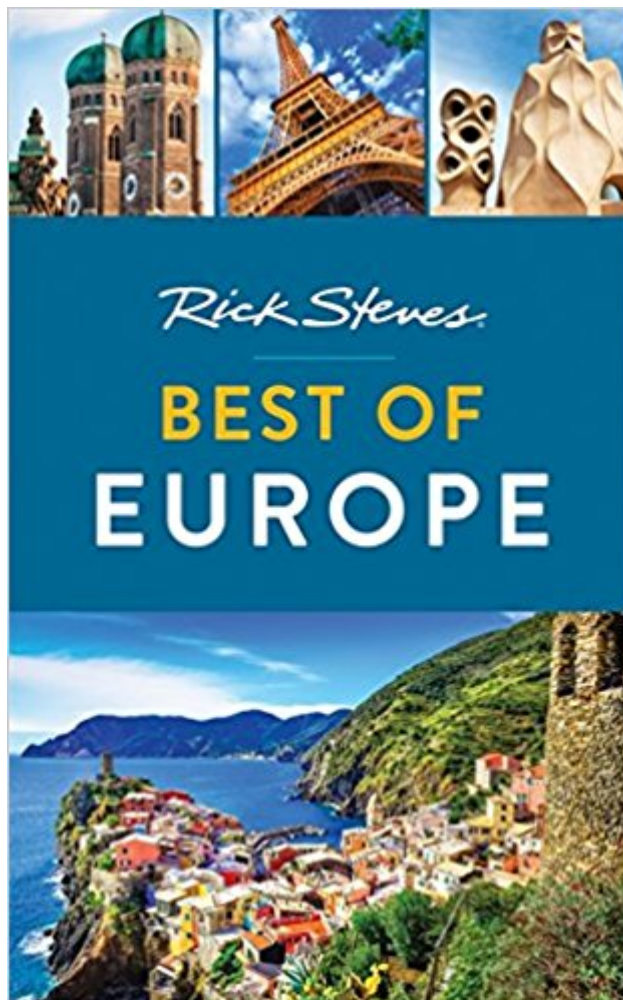


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# Rick Steves Best Of Europe



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you need to know to experience the Best of Europe. In this guide, Rick covers the best of England, France, Germany, England, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland. You'll find a mix of big cities and inspiring landscapes, including: London, Paris, Rome, Venice, Florence, Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, and Barcelona. The Cinque Terre, Provence, the French Riviera, the Rhine Valley, and the Berner Overland. Rick Steves Best of Europe features: Everything in Full-Color! Dazzling photos and helpful planning maps. Best of Europe Itineraries! Suggestions for planning the perfect trip, based on Rick's expert advice for what's worth your time and what you can skip. Rick's Tips! Helpful hints for key sights and experiences, organized so you quickly learn what you need to know. You'll love how much these simple tips help make your trip smooth and stress-free! Authentic Experiences! Leave the tourist traps behind and enjoy real, cultural experiences and opportunities to connect with local people. Plus Practicalities! Essential eating, sleeping, and transportation information is neatly arranged to be ready when you need it.

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## Customer Reviews

"Rick Steves' Best of Europe is filled with good, practical advice for independent travelers who don't want to miss the must-sees, but also hope to get away from the tourist hordes now and then." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Since 1973, Rick Steves has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 20,000 travelers to Europe annually. He does all of this with the help of a hardworking, well-traveled staff of 100 at Rick Steves' Europe in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy groups focused on economic justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. To recharge, Rick plays piano, relaxes at his family cabin in the Cascade Mountains, and spends time with his partner Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie.

If you go to any part of Europe use this as your tour guide. I have used many of the tips and tricks. Value for money. One of the best is that you should buy Colosseum admission tickets from the ticket office slightly off to the side avoiding the crowds. Then you just walk right past all the long lines. We have saved hours of standing in lines, using Rick's tips. His sleep suggestions we have used multiple times. How can you not take Rick Steves with you on your Europe travels.

The first time we went on an extended trip to Europe, we bought Rick Steves book and was so happy with all the recommendations on hotels and restaurants. This time, we emailed our reservations but the email addresses were not good, or the prices were way over what Rick Steves said they would be. I ended up making our reservations from another site, but Rick Steves book is still very informative about what to see and where to go. He is my travel guru.

It's Rick Steves, how can you go wrong. Great book for planning our next European exploration :)

This is a great book if you have zero experience with traveling to Europe. I would recommend reading some of it before planning the trip, as there is some information on where to stay, countries to go to depending on how long you plan to travel, etc. It is very heavy on some cities like London and Paris and contains a wealth of invaluable information on where to go and how to navigate those cities, however there is very little on other countries and cities in Europe. The book provides a very nice general overview, but you might need to do some more in depth studying depending on what city you go to and if you want to avoid the tourist spots.

The information is good as it always is in Rick Steves' books. There are some different cities in the

current edition than in previous ones

Cheers to all the Rick Steve's backdoor travelers! I live in Germany, and my family and I constantly refer to these guidebooks for a more personal, informative, and enriching vacation. Rick Steve's purposefully chooses towns or villages that are oftentimes not on the other guidebooks lists. By doing this, he gives a traveler more of a "real" experience. We love his guided walks through towns as he interjects oftentimes witty and always informative facts that we would not be privy to otherwise. Sorry this book was not for the first reviewer, but I endorse it whole-heartedly!! It lacks the bells and whistles of other more flashy guidebooks, but it's practical and educational text makes it worth every penny. I own his DVD's too, which are fun to watch before and after a visit to one of his locations. "Keep on traveling!"

even though this is the 2013 version, a noticeable amount of the sights RS mentions have changes either in price or closures.did "cut" this book in sections as we traveled across Europe and will have to say the loose pages held up very welllove RS but think reissuing a the 2012 version 2013 with a date is kinda deceiving

This book was fabulous. We just returned from a whirlwind trip to Europe. After visiting the Netherlands, Germany and Italy, we found that Rick Steve's Best of Europe was the best reference we had.This book does not try to tell you everything about each city--if you were going to spend a significant amount of time in one city, you might want to look into one his more regional guidebooks. For example, I am sending my daughter to Rome, and she will pack Rick Steve's Rome 2001!If you want to know what is worthwhile, Rick lets you know. We found his descriptions to be DEAD ON CORRECT. Everytime! He even described the people from the hotels--exactly! Rick gives his opinion on many things, which is what sets his books apart from the others. Why cover it all, when what most travelers need is a concise description of the things not to be missed?This book provides great recommendations for hotels and restaurants. We did not go wrong. Caution: the only folks we ran into who were NOT satisfied with his recommended hotels were those who looked for the very cheapest accomodations. If you choose these AND expect the Hyatt, you will be disappointed. Steves always provides a range of accomodations. In general, those costing more are usually better--unless he states otherwise. In our experience, all of his suggestions were good, clean, and safe. And some were quite elegant! All were a great value.Europe travel is different than travel in the U.S. If you want to travel the way we do here, forget this book and go straight to your travel

agent. Insist on staying at the Hilton, pick up a few brochures and see only the sights listed in those. But if you want to see the REAL Europe, get any of Rick Steve's books and enjoy. Ciao!

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