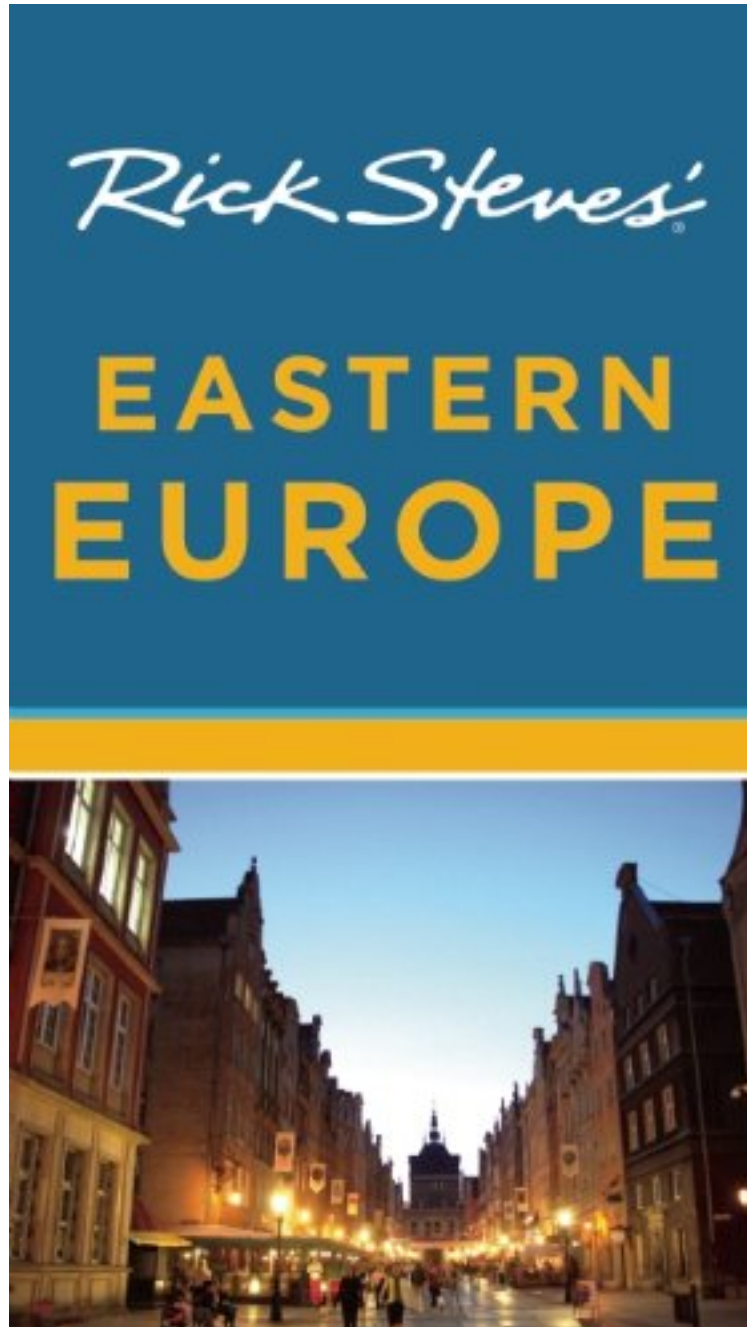


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Rick SteevesBy George F. ParsonsI normally rely on Rick Steves for it's well organized, easy to read and comprehensive reviews of travel destinations. This was my first e-book approach, where I downloaded the current version to my recently acquired Kindle Fire HD. It was fantastic to have the electronic version and I really used it to study towns we were visiting such as Budapest, Vienna, Cesky Krumlov and Prague. You cannot beat Rick Steves for his reviews of the best sites to visit, the most affordable lodging, and the preferred places to dine and drink. I would give the book 5 stars except for two issues. Occasionally his information is out of date, such as subway pass fares or admission prices. The main glitch are the hand drawn maps he includes to show locations of his recommended hotels, restaurants, etc. The detail is impossible to read, even with reading glasses, because you can't zoom these embedded graphics like you can a google or similar online map. This should be something that he can remedy by possibly allotting a double page to the map for the e-book version, if zooming this type of offline content is not doable. Still, the Steves guides are a must for the traveler looking to maximize their time and minimize their expenses.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Okay, but leaves out a lot and can be VERY repetitiveBy Karen HealeAs a very frequent traveller (I have been to over 60 countries), this is the first time that I have used a "Rick Steve's" guide book. I know that this is a compilation of countries and hence only so much can be included (plus we expect guide books to edit for "the good bits"), but I find the information either far too dense (basically he has re-written the free guided tours or the museum literature) or completely lacking (ie. cities completely left out). I don't think I will be buying another Rick Steve's book. (Also, bits like several pages explaining ratings of accomodation repeated EVERY time you get to accomodation - for each town. Explain this once and you will have 100 more pages to write useful information. (Though perhaps this is just a translation to kindle format issue)). On a positive note - I think he did a good job of trying to untangle and explain Yugoslavia and the war in a simple manner.

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Eastern Europe—including the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, and Croatia. Explore Eastern Europe's top cities, from the romantic spires of Prague and the steamy thermal baths of Budapest to charming Kraków and laid-back Ljubljana. Enjoy the imperial sights of Vienna and walking tours of exotic Dubrovnik. Then delve into the region's natural wonders: hike through the waterfall wonderland at Plitvice Lakes National Park, drive the winding road to the Julian Alps, and watch the sun dip slowly into the Adriatic from the Dalmatian Coast. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. He'll help you plan where to go and what to see, depending on the length of your trip. You'll learn which sights are worth your time and money, and how to get around by train, bus, car, and boat. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

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. Cameron Hewitt writes and edits guidebooks for Rick Steves' Europe. He first visited Budapest on a lark in 1999...and now he can't stay away. From Budapest's colorful and quirky history, to its grandiose architecture, to its mouthwatering food, to its uniquely enjoyable thermal baths, Cameron can't get enough of this enthralling, enigmatic, exhilarating city. When he's not on the road, Cameron lives in Seattle with his wife, Shawna.