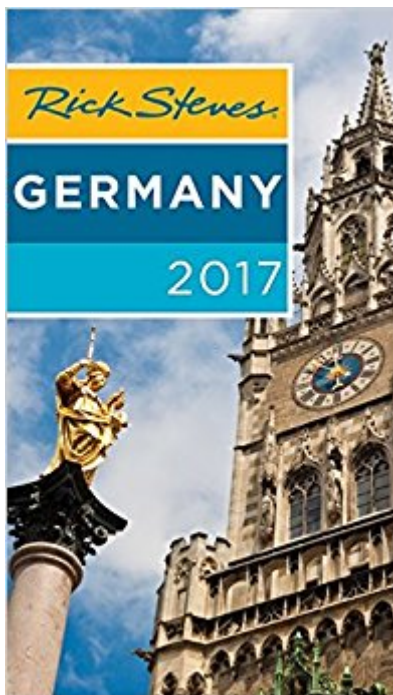


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# Rick Steves Germany 2017



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Germany. This guidebook takes you from fairy-tale castles, alpine forests, and quaint villages to the energetic Germany of today. Get the details on cruising the romantic Rhine or summiting the Zugspitze. Have a relaxing soak at a Black Forest mineral spa or take an exhilarating summer bobsled ride in the Bavarian Alps. Flash back to Berlin's turbulent past at Checkpoint Charlie; then celebrate the rebirth of Dresden and its glorious Frauenkirche. 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 learn which sights are worth your time and money, and how to get around Germany by train, bus, and car. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

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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's 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.

Rick Steves is a wonderful travel writer, and his travel books are the only ones I read. Compared to other popular travel books which are dry and dull, Rick's books are like chatting with an old friend who has just returned from a fascinating journey. However, I really must protest one gigantic oversight! I originally bought the 2010 version of this book. Instead of giving any useful or interesting information about Heidelberg, Rick totally dismisses the town, claiming it is too commercialized. Except for three negative sentences, there is no other information about Heidelberg in the entire book. I have lived in Germany since 2011 and travelled extensively all over the country. I have visited Heidelberg more than a dozen times, and it is actually one of my favorite towns in all of Germany! Each time I go, I try and figure out what Rick Steves has against this town. I can find nothing! The town of Heidelberg is gorgeous, with amazing architecture, a lively pedestrian center, and the famous castle towering over the town. There is nothing more commercial about this town than any other I have visited in Europe, and I have never seen his "hordes of Americans", either. I felt so strongly about his comments that I wrote to Rick Steves directly in 2012. I received a nice reply thanking me for my suggestions. But the new 2017 version of this book still has the exact same text as it did in 2010! Meanwhile, if you do come to Germany, try to visit Heidelberg if you have a chance. The lovely architecture and gorgeous views are not to be missed!

This book has so much information. I am using it to research and get tips on the cities I will be visiting this summer. Very helpful in deciding on what to do in each city. I highly recommend it.

It is a good book. About what I expected. I like that he suggests that you tear apart and take sections with you instead of the entire book.

Can't wait to explore some of the sights he describes. Nice, practical guide.

Rick does a nice job with these travel books. We keep buying updates each time we go back and use them for travel planning.

Excellent guidebook full of spot-on recommendations and information. I have used Steves' European guidebooks for years and he has never failed me!

Awesome guide book jam packed with information! I sat with my book and poured over it planning the next trip. I bought it as recommended by a friend and I'm glad I did!

lots of in depth information and things you might not think you need to know, but you need to know. We are headed to Germany in June and this will be a ready companion.

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