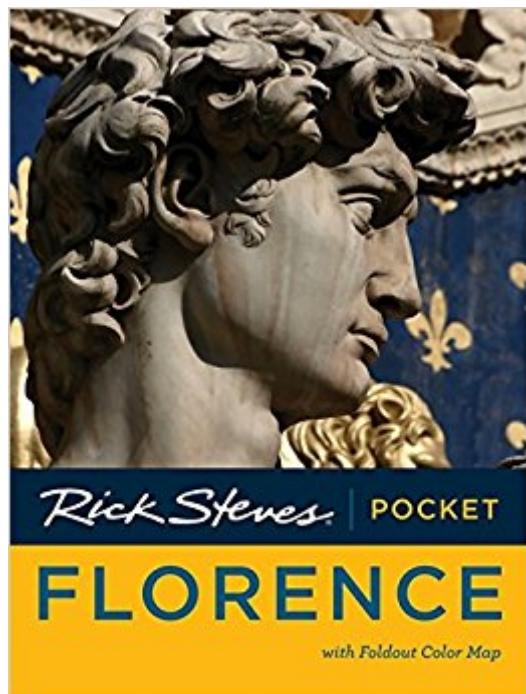


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# Rick Steves Pocket Florence



## Synopsis

Rick Steves Pocket guidebooks truly are a tour guide in your pocket. This colorful compact guidebook includes Rick's advice for prioritizing your time, whether you're spending 1 or 7 days in Florence. Everything a busy traveler needs is easy to access: a neighborhood overview, city walks and tours, sights, handy food and accommodations charts, an appendix packed with information on trip planning and practicalities, and a fold-out city map. Rick Steves' Pocket Florence includes the following walks and tours: Renaissance Walk Accademia Tour: Michelangelo's David Uffizi Gallery Tour Bargello Tour Duomo Museum Tour

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## Customer Reviews

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. Since 1973, Rick Steves 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' 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.

What can I say...it's the best for when you're on the go, and really, even with thorough more detailed guidebooks to supplement, I still refer to it first for prioritizing what to see and how to navigate the sights once you're there. The maps of how to navigate inside museums and churches are invaluable. Just enough info to read while you're there--not too much. And the "historical walks" are really useful. I wouldn't be without it. I have one for Rome also. A little spare on eating and hotel choices. And little gems of humor here and there. Get a good comprehensive guide book for planning, but use this little one while touring.

We bought three of these books for our trip to Italy (one for Rome, one for Venice and one for Florence). All 3 were fantastic. They have all the key information needed (and maps and walking guides) but were small enough to take with us each day. We also downloaded the free audio guides for some of the museums (and listened to them as we did the tours) - they were worth the cost of the book alone! We will use these books for all future trips - the format and the writing really works for us.

We had a great time due to this book. It lists all of the specifics: times to go, prices, how to get there, if most like it, and history.

Great to follow. Using next year. His books are the best

Just the ticket to have in your pocket when in Florence. We referred to this frequently and it saved the necessity of paying or searching for other sources.

Rick Steves' books are always good. This was extremely helpful planning our days in Florence and the small size made it easy to keep with us at all times.

I actually like to read about the "must see" places AFTER I go see them; I form my own opinion and then read about what other people think. But if you're more traditional and like someone to plan what you should see/do, this is an excellent tool for that as well.

Very portable, highlights the best of Florence, not serious reading, he has a good sense of humor in his comments.

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