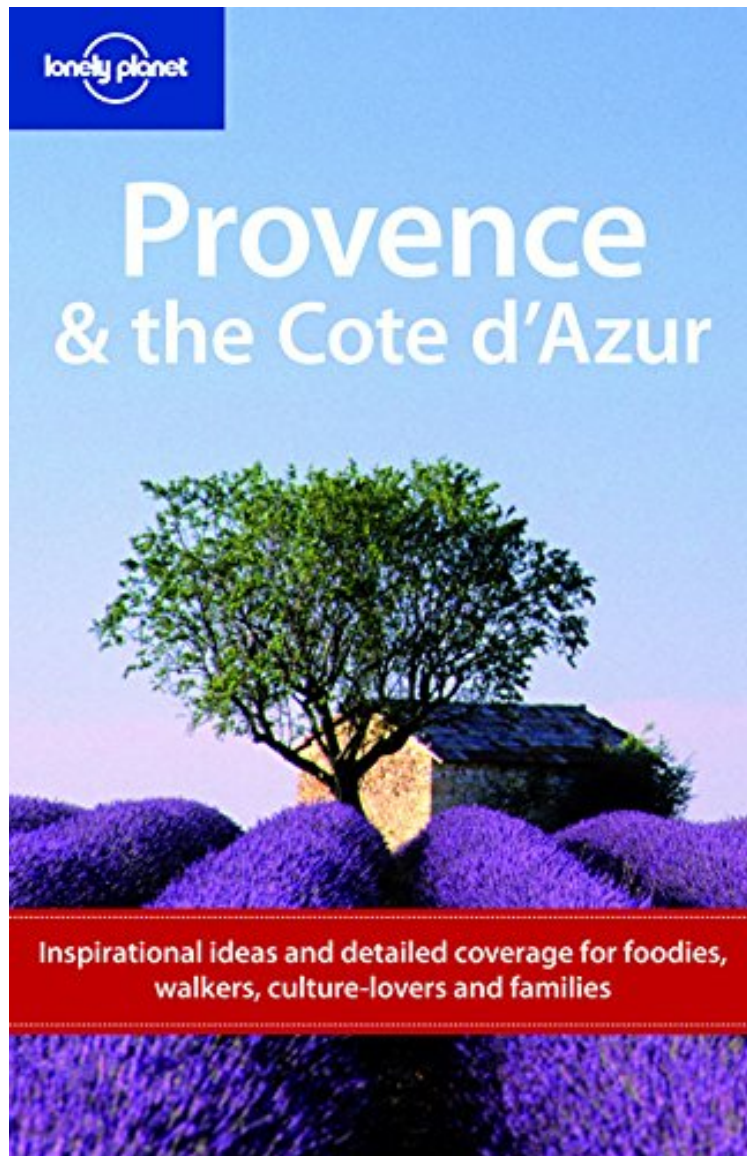


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**Nicola Williams, Alexis Averbeck, Emilie Filou, Fran Parnell : Provence the Cote d'Azur (Regional Travel Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Provence the Cote d'Azur (Regional Travel Guide):

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. good book in its way, but beware: format changeBy JPHRemember the old Lonely Planet guides with small print and simple layout that were crammed with information for independent travelers? That format appears to be gone, at least in this book. Though excellent in its way, it now resembles a more

mainstream travel guide, with a fancier layout, more cultural tidbits, and not as much practical information. I had wanted a book that would give a good rundown on a variety of accommodations available in Luberon villages, listed under the village. The villages are there, but no accommodation listings--just restaurants and sights to see. I couldn't believe it! I finally found all accommodation information in a single chapter at the back of the book--22 pages for the entire Provence and Cote d'Azur region, with about a dozen listings for the Luberon area. The bias was toward trendy, relatively expensive places. There was little information on inexpensive options. Perhaps the increasing availability of internet information is driving this change. Perhaps all the budget travelers have grown up and now have money. Perhaps the change is OK. But what I received was not what I expected from a Lonely Planet guide and was pretty much useless for my purposes. I ended up returning the book and getting the older 2005 edition from my local library. The change in emphasis appears to have happened with the 2007 edition. Both have this subtitle on the cover: "Inspirational ideas detailed coverage for foodies, walkers, and culture-lovers." 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Where is the Lonely Planet???

By Sonja McCaslin I never go on a trip without a Lonely Planet, because you do not only get really good (and simple) information about history, country and culture but also essentials such as where to stay and where to eat. Mind you - not the Top 10 of everything, but really helpful addresses for the "normal" traveler or even backpacker. What a disappointment this Lonely Planet was! Before the trip I read a Frommer's guide, during the trip I had two hiking books and editions of Eyewitness Travel with me - and the Lonely Planet. During the entire trip I did not even consult the Lonely Planet anymore. This edition has gone so mainstream, tips for "Conde Nast Travelers" - that it was a waste to carry around. I really did like the Eyewitness Travel guides, though. If you want some nice, simple information with pictures - they are great! And in the meantime I hope that my next Lonely Planet will be a real survival guide again!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing

By Skepticity I bought this book because I assumed it was like the old Lonely Planet travel guides that were packed with information and advice. Instead this is a fluffy, breezy, superficial book filled with about half the info of the old books. To fill up the space, the authors have added subheads to virtually every entry. For example when they list the Arena in Arles, they add to the heading, "GRAB A PEW, ENJOY THE SHOW!" And for Place du Forum, it's "HEART OF THE ROMAN ACTION." The old books used to have everything you needed to get around. This new one has annoying fluff.

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