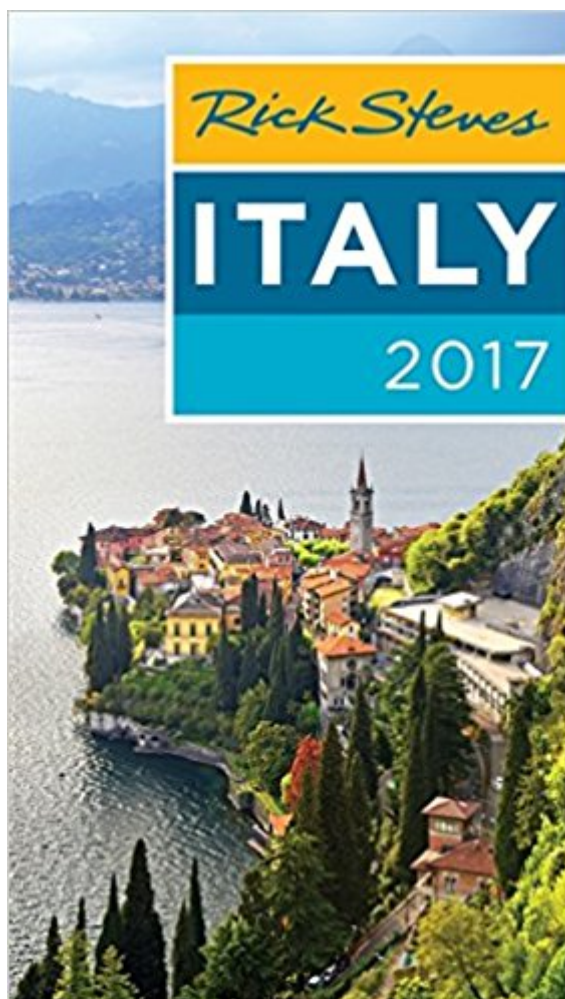


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# Rick Steves Italy 2017



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Italy. From the beaches to the Alps, from fine art to fine pasta, Italy has it all. With this book, you'll trace Italian culture from Rome's Colosseum to Michelangelo's David to the bustling elegance of Milan. Experience the art-drenched cities of Venice and Florence, explore the ancient ruins of the Roman Forum, and learn how to avoid the lines at the most popular museums. Discover the villages of Tuscany and Umbria and the lazy rhythms of the Cinque Terre. Shop at local market stalls, sip a cappuccino at an outdoor caf  , and pick up a picnic lunch at an allimentari. Relax and enjoy the life of Bella Italia! Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. He'll help you plan where to go and what to see, depending on the length of your trip. You'll get up-to-date recommendations about what is 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' 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 is there is well done but the title is misleading. It should be titled "Northern and central Italy". A guidebook called "Italy" should cover the whole country, but Sicily, Puglia and Calabria (the heel and toe of the boot) are totally missing. Since this is where 95% of my trip will be, I would never have purchased this book. If you are spending time in southern Italy buy a different book such as Lonely Planet's "Italy" which does cover the entire country.

i used the 2007 version of this book for my month-long trip to Italy 10 years ago. My brother is heading there soon and I didn't hesitate to order the updated version for him to use on his trip. I love so many things about this travel book. I used it to plan my trip--the hotel recommendations are great. I used it on the trip pretty much every day. There are ranked recommendations for sight-seeing for each city in the book. I found that super helpful in planning my time at each location we visited. I found the travel tips very useful too...what to do if you need a doctor, etc. This book is a great investment! I would recommend getting the hard copy, not the digital version.

Bought this for an upcoming trip to Italy and it has proved very helpful in trying to narrow down places to go and things to see. I also like the maps that are provided. There is plenty of information and tips; in fact, there is so much information that it is a bit overwhelming. I even let my co worker borrow the book as she was going to Italy this past month.

Great travel guide, packed with useful information. Everything from guided walks, recommended locations, and sites not to miss. All delivered in Rick Steves' conversational style. Compares very well with other guidebooks, packed with more information, more maps, and a very pleasing style.

So far this book has been really helpful. I hope I can narrow down what I want to do!

Great guide that we referenced daily on our short stops in Rome, Florence and Napoli! Whether you have limited time, or all the time in the world, this guide makes it easy to organize your exploration of Italy.

Honestly, kind of disappointed. I read Rick Steves website and it suggests to find some details such

as Caesar Shuffle walks (Rome) and Rialto to Frari walk (Venice) in his "guide book". So I bought this book. But I don't find this information in the book. After chatting with people in the RS forum, I learned I have to buy the RS City specific guide books for Rome, and Venice for these walks. Well, since I am paying for more books, I will try other Authors books instead of RS ones.

We had a wonderful time in Italy, thanks to this guide. Rick suggests taking it apart by city, which we did. Made it easy to put that chapter in your pocket.

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