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Alisa Kester says

Guide books don't get better than Rick Steves.

Kellyk says

This was a great book to have while traveling in Venice. The information he included was incredibly helpful and I highly recommend following the walking tours and reading along his behind the scenes descriptions, especially following his tour of the Doge's Palace.

Melissa Joulwan says

Rick Steves travel guides are just the best. He has the inside scoop on the best non-touristy ways to see all the touristy highlights, and his restaurant recommendations are always right on. My favorite part of his books is that he always includes detailed walking tours with plenty of history and trivia, so you have context for what you're seeing.

Rebecca says

This was almost more fun to page through after I'd seen Venice, but simultaneously made me long to go back. Such is the power of a good travel book!

I love the "Back Door Travel Philosophy" summarized on p. 16. A tidbit:

"Affording travel is a matter of priorities. (Make do with the old car.) You can travel -- simply, safely, and comfortably -- nearly anywhere in Europe for \$120 a day plus transportation costs (allow more for big cities). In many ways, spending money only builds a thicker wall between you and what you came to see."

Connie Johnson says

Excellent book to help you tour Venice efficiently, takes you to some off beat sites and includes all the maps and hints you could need. There are free apps, maps, and audio tours on his website which I downloaded prior to going. Used some of the pre printed maps but the book was key. I recommend Rick's books to help you get the most out of your city visits.

Elizabeth says

Not as good as his Rome guide, but Venice is Venice, it changes and it doesn't and part of it's charm is just getting lost, so I still think it's the best guide out there for this amazing city.

Needs a better map, but you can get one when you get there.

The lagoon tour chapter is dead on. I had no idea it would take so long to get to Murano and Burano.

Best advice from it? Stay in at the quiet, inexpensive (relatively speaking, remember it's VENICE!) Casa Rezzonico. We adored Matteo and Mattia and their little 7 room in was a quite piece of heaven far enough away from the crowds to be delightful, but close enough(15 minutes to San Marco and Realto) to be part of the action. Accademia is 3 minutes away. Spotlessly clean, well decorated, and an ample breakfast is included. We would never stay anywhere else.

Rick gets you to know the culture. His budget advise is fantastic.

If it's your first trip to Europe, read Europe Through the Back Door FIRST!

Terri Lynn says

I read the new version each year and always enjoy it. Venice has a lot to offer and it is one of my top 4 favorite cities in Italy (Florence, Rome, and Milan being the other top favorites).

Venice is one of the few guidebooks where Rick includes some good choices of places to stay among the usual dumps and duds. I can actually recommend several of them though still prefer others that are costlier because they are better. Still, many of the 3 star ones he recommends are comfortable and safe. Always look for air conditioning and elevators. You'd be surprised at how many of the ones he suggests have neither and if you like privacy and convenience, always go for the ones with a private bathroom including shower or tub and toilet. Be forewarned that Italy is politically correct in some ways and actually forbids hotels to use air conditioning except for maybe 3 months of the year. They also can't turn on the heat except for a limited time so be aware of this.

The sights and the details on transportation and tickets to see the sights are all well done here and I get giddy just reading the museum sections Be aware of the difference between gondolas and vaporetti (especially price wise). The people of Italy are warm and welcoming, so friendly in fact that you'll feel like a member of the family.

JG (The Introverted Reader) says

(Cut and pasted from my review for the Tuscany and Florence version)

I used this to plan our trip to Venice. If we missed anything, I don't know what it is! I found out about places I didn't know existed and learned how to skip a lot of lines. I personally enjoyed the guy's sense of humor also, but I can see how it wouldn't appeal to everyone. He's kind of corny, but I can be too. Anyway, highly

recommended.

Keir Haug says

We used it quite a bit on our trip. I did take to calling it our Rick James Guide, which has now stuck. "I'm Rick James, bitch!"

Julia says

Really does contain some invaluable tips.

My only caveat is, Rick isn't really an art fan, so he recommends skipping things like the museum in Padua that are really full of fascinating treasures. So, take his art advice with a grain, and memorize the rest.

Angela says

I read this book cover-to-cover for my recent trip. Overall, I don't think I find Steves as funny as he finds himself, and the majority of restaurants were disappointments, however, he has a great way of cutting to the chase on what to do in a city and his self-guided tours are really good if you can get past the jokes.

Todd Wright says

Very practical advice, down to which water taxi to take.

Tanya says

I use his guidebooks religiously during my European travels. I especially loved the guided tours of the Doge's Palace and the Frari Church in this one. The maps were invaluable, as it's easy to get lost in Venice!

I ♥ Bookie Nookie (bookienookiereviews.blogspot.com) says

originally checked out this book from the library and liked it so much that I ordered it from Amazon. They had the kindle version, but this is definitely a book that I wanted in paperback.

The book contains all the major attractions and "must do" activities in the featured cities. In Venice, it is VITAL for you to do the "pub crawl" he has laid out for you - that was the most fun night we had on our trip :-)

There were also lots of great traveler tips and money saving suggestions. For instance, one thing I never thought about is that lots of restaurants already have a service charge included that covers the tip - typically indicated on the menu, but had I not know to look for that, I would have been over tipping tremendously. Also lots of place to avoid - many of these places were recommended to us by our American friends.

This was an invaluable resource for us in our travels.

Danilo DiPietro says

Rick is the best. Great descriptions of the key places to visit, wonderful restaurant recommendations. Also recommend you download his app which has a number of guided walks and tours.
