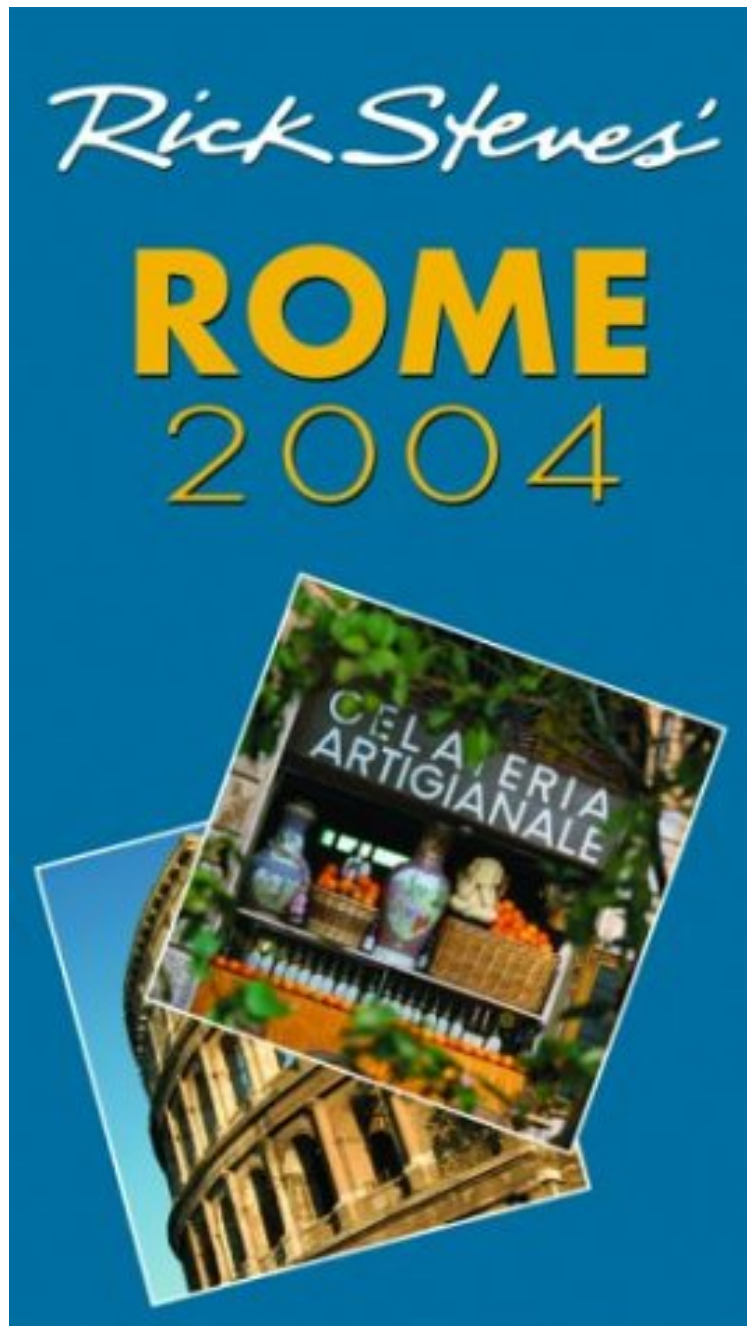


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Rick Steves, Gene Openshaw : Rick Steves' Rome 2004 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Steves' Rome 2004:

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Ridiculously inaccurate and absurdly cursory
By A Customer
This guidebook is hopelessly inaccurate in its details and too cursory about what it does cover to be of any use whatsoever to any reasonably thoughtful tourist. As to the inaccuracy: I took this guide book on a recent trip to Rome. Despite the fact that it is dated 2004, it is either wildly outdated or reprehensibly sloppy. One of the highly recommended restaurants was closed, and from the looks of it not recently. Another of the highly recommended restaurants was responsible for the worst dinner we had in Rome. Anyone foolish enough to try to use the guide to find the Steves-recommended minibus tour of the Appia Antica will look in vain for a green kiosk in the Piazza Venezia. While we eventually found a tour, it was no thanks to Rick Steves! In terms of information content, the guidebook gives the tourist much less information for the weight than, say, the Michelin or Lonely Planet guides. Do not waste precious luggage space on the Rick Steves guide--it is simply not worth lugging around.

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By Pam Carter-Bergvin
Our family uses all of his books for travel.

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By Joanne Hanrahan... and the maps are worthless.

Two examples of the many glaring inaccuracies contained in this book: 1) Rick claims you can pick up a bus map in any tourist information kiosk. The following is an actual transcript of our conversation with the tourist info lady:
us: buon giorno. do you speak english?
info lady: of course.
us: we'd like to go to Vatican city. may we have a bus map please?
info lady: a bus map? for Roma?
us: um, yes.
info lady: no such thing exists.

2) Rick claims you can see everything you want to see in the Vatican in one morning: St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel - everything. Um, Rick? Have you ever BEEN there? Did you notice the 40,000 other people there all trying to get in to the same things? Did you notice the priceless and beautiful works of art on practically every surface? Did it occur to you that people might, perhaps, want to stop and admire a large number of them? Light a candle? Say a prayer? Some of us, also, have to behind a crowd of 35 elderly Germans to look at Michaelangelo's Pieta, and everything else. Methinks ol' Rick either spends an average of 15 minutes apiece on the most astonishing and pleasurable spots in Rome, or is comfortable elbowing foreign senior citizens in the ribs.

Rick Steves does more than just list where to travel in Europe; he gives travelers inside information on what to visit, where to stay, and how to get there--economically and hassle-free. Travelers can delve into European culture, make friends with the locals, and experience everything Europe has to offer.

Today's tourists are as likely to be toting Rick Steves as Giorgio Armani, tasting the good life without burning through the Kids' college fund.