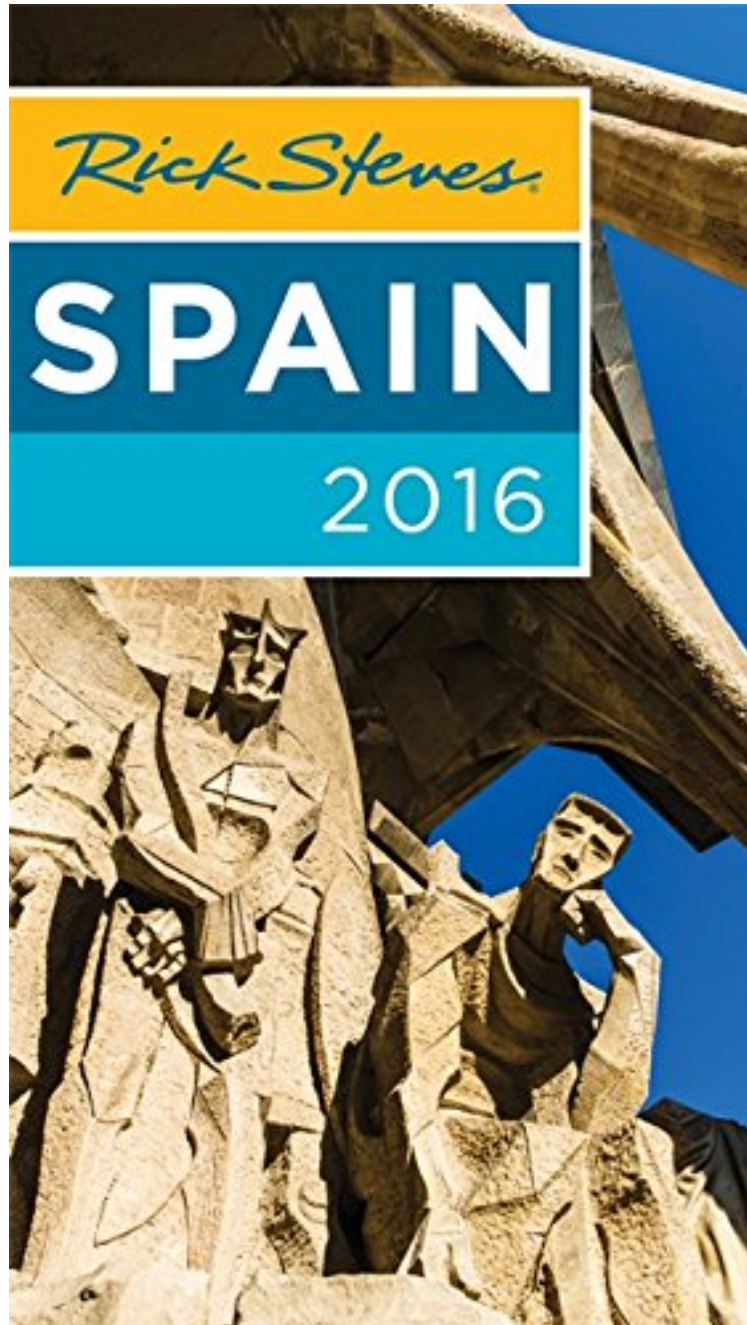


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30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. The BEST travel guides are by Rick Steves. By Virginia GalIn the opinion of this frequent traveler, Rick Steves's guides are the ONLY ones you need if you're going anywhere in Europe! In the past, I've bought two or three guidebooks for the same country before I felt like I had all of the information I needed. Once I found the Rick Steves books, I have never bought another version of any travel guide again. The Rick Steves guides are so thorough, that the only way you could get better, more complete guidance would be to have Rick or one of his tour guides along with you. Each guide takes you through the country city by city, including what to do before you leave home, what to pack, where to stay, where to eat, and what to see. He'll tell you what sights will need advance booking or reservations. There are walking guides for cities, as well as detailed walking tours for museums, churches, and other major sights. For the history lovers, there are beautifully written sections to educate you about what you're seeing, which makes your experience measurably more meaningful. The information is so detailed that Rick tells you things like, "When exiting the front of the train station, turn to your left and walk 20 yards to the bus stop. Take bus #11 to go directly to the castle." It doesn't get any easier to plan your sightseeing than that! And of course, there are simplified city maps to help you navigate once you get there, usually marked with his suggested walking tour route. Other helpful sections include tips about money, shopping, climate, and transportation. But one of my favorite parts of Rick's books is that he tells you how to really see a place by becoming what he calls a "temporary local." In other words, don't miss the real heart of the country by seeing only the well known tourist hot spots. He tells you how the locals live and how you can have that experience, too. Finally, each book includes a list of survival phrases and words to help you communicate while you're there. As Rick says, and I can confirm, the locals will very much appreciate your attempt to use their language instead of just assuming that they speak English. Don't worry about your pronunciation - just try it! There is so much valuable information in the Rick Steves guides that I'm sure I'm leaving something out. In my opinion, they have no equal! Make sure to get the most recent edition and you will be glad you bought this guide!

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Make the Most of Your Trip to Spain. By CustomerRick has done an excellent job, as usual, on providing information that gives you the opportunity to make the most of your trip. Reading the book in advance allowed me to better plan and make the best use of my time. There is only one piece of information that I found to be inaccurate--the information on leasing vehicles. The book suggests that it is more economical to lease a vehicle if you are keeping it more than a minimum time period. However, when I called the company listed in the book, they told me that the cars were delivered to Spain from France, and, therefore, there would be a \$500 delivery fee which makes it much more expensive than the rental option. Another problem is that the electronic version is a little more difficult to find information if what you are looking for is not close to the title listed in the table of contents. The maps are useful, but if they are printed in landscape format, it is impossible to turn the device to view the map correctly, that is, it always rotates sideways which makes it very difficult to read. I have been back from the trip for 4 days, and now that seems to be working properly. Perhaps an upgrade has corrected that issue. However, it still exists in the edition on Portugal. Finally, I had great difficulty downloading the Kindle Edition. I had to call 4 times to get it done. Hopefully, they have this corrected by now.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Traveling with Steve. By Joetta H SchlabachI just returned from a week in Spain and Rick Steve's book was my constant and trust-worthy companion. I was traveling alone, often making my lodging accommodations just a few days ahead (as one can do in the off-season), and all of his recommendations were excellent. I have commented that he always begins each city section by directing you to the local tourist info center, but I never needed anything beyond what was provided in the guide. I especially loved the walking tours and used the tours for Madrid, Ramblas and Gothic in Barcelona. Highly recommend!

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broadening for Americans.