

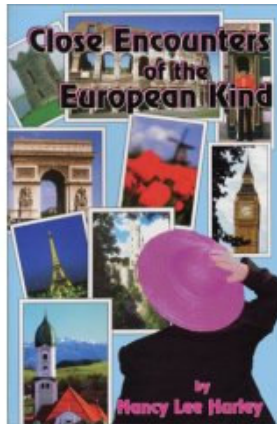
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**Close Encounters of the European Kind** by Nancy Lee Hurley

This is a great travel guide before and during your trip to Europe “over the pond”. Our local author hales from Plymouth, MI and is a teacher. This book has 53 chapters believe it or not, but they go fast. The tone of the book is conversational, honest, and detailed. Nancy shares the anxiety involved with having to learn any new environment. In addition, the joys and growth that come from meeting new people, learning about one’s own inner strength, and learning to lean on strangers are hard to experience and appreciate if one has not taken the journey. Traveling to a new country means leaving family, friends, a home, a way of life.



As I was reading the book, I felt that I was in right there in the 747 going to London, England. Nancy opened her heart and allowed it to spill onto the pages of the book. Because of this, I felt that I was in Paris, France at the Charles De Gaule airport with Nancy in Chapter 28. After reading Chapter 17, an appreciation for the personal feelings of Ron, Nancy’s husband, concerning WWII, was gained. In fact, the importance of going to Normandy France because of an uncle’s wartime experience in the Armed Services was palpable.

**Rated H for Helpful Reading**