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**Insight Guides : Switzerland (Insight Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Switzerland (Insight Guides):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent place to start By CJ It has been said many times in reviews of this series---the Insight Guides are more for general background and very good entertainment than seriously planning a trip. If you want a trip planner, look into the Eyewitness Travel series. The Eyewitness series, however, is rather dry to read, so many would enjoy having both. I eventually plan to go on a whirlwind month long European vacation, but in the mean time, simply enjoying the beautiful photographs/illustrations and discussion of what these

countries are like in this series is a good primer. I especially enjoy discussion of the culture, cuisine and famous places of each country. You'll definitely walk away from the Insight Guides series knowing where you want to go when you visit these places, but if you need more help with specifics, check out the Eyewitness series. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great pictures and text for enjoyable browsing. By Chris Just a brief review of this book's basic purpose: it's really not a travel book in the practical sense, but instead provides a really great concentration of pictures and capsule history/culture. I own it and it's great to look through without any plans for travel - I wouldn't use it to plan a trip directly, but rather to learn about where I'd want to go. The Insight Guide to Germany is also particularly fine, I might add. (I write this marginal review mainly as a sort of corrective to the previous review, which though perfectly reasonable as far as it goes doesn't do the book justice in its star-rating, in my view, since the impression that the book is trying to be the sort to help with hotel recommendations and the like was misguided.) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Will give you a real feeling for being there. By alice marie carter Switzerland Insight Guide has great pictures, along with information from many angles, so you get a good feeling as to what it may be like to visit. Information about museums and other landmarks in good. Only draw back is that the map of the country is divided by "east" and "west" Switzerland on the front and back covers. A fold out of the whole country would be better.

This guide includes a section detailing Switzerland's history, nine features covering aspects of the country's life and culture, ranging from its rich artistic heritage to its Alpine activities, a region by region visitor's guide to the sights, and a comprehensive travel tips section packed with essential contact addresses and numbers. It also includes hundreds of photographs and 20 maps.