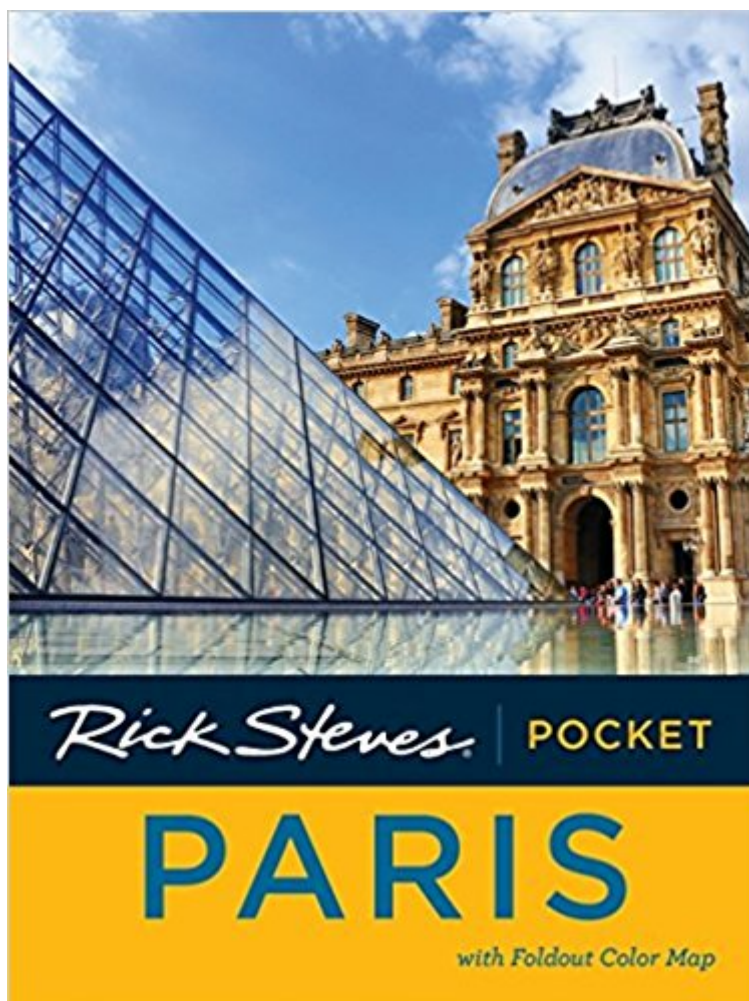


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# Rick Steves Pocket Paris



## Synopsis

Rick Steves Pocket guidebooks truly are a "tour guide in your pocket." This colorful, compact 220-page book includes Rick's advice for prioritizing your time, whether you're spending 1 or 7 days in a city. Everything a busy traveler needs is easy to access: a neighborhood overview, city walks and tours, sights, handy food and accommodations charts, an appendix packed with information on trip planning and practicalities, and a fold-out city map. Included in Rick Steves Pocket Paris: Sights: the Orangerie Museum, Rodin Museum, Cluny Museum, Army Museum and Napoleon's Tomb, Pompidou Center, Carnavalet Museum, and Picasso Museum Walks and Tours: the Historic Paris Walk, Louvre Tour, Orsay Museum Tour, Eiffel Tower Tour, Rue Cler Walk, Left Bank Walk, Champs-Elysees Walk, Marais Walk and Versailles Day Trip

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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

