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Quirky Britain & Ireland in new Rough Guide to the World

Did you know that if a dead whale is found on the British coast, the tail belongs to the Queen? In case she needs the bones for a new corset.

Or that by law all London taxi drivers should ask their passengers if they have smallpox or the plague? And that it is illegal to enter the Houses of Parliament dressed in a suit of armour?

Rough Guides reveal the best of quirky Britain & Ireland, including British laws that still exist today but are rarely upheld, in: *Make the Most of Your Time on Earth: A Rough Guide to the World*.

The new Rough Guide contains 1000 ultimate travel experiences from around the world, including the best of the home islands with 59 experiences not to miss in Britain & Ireland. From walking the mountains of Mourne in Northern Ireland to gigging in Glasgow, the new Rough Guide shows there's plenty for us to do on our home turf...

Like experiencing the barrels of burning tar and rowdy torch-lit processions of Bonfire Night in Lewes, an otherwise peaceful town in the South of England.

And the bookfest that is Hay-on-Wye; the Welsh town that has 1 bookshop for every 40 people living there.

Or experience #57, written by author William Sutcliffe, about the oddest domestic flight in Britain; the BA8855 from Glasgow, which lands on a beach at Barra in the Outer Hebrides (with no airstrip, no lights in the sand, and changing flight times that shift according to the tide.)

But the question is, with 1000 inspirational travel experiences in the new Rough Guide, do Britain & Ireland only deserve 59? And what's the 60th?

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Britain & Ireland experiences in *Make the Most of Your Time on Earth*:

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4. A Taste Of Skye, Scotland
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50. Catching The Last Night Of The Proms, England
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52. Gigging In Glasgow, Scotland
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54. In To The Valley: Hearing A Welsh Choir, Wales
55. Watching Football At The Theatre Of Dreams, England
56. Following The Oyster Trail In Galway, Ireland
57. Flying With BA to Barra And Beyond, Scotland
58. Highland Fling: Getting Personal With Ben Nevis, Scotland
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