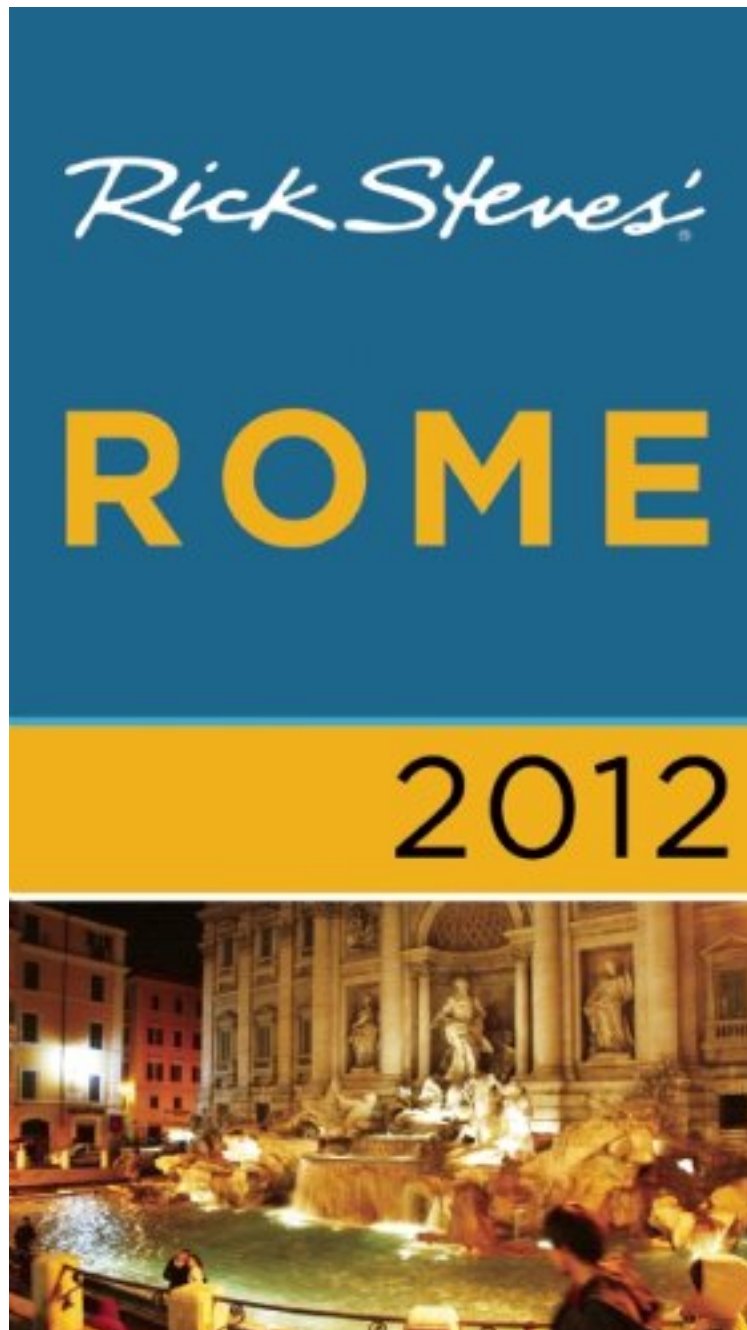


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**Rick Steves, Gene Openshaw : Rick Steves' Rome 2012** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Steves' Rome 2012:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining and Useful By TravellingSunny I enjoy Rick Steves' sense of humor, and he lays out the major tourist sites (as well as several not so major sites.) The format is easy to read, and the book contains a lot of very useful information for first time visitors to Rome. I specifically love the "walks" that are suggested in the book - scenic walking tours that you can do on your own with directions, what to look for, etc. I'm giving it 4 rather than 5 stars because the book focuses a lot of attention on the very touristy areas west of the central train station, and doesn't give enough details about areas to the south and hardly any details about areas to the east. But, if you plan to stay/tour in the main historical center and/or Vatican City, then this book is fantastic!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The perfect travel book for slightly insecure American tourist By rustberg Rick Steve's book on Rome 2012 was by far the best travel book I brought along. Information was easy to find--such as key phrases to just get around. The tone is one of good natured humor mixed with good solid advice. It never speaks down to the reader, but consistently builds admiration, patience, and pure enjoyment of Rome and Romans. For instance, I found it so helpful that right off the bat it says that Americans either love or hate Rome, depending to the extent they bring their local expectations with them. That was absolutely true. Once I let go my personal concept of courtesy, how to stand in line, how to drive properly, (and even how to friggin' name your streets!), everything became magical. The book really encourages adopting basic Italian phrases and makes it plain fun and simple. And true to its point, I did find Italians warmed to my attempts and were eager to meet me more than half way. The bottom line is that the book helps open the door that we all want to go through anyway--that's why we're traveling to Rome in the first place! While visiting the Palatine ruins, I accidentally left my Rick Steves book on a bench when I went to take a picture. I remembered it 5 minutes later and the book was gone. Hopefully helping other American tourists enjoy one of the most incredible cities on earth.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Rome travel advice By Zarkam We used this resource as background information to help us plan our recent Rome trip as we have found Rick Steve's guides to be very good. I can't speak to the food or hotel recommendations as there are so many to choose from and Rick can only mention a few of them. Rick's advice on converting dollars to Euros is to go into a bank to get the best exchange rate. I had five banks in Rome tell me they don't do currency exchanges and directed me to a nearby commercial money exchanger. My advice is to load up your bank account before you leave home and use ATM's to get your money. That way you'll get the best exchange rate. Street level money exchangers charge ridiculous fees. Rome is expensive as the Euro rate is not in our favor. Overall Rick's guide is very good with maps, places to visit and suggested walks. Another tip if you're going to the coliseum, go late in the afternoon (3:30 or later) as morning crowds are horrible. Go to the Trevi Fountain late in the evening after dinner (10 PM ) as crowds here are also horrid. Tourists eat at 6-8, don't go to dinner until 9 to avoid the crush.

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in the Eternal City of Rome. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll walk the same streets as the Caesars and discover the secrets of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Learn how to avoid the lines at the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica. Take a night walk across the city and enjoy floodlit fountains and piazzas. Then grab a sidewalk table at the locals' favorite trattoria and watch the world go by. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. You'll learn how to navigate the Rome Metro and which sights are worth your time and money. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.