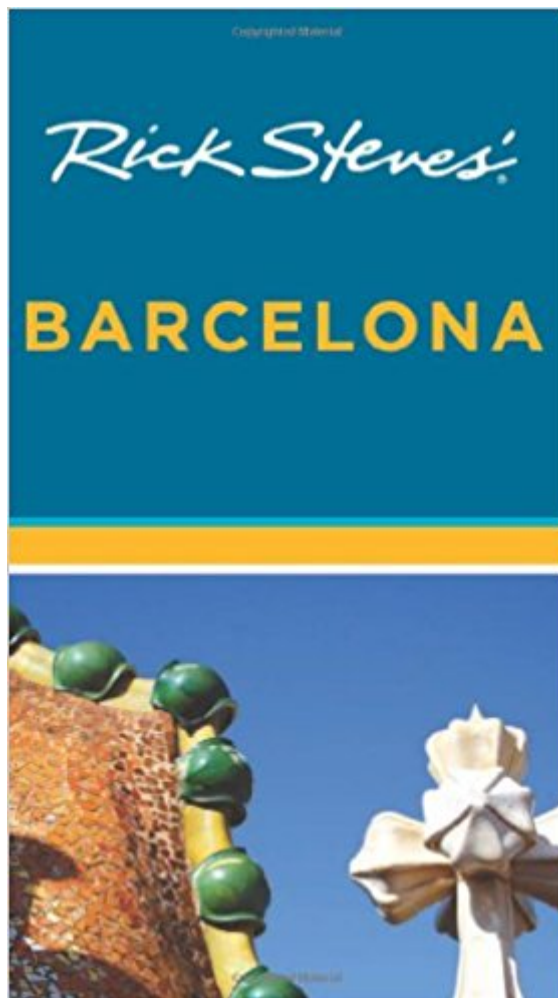




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Rick Steves' Barcelona



Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Barcelona. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll ramble down the Ramblas, explore the medieval Old City, and discover funky boutiques and hangouts in characteristic El Born. Learn how to master the Metro and how to bypass the long lines at Antoni Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Immerse yourself in Catalan culture, ponder the art at the Picasso Museum, and go on a tapas bar crawl. Then head to the Eixample; Barcelona's "uptown"; to marvel at the Modernista architecture of Casa Milà and the Block of Discord. 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 on 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

Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and an app and podcast (Rick Steves Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (RickSteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 80 at Europe Through the Back Door; in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening

for Americans.

This is a nice guide to Barcelona. It's written in very conversational manner. What I like are the walking tour routes. They are marked out with the city's key attractions and information. You can cover the whole of Barcelona with these routes depending on the number of days you have. Besides tourist spots, the book also includes info on accommodation, food, shopping, night life and day trips from Barcelona. All these are provided with maps and places marked out. It's a very helpful guide book. ABOUT THE KINDLE EDITION: The maps are small. The road names are just barely visible if you scrutinize the map. You can still see the black location markers so I guess that's enough. The Metro map in the book is unreadable in Kindle format as it's too small. Grab the physical maps at the Metro station. I've also checked out Lonely Planet Barcelona and the words on their maps are even smaller. Publishers should make their maps bigger for Kindle, even if they have to be printed section by section across a few pages. They are more helpful than a map you can barely see.

We found a nice little restaurant (Las Palmerias) using this guide, It was a nice small (20 tables or so) restaurant, where the owner was also your waiter. For the big tourist attractions, this guide is less helpful. A trip to Montserrat, for example, was not helped much by this guide. We were shocked that Steve failed to find the tiny restaurant behind the train station (at the cable car station) that served a nice Sangria and tapas. Considering the food offerings at Montserrat were horrific (avoid the dining room, worse than Disney) it was a bit of an oversight. But I think this is because this book doesn't concentrate on the big tourist attractions (which often are a big disappointment, anyway, unless you really enjoy standing in line and being jammed in with crowds of sweaty tourists). If you like more of "off the beaten path" then this guide is useful.

We went to Barcelona July 2013 and this book did not disappoint us. We have used 4 Rick Steves books before and they have always been tremendously helpful. I find that his travel books are so much more complete and personal with down to earth advice, not just dry listings. He has helped us find specific room #'s in hotels for wonderful rooms that we would have otherwise never found. Barcelona was a fun and beautiful place but oh so hot when we went in July - be prepared!

We had 2 full days in Barcelona at the end of a European vacation, and we used Rick Steves' Barcelona to determine the best places to go, things to see, and ways to get around during that time. What differentiates Steves' approach is that, while being interested in conveying the history

and context of the important parts of the city, he focuses on things directly applicable and useful to the traveler, in the moment, while they are there. Things like "where are the bathrooms" and "can I buy tickets for this online and skip the line" and "is this museum really worth it". All of this makes Rick Steves' Barcelona a worthwhile digital guide to load on your tablet or phone and use while making your way around the city.

I look forward to using this book in April!!

This book was a huge help in planning our limited time in Barcelona. It helped us decide the things we most wanted to see and in what order we should see them. We also chose our lodging based on this book and it turned out to be a very good choice for us. We were able to make the very best use of our time by using this resource which we passed on to a family member who is now planning his Barcelona trip. Also, one of the great things about Rick Steves' books is that they contain references to so many additional resources. You can't go wrong with this one.

I didn't really like this book as a travel guide. It's meant for someone who wants an itinerary already planned out for them. I would have preferred more background information on Barcelona and the culture and then maybe a more thorough history of the suggested sites. The choices of restaurants were also quite limited.

Rick Steves' books are awesome! So much information condensed in content and order. Even if you didn't travel to any of the countries he writes about you can learn so much simply reading them. Excellent book to plan your time abroad. Grateful for the recommendations in his books. Taking them with us as it will be like having a travel guide with us. Highly recommend!!!!

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