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Melissa says

[2009.07] Bought and brought with us on the Scandinavia portion of our Spring-Summer 2009 Europe trip. We liked the book for its walking tours of various parts of the cities and of some of the attractions. We also appreciated Helsinki and Tallinn being included in the book. Our standard use of guidebooks that we bring with us involves cutting them up into chunks, so we have less to carry in the daypack, and sometimes we leave the bits we've finished with other travelers who might find them useful. And our standard bit regarding RS books: The book has good info but exact prices for attractions can be outdated. Traveling the RS way is by no means cheap, so to get the best of both worlds (good info + less money), read his book for the information, but take his accommodation suggestions with a grain of salt (google for the couple of good bed&breakfast (i.e. private accommodation) websites catering to different areas of Scandinavia). And the eating suggestions? Grocery stores! Eating out in the Scandinavia region is **very** expensive, even for locals.

Sue says

Purchased in preparation for our trip to Scandinavia - especially Norway. It was a good investment. Our trip was a guided tour with free time, so the book wasn't our essential guide, but it was, nevertheless, very helpful to keep us oriented.

Julie Sucha Anderson says

Rick Steves - my Travel Agent.

Becka says

Rick Steves's guides have always provided me with great, common sense (and sometimes nonsensical) suggestions for forming my travel plans. For example, the Denmark chapter in this guide recommended lodging in a private home in Copenhagen, as it is actually less expensive than a hotel and more comfy than a hostel, not to mention a much more enriching cultural experience. However, I hesitate to follow Steves's itineraries to the detail, as I recall wandering the Cinque Terre and running into hordes of other Americans clutching his book on the region. Egid. I'd stick to Lonely Planet or TimeOut Guides as primary print travel resources.

Linda Robins says

Oh Ricky! What would I do without you? Your books make my travels so much better and less stressful. You've gotten me safely around Europe many times, and now we are off to Scandinavia. Keep in traveling!

Heidi says

I'll wait until I return from my trip for a rating and review, but initial impressions... did not enjoy this as much as other RS books. Many of the passages were dense, boring. There is a very modest selection of recommendations for hotels and restaurants compared to western European books. We'll see....

Tatjana says

What the heck happened to Rick Steves?

He has so seriously gone off the "Europe through the Back Door" that Lonely Planet is more cutting edge than his stuff. If you are looking for the back door stuff of legend, you won't find any more than a lot of Americans wandering around with their noses stuck in his books.

No really. Spend the extra money and get the respective countries from Lonely Planet and you will get more information and a better/wide range of suggestions. Not only that, but he misses so much good stuff! I thought it was only Germany, but it's not. I will probably not buy any more of his books, unfortunately. I can get better information from the people who write on his Graffiti wall.

Kate says

As usual, great tips for traveling as a temporary local--accommodations beyond the big box hotels, clear maps, tips on how to save \$ in an expensive part of the world. I find Rick Steves' guide books to be the best for my kind of travel: moderately priced while maximizing experiences over shopping. He doesn't cover every single city and town-- he focuses on the best places for travelers and the best experiences.

Please note this refers to the edition from 2010. I think people were not so happy with previous editions.

Megan says

Finland is quite lacking. He gives the most attention (in order) to Copenhagen, Norway, and Sweden... in this book, Finland is essentially Helsinki, but he does include Estonia (in the form of Tallinn), which I appreciate.

Allison says

I dumped this book at the Danhostel in Copenhagen after Rick's advice led me astray one too many times. (Including his advice to stay at the *Danhostel* - a huge place with no character.)

I enjoyed Rick Steves' guides when I was very new to traveling and went to Italy. Now I find the more comprehensive guide books (Moon, Lonely Planet) and the Internet to be better resources.

Amy says

I will do almost anything Rick Steves tells me to.

However, this guidebook was not really that exciting. His maps are pretty crappy and he only recommends things he likes- he doesn't let you know what else there is to see. Plus, he wrote four pages about Oslo's national gallery, which I thought was really boring. Whatever!

Janene says

I especially appreciated the self-guided tours. Using this book and a little bit of leg power, you can easily get an overall feel for little cities, skipping the tourist traps, saving time and money too. (But really looking like a tourist with your handy dandy book!) :o)

It is a good idea to get the updated books, this one was a little out of date and the prices were significantly more. Most museums in Sweden are no longer free.

Kim Lanza says

I can remember the first Rick Steves guide book that I read - it was for a trip to Italy. It opened my eyes to a way of traveling - with a back door philosophy- that has framed my travels ever since. Any time I am traveling to a place he has reviewed, I use his recommendations along with the Lonely Planet guide. It is a killer combo!

Tanya says

Really helpful for prioritizing what to see among many countries depending on your trip length. Super helpful guides in optimizing time. found tips helpful more so than other R. Steves books. scandinavia felt overwhelming to plan without the book.

Jack Hrkach says

I just wrote a longish review of the Rough Guide: Norway, so I'll try to keep this short. I will write what I do about any guidebook - that I find Rick Steves and Rough Guides the only really worthwhile series worth looking at before, during and after you travel to a foreign land. Steves packs a lot into this guide, which includes a short-ish section on Tallin Estonia, as it is a short ferry ride from the Eastern-most Scandinavian country, Finland.

I focused on Norway, as I want to do the "Norway in a Nutshell" experience, but read about just about every area except Denmark, because I've already traveled there (and Mr Steves was very helpful on that part of Scandinavia when I used it back in 2011 I also looked fairly closely at Sweden, particularly the area around Stockholm, as it is a dream of mine to visit the Drottningholm, an 18th c theatre marvelously preserved. As long as I was planning on a trip to Norway I couldn't have forgiven myself had I not tried to get to Stockholm as well.

Alas I ended up not going this summer, but am holding on to my Kindle version of this as I am firmly resolved to get there before I get too old to enjoy Scandinavia. I will be 70 in January, and while spry am not quite the fellow I used to be - hope I remain spry enough to see it within the next few years, If I do, this guide will be essential to my travels there (along with the Rough Guide - the second half of a perfect combo of guidance.
