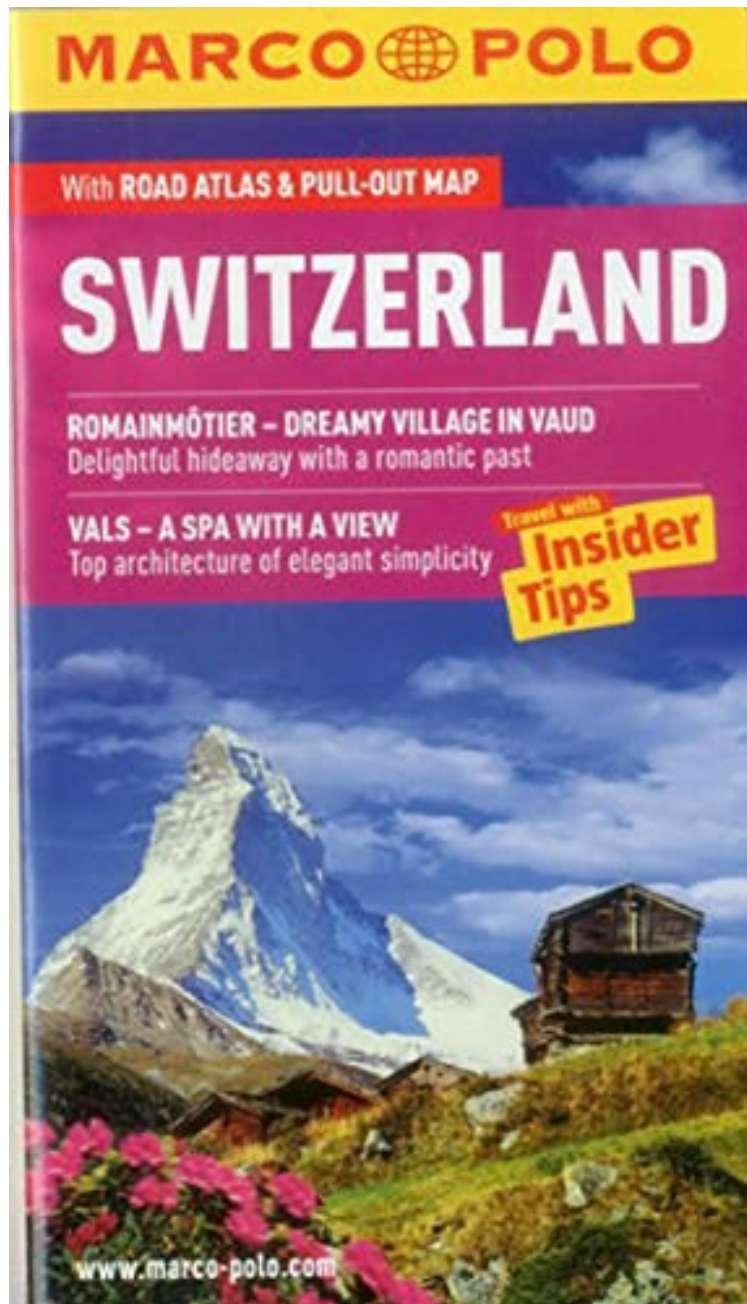


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An overview guide to SWITZERLAND By TripFiction The Marco Polo guides I have read so far are short and to the point, and quirkily informative. This guide suggests a route around Switzerland that takes in the diverse cultures and scenery that are to be found in the country. So that is a good starting point, even if one only does a section. There are interesting insights into the workings of the country, it's all very democratic, there is no head of state (and come to think of it I would be hard pressed to think of the name of the person who "leads" Switzerland). There are a lot of busy industries - watches, cheese etc, but there are also quiet ones too, like fashion and architecture (who knew?). Herzog and De Meuron apparently designed the Birds' Nest at Beijing. I also didn't realise that the sculptor Alberto Giacometti was Swiss (because of his name I had him down as Italian, but hadn't really given it much thought). And here's your top tip for the next pub quiz - the most famous St Bernhard dog was called Barry, he is reported to have saved 40 souls and died in 1814. And fondue, we all associate it with the country. BUT don't be the first to let your bread drop off as you will have give the other people around the table some kind of present (and fondue is best made from Vacherin and Greyerzer, which under any other name is Gruyere). The guide says: "Switzerland is nature in its purest form" and I think that is a wonderful way to put it. The mountains in the different areas are in fact all different, stark and imposing in Valais, green and lush in the Bernese Oberland. There are top Insider Tips for many places, sights and places to eat and stay. And many I have already visited and they deserve to be an Insider Tip. The guide is a quick overview to the country rather than an in depth examination, but if that is what you are looking for it will deliver in handfults. It is also solidly bound, robust and a good size for pocket or handbag.

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