling through 40 shades of green in no time with this guidebook written especially for visiting cyclists. Completely updated and revised, it's the only complete resource for exploring Ireland on two wheels. These 21 routes from 12 to 61 miles in length can be done as day trips or linked into longer tours. Trips reach into all corners of Ireland, from Cork and Limerick to Donegal and Dublin. Whether you want to glide among rolling hills, explore sites of ancient history, or chat with the locals at friendly taverns, here is the extensive first-hand research and travel advice you need to make the bike trip of your dreams.In Ireland by Bike you'll find accurate, point-to-point directions and descriptions; details on attractions amenities, pubs, and bike shops; recommended two-, three-, and four-week itineraries; plus tips on trip planning, outfitting a bike, getting there, what to see and do, finding accommodations, road customs, history, and more.

From Library JournalKrause supplies ample reasons why anyone would and should choose to travel by bike in Ireland. The island's manageable dimensions render it ideal for the cyclist, who is never more than 70 miles from the coast-- "15 to 20 miles in any direction may take you from an oyster tavern to precipitous limestone cliffs or a lovely village nestled along the Atlantic," he writes. After these more general observations, the author proceeds to specifics, offering 21 routes ranging from 12 to 61 miles and reaching every corner of the island from Dublin and Donegal to Cork and Limerick. Krause does not overlook the advance planning: shipping the bike, packing, tools and parts, clothing, maps, road customs, even how to get yourself into an Irish state of mind. This guide is like a good friend who has scoped the scene and written it up just for you. Recommended for public library travel collections.- Susan Fifer Canby, National Geographic Soc. Lib., Washington, D.C.Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. The trips are detailed in accurate, point-to-point directions and descriptions. The tips on advance planning, accommodations and rules of the road are particularly useful. (Sweat magazine)This guide is like a good friend who has scoped the scene and written it up just for you. Recommended ... (Library Journal)The information in this guide is so complete, all you need to do is buy an airline ticket! (Martin Rapp, Travel Leisure)About the AuthorRobin Krause has traveled with his family extensively in western Europe, Mexico, and Canada. The 2nd edition of this book is the result of 3 separate cycling trips to Ireland.