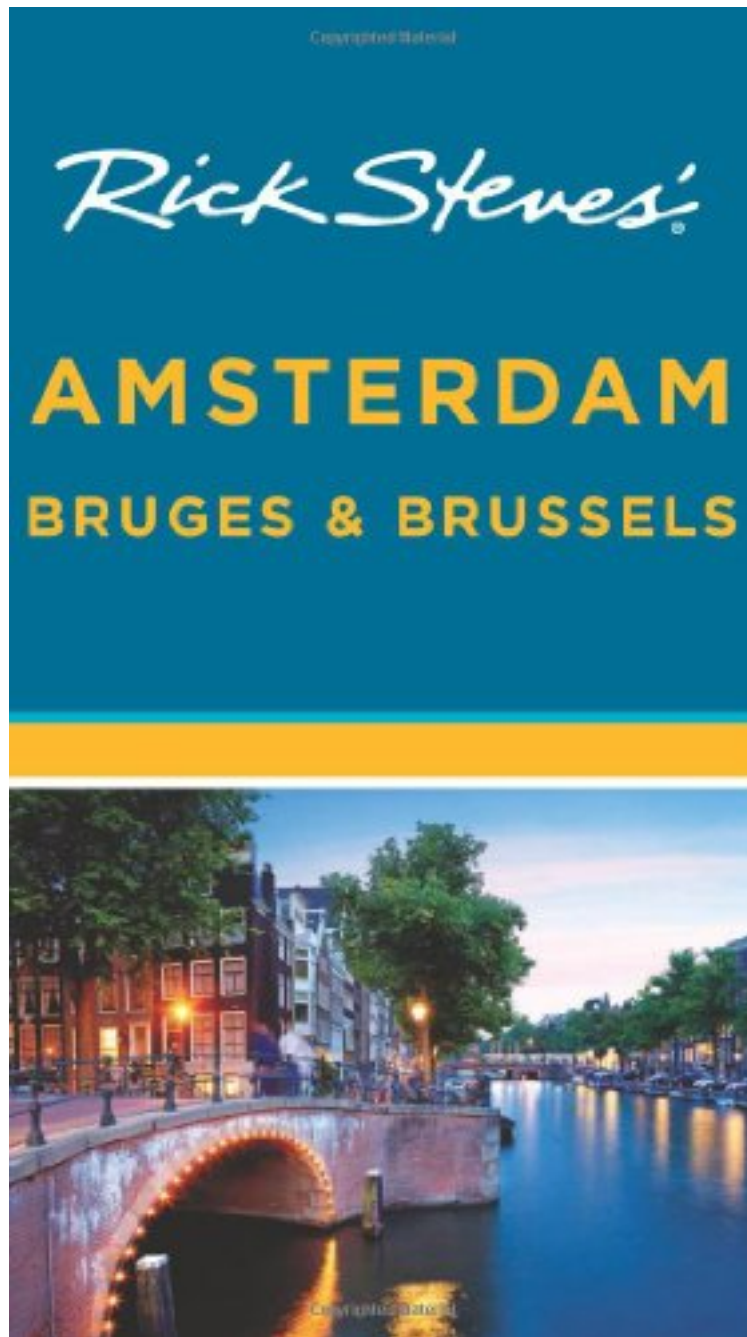


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whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Steves' Amsterdam, Bruges Brussels:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Good, but not his bestBy GinaMy husband and I always use Rick Steve's books when traveling abroad. This book was very helpful, but not my favorite.Positives:1. The walking tours are a great way to get acquainted with the city and pick and choose what you want to do as you go along. You can have a half to whole day of informative touring while spending very little cash or having to pay for a tour.2. The tips about prices and what days to visit things are helpful.3. His hand drawn maps are always great to follow.4. Background info about history and different sites is interesting.5. Take his advice about using cash instead of credit! I didn't believe him, but he was spot on.Negatives:1. He focuses too much on art and art museums which can get a bit tiresome.2. He talks down about some of the more touristy sites which are actually quite fun (Madam Troussands, Heineken Experience, Zansé Schans).3. The sections about food and restaurants are really focused on saving money rather than eating well. I don't want to eat in a mall food court just because it's cheap.4. The TV version of this book is also one of his more boring episodes.I would suggest using this for the walking tours and supplementing with Lonely Planet.10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful guideBy Pen NameRick writes very helpful guides. He gets hands on, and tries everything himself. The guides aren't beautiful, but the paper quality and lack of color glossy pictures keeps the weight down. We did however get a bit tired of his penny pinching. We aren't looking for luxury meals and lodging, but we are not college kids either. We don't want the drab hotels, and cafeteria style steak and fries kind of meals that he seems to favor. We want to discover a local place that has the kind of traditional multicourse meals Europe was known for. Unfortunately, too many all over Europe have become cheap food factories, that aren't very cheap after all. So the guides are still invaluable for their personal insights. But we now know that you have to calibrate your expectations of what Rick recommends.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Saves you from learning the hard wayBy CustomerThis book is great, and you can combine it with the podcasts on his web site to get even more information. We listened to the podcasts about the Netherlands, including the city tour podcast, and subsequently, while in Amsterdam two weeks ago, we followed exactly his city walk. It was well planned and thorough. The next day we followed his walk of the Jordaan District. Again, it was great. We were fortunate to be there on a day with the open-air market was open, so got to have both raw herring and Dutch pancakes on one meander through the market. Our hotel was near the Matterhorn stop on the tram, and his explanation of how to use the tram was perfect. (The tram driver doesn't sell tickets - there is another person in the rear of the car who does that.) With this book, you really don't feel like a total dummy while doing "routine" (to the locals) things for the first time in a new country. We went to a restaurant he named for rijsttafel, and had a great dinner. (Now my wife is collecting leftovers and at the end of the week she says she's going to put them on rice and call it rijsttafel!) We took one of the side tours he mentioned - to the Zuider Zee Museum, and were captivated with that experience. A very worthwhile trip. After Amsterdam we went to Bruges, but only had one day there, so did a paid city tour instead of trying to follow the guidebook. In general, the Rick Steves guides are absolutely top notch. Highly recommend. (FWIW, my wife has now decided she likes Amsterdam better than Paris, because of how bike-friendly and walking-friendly it is.)

Check out works by Rembrandt and Van Gogh and bike along canals fringed with Dutch elm trees—with Rick Steves' Amsterdam, Bruges Brussels, travelers can experience the best of this world-class destination—economically and hassle-free. From historic sights to progressive politics, the Netherlands offers endless sights and activities, and no one knows how to experience it all without wasting time and money better than Rick Steves and Gene Openshaw. They cover the famous destinations, such as the Anne Frank House and the Red Light District, as well as a number of off-the-beaten path options that will take travelers away from the city and into a countryside filled with windmills and old farm houses. So whether it's enjoying Flemish art in Bruges or some of the world's best marijuana in Amsterdam, Rick Steves' Amsterdam, Bruges Brussels leads the way.

Steves preaches a low-cost, low-to-the-ground style that not only saves money, but gets you closer to the real Europe, the way Europeans experience it.About the AuthorRick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door—in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle—Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.Gene Openshaw is a writer, composer, tour guide, and lecturer on art and history. Specializing in writing walking tours of Europe's cultural sights, Gene has coauthored 10 of Rick's books and contributes to Rick's public television series. As a composer, Gene has written a full-length opera (Matter), a violin sonata, and dozens of songs. He lives near Seattle with his daughter, and roots for the Mariners in good times and bad.