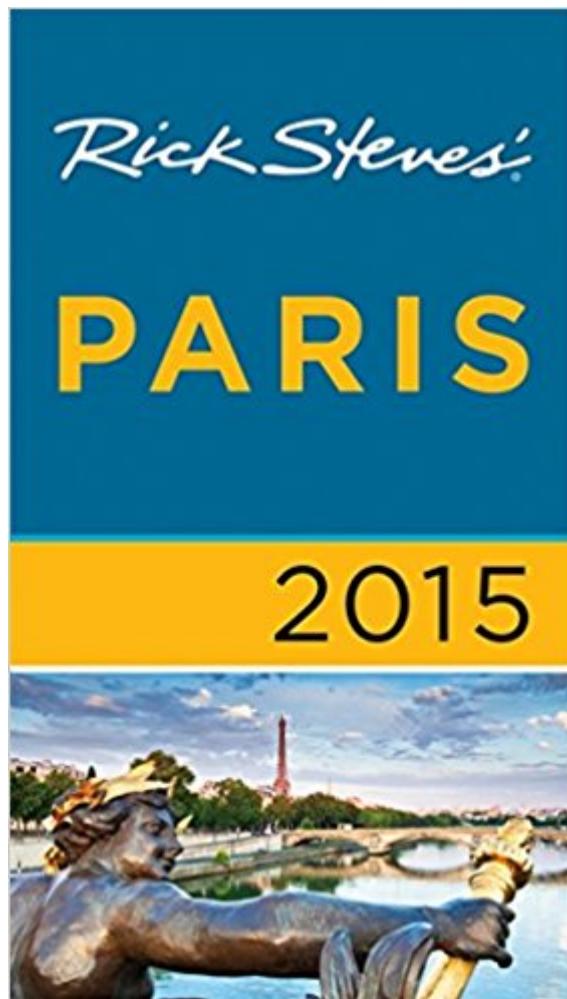


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# Rick Steves Paris 2015



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You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in the City of Light—Paris. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll explore the grand Champs-Elysées, 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 crème at a sidewalk café and listen to the hum of the city. You'll see why Paris remains at the heart of global culture. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful neighborhoods. You'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

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 Rick Steves' Europe, Inc. in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle, Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening.

for Americans. 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.

This book was recommended to me by a relative after they found out my wife and I were heading to Paris for our Honeymoon/1st Anniversary. This was quite possibly the best recommendation I have ever received for a book! I was very impressed that this 2015 edition was available even before the year started, so was confident that everything I was reading was up to date. If you're heading to Paris any time soon, do yourself a favor and get this book at least two weeks prior to leaving. Once you get it, read through it-- it's quite entertaining AND very well organized. This was my first experience with Rick Stevens, so I'm not sure what he's exactly known for but what I got from it is that he writes with a very down-to-earth voice that's easy to understand, very practical, and knows what beginner travelers like us worry about. Before reading the book, my wife and I had a bunch of questions that we weren't expecting to figure out before actually getting there, and Rick had an entire chapter devoted to those very questions. It's great that he provides a brief description of all the landmarks, but also goes into which days you should avoid for various reasons (like going to the Louvre on Wednesday instead of Tuesday because it's closed on Monday and everybody tries to go then). The info you get from this book will help you set up a schedule (I recommend 1 to 2 locations a day, if you can-- and keep it flexible!) He has walk tours in the book (you can download audio versions of these, so you can play it on your media device as you're walking). There's a chapter of his favorite eateries with the full range of price brackets. My only gripe about the book is the paper is very thin, so it's hard to flip through the book on location. It was cold in March and we were wearing gloves. Avoid downloading the digital version, however.

This latest guidebook is almost an inch thick! It is chock full of useful information. I love Rick Steves's guide books because they are fantastic. I have your using them for years. The only problem is that wherever go is that everybody else is carrying one of Rick's guides.

Like many of Rick Steves tour books this is a solid useful guide for Paris. There are however a few things that nobody has mentioned yet. In order to keep the size and weight of the book down, they are using extremely thin paper. Basically super-thin tissue paper that you have to be very careful with not ripping. Further, although a few maps are available as pdf through Rick's Europe Audioguide, which is available for free, many other maps in the print version of the book cannot be found online. One would think that after paying for this book that one would get a link to download those maps. I like to enlarge and print them and mark them up with some of my own annotations. Many maps are printed across two pages, so one cannot just scan them easily. I emailed Rick but was told that I need to copy them myself.

Was useful when we visited Paris the summer of 2015, but not as good as the guide Rick had for Rome. Used this guide to get stuff cheaper than we would have otherwise (also helpful in avoiding certain scams!). Also used it to plan our trip so we avoided busy days, and days when certain places were closed. We stayed at an Airbnb in Paris, and we used the map to determine the best location from which to access the city. Ended up finding a place with 3 metro lines, a train station and the AirFrance bus stop (to the airport) within 3 mins walking distance from the apartment. Would highly recommend staying with a well reviewed Airbnb host. Our host was so helpful, perhaps that is why we didn't need the guide as much. I loved both my trips to Rome and Paris. But Paris wasn't quite the same as Rome for me - and I believe Rick's guide to Rome had a lot to do with it!

Awesome. Rick Steve books are always the best. No color photos but you can take your own because he guides you to the best spots! Easy to use and plan your days with. Short story: I was reading it on the plane ride over to France and left it on the plane! Was so mad at myself when I realized the mistake at the hotel. I asked the front desk if they had any spare guide books expecting them to say no. But the concierge opened a cabinet full of books left behind by prior guests. She pulled out the 2011 Rick Steve guide and said this is the one everyone always used! I have to say, even though it was a few years old, it was still great for our week in Paris!

Rick Steves does a great job leading travelers to the best sites in Paris, and away from those that aren't so great. His vast experience shines in his stories and recommendations. I love his planning section includes 1 to 3-day and 5-day to 7-day plans are fantastic. I love that he divides the day into

Morning, Afternoon, and Night sections. It's a great starting place for planning our vacation for the summer. I've found that I can take one of the sections and arrange it around other events I already have planned (tix to the Ballet...do the tour of the Palais Garnier; The Historic Paris Walk leads right to Saint Chapelle where we'll be going to an evening string quartet concert. PERFECT! And in addition, his website is phenomenal! There is so much info and help on the message boards. I'm sold on Rick Steves!

I have an older version of this book, but the updated version was worth ordering. Paris is my favorite large city in Europe, but there is so much to do there that it could be overwhelming. Rick Steve's book allows one to plan each day to as fine of a degree as you would like, or to plan each day with time to roam around freely mixed in. His books, including the 2015 Paris edition are so accurate that one can plan their time, make lodging or attraction reservations and even become confident in how to get around...all prior to departing for France! Great tips on eateries, hotels and attractions in the variety of fascinating neighborhoods that comprise the city of lights.

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