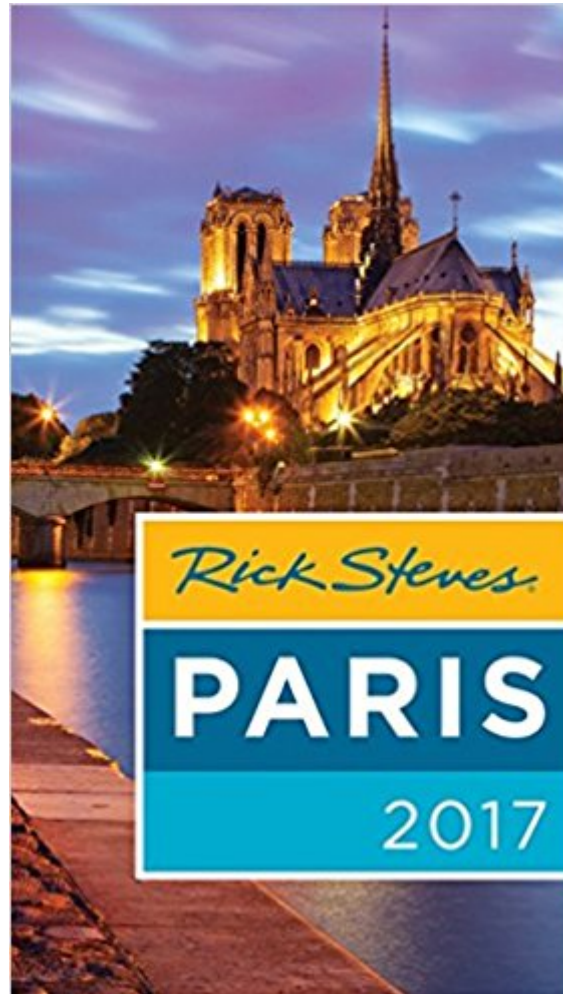




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## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in the City of Light&#151;Paris. With the self-guided tours in this book, you&#39;ll explore the grand Champs-Élysées, the eye-popping Eiffel Tower, and the radiant cathedral of Notre-Dame. Learn how to save money and avoid the lines at the Louvre and Orsay Museums. Enjoy the ambience of Parisian neighborhoods, and take a day trip to the glittering palace of Versailles, or to the Champagne-soaked city of Reims. Then grab a café crême at a sidewalk café and listen to the hum of the city. You&#39;ll see why Paris remains at the heart of global culture. Rick&#39;s candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful neighborhoods. You&#39;ll learn how to navigate the Paris Métro, 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.

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## Customer Reviews

Since 1973, Rick has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 20,000 travelers to Europe annually. He does all of this with the help of a hardworking, well-traveled staff of 100 at Rick Steves&#39; Europe in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy groups focused on economic justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. To recharge, Rick

plays piano, relaxes at his family cabin in the Cascade Mountains, and spends time with his partner Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie. Steve Smith manages tour planning for Rick Steves' Europe Through the Back Door and has been researching guidebooks with Rick for two decades. Fluent in French, he's lived in France on several occasions, starting when he was seven, and has traveled there annually since 1986. Steve's wife, who is an expert on French cuisine and wine, provides invaluable contributions to his books, as do his two children. Gene Openshaw is a writer, composer, tour guide, and lecturer on art and history. Specializing in writing walking tours of Europe's cultural sights, Gene has coauthored 10 of Rick's books and contributes to Rick's public television series. As a composer, Gene has written a full-length opera (Matter), a violin sonata, and dozens of songs. He lives near Seattle with his daughter, and roots for the Mariners in good times and bad.

Whenever we travel to Europe, we always purchase a Rick Steves book in advance. His books are both practical travel planning tools, while also filled with many insights of the people, culture and history of the cities and countries you'll be visiting. His tear-out travel maps with public transportation and places of interest are must haves that we take with us when we start each day. The Rick Steves audio info and tours are worth checking out as well.

Rick Steves' Paris and France books are great. He is very thorough in dealing with a wide audience. We have taken many of his suggestions - always right on.

If you only buy one Paris travel guide, this would be my recommendation. Rick Steves doesn't sugar coat the tourist traps that you can skip. His recommendations for sleep & restaurants are good & go from low to high but mostly in between which is where many travelers fall. He really shines on the sights you should see with history, best times to go, etc. etc. His books are printed on lightweight paper & in black & white which is smart. I always cut up his books & take just the sections I need on vacation. With the internet, you can get pretty pictures to whet your appetite & he gives you what you need for planning & on the trip. I go to France every year & I always take parts of his guide with me.

We bought this book before our first trip to Paris and I can't even imagine going on such a big trip without it! We read it before going and it helped us find the perfect hotel that Rick recommends. We even scored a free breakfast for two each morning by simply showing them the book on check-in (this saved us around \$180). We also downloaded his audio guides and used them a lot during our

tours. The best part was the guided walks which took us to places we would never have found on our own, like the lovely Montmartre walks. Rick helped us learn the history and rich culture of the sites. We also bought his London book and we will buy all the books he has written for our future destinations. Highly recommend!

Though the information is excellent, the paper is terrible - newsprint paper. I am a huge Rick Steve's follower, and have bought several guides and used all his audio tours. The information is invaluable. The only reason I bought a new Paris book is because I wanted to highlight a new book and have updated restaurant recommendations. I got neither. I disappointed to see that due to the flimsy newsprint paper, I could not highlight or even underline in the book, and the restaurant section was smaller than in my older guide (2007). I understand that newsprint is lighter, so there are 150 more pages of information in thinner book, but the paper wrinkles and buckles with a damp finger, or even humidity. Best guide out there, but terrible choice of paper.

Great book. Lots of info. Helped on Montmatre when tour was canceled for not enough people. Just had to do it in reverse. Did the day tour to Auvers-sur-Oise when Van Gogh spent his last 70 days. Maps of city and transportation map helpful.

This book is invaluable while planning and preparing for a trip to Paris. Everything from unit conversions, quick phrases to knowing which hotel to choose and what places are a must-see. I am loving this as a planning aid.

Rick never disappoints--just returned from 13 days in Paris and this book was an invaluable help to prepare for the trip & was consulted often while there. Even my millennial daughter kept using it while there!

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