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Rick Steves is one of the most popular series of guides to travel. We were in Paris for 4 days this summer, and used the book as a quick reference guide. The organization of the book is much like the other guides. It is about 4.5 by 6 inches, 235 pages or so. The first pages of introduction gives a synopsis of Paris's neighborhoods: Monmartre, Champs Elysees, Eiffel Tower, Major, Historic Core, Left Bank, and Marais. The Daily Reminder gives a succinct overview of special hours for attractions on different days of the week. On first Sundays, for instance, major museums are free (good to know, as we assiduously avoided the crowds) and the fountains run at Versailles in the summer (April to October). The guide gives a list of sites that are closed on certain days of the week. Puppet shows at the Luxembourg Gardens take place on Fridays and Saturdays. Some sights are open late on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (Notre Dame towers, Bateaux Mouche). The guide gives information on hours for the Metro. The back of the book includes a detailed map of Paris, and a map of the Metro. These were invaluable to us, and much more informative than the tourist maps you get at the hotels, which are festooned with ads. They were sturdy too. Despite our flipping back and forth, taking the book in and out of backpacks, the map only ripped in one corner (the one attached to the book). The remainder of the book contains several walking tours of major sites: Historic Paris (Notre Dame area), Louvre, Orsay Museum, Eiffel Tower, Rue CLer, Versailles. It gives detailed information on how to take the train to these areas and which stops to get off. Telephone numbers are given. We had kids ranging in age from 8 to 15 with us, and in general they did not want to see every sight on the tours, which still gave us plenty to see and do. In the back is a map of France. The Metro stops are marked on the main city map. Note: this is a brief and populist guide. It is good for an overview, but not for any kind of detailed historical or academic treatise of the major sights. For this kind of information, I recommend doing research before your trip on the internet, as each major sight has a website. As well, the Blue Guides will bring more life to the tours. We learn interesting little tidbits of information: for example, that St. Denis holding his head is a signature statue above the left door of Notre Dame Cathedral (he was executed by decapitation but in true saintly fashion did not immediately die, but picked up his head and walked for some distance). If you want a more detailed book, you're going to have to buy (and carry) a heavier book. We did not use this book for restaurant recommendations or hotels. We used a Tripadvisor city app: take the recommendations with a grain of salt, as they are not always unbiased. So, why a guide book and not a smartphone app? Smart phone apps (maps, Tripadvisor, etc.) have an advantage in that your

GPS location is available, and the distance to various sights can be accurately estimated. However, smartphones are difficult to see in the sun, and the information you want is not always easily searchable. It would be cool, for example, to wear Google Glass and have it link to Wikipedia. Great, but it's way cheaper to buy a \$10 book.

I purchased this little Pocket book guide to Paris for a friend of mine who has plans to go to Paris soon for a vacation. I know all these things and more are available online, but to have it at your fingertips while in Paris is very handy. It seems to be very concise and precise about everything Paris. It seems to have been published in 2011 so I hope there is an update for it again soon. Good purchase.

I will definitely be taking Rick with me to Paris in 2018. This will fit nicely in my bag, a pocket or backpack. Filled with more information than you will ever be able to put to good use on your first trip so this is a keeper for future trips as well.

With airlines charging for luggage, these small pocket guides will save you space and time, while providing you with concise info to make your city trip memorable. Rick Steve's writes his books for the casual traveler and let's you decide where to plan your travels. I like his restaurant reviews, which often include the names of owners, families who run the establishments, and sometimes, even members of the wait staff. A special feature of his pocket guides is the city map, which is small enough to fold up into the book, but large enough to include all the main areas of a city. You'll really appreciate having this map with you as you navigate a strange city. Some of the hotels offer special discounts if you mention Steve's books. Before planning a trip anywhere, check to see if Rick has been there and written a pocket guide. You'll be glad to have it with you.

Great book & make sure to download before your trip so you can listen to all audio tours while you visit the sites!!

This was the best travel book I've ever used. The maps were accurate, the detail was amazing and the commentary and background was very, very good. It was the right size as well. It fit in my back pocket and held up very well over 4 days of heavy use. My travel partner had a Frommer's guide. By day 2, she left her book at the hotel because Rick's book was everything we needed. The audio tours you can get through iTunes are top notch as well. Top notch product all around.

I have watched a lot of Rick's films on PBS and really like his approach to travel. This book was very helpful for my wife and I when we traveled to Paris this summer. Although we did not travel as lightly as Rick does, we do not have a retinue of assistants to help us out either. I recommend you buy this book well in advance of your trip and study it. Also, as Rick suggests, buy a Paris Pass several months before your trip. It gets you into most of the great museums, travel on buses and the Metro and is well worth every penny, er, euro.....

We used this guide extensively in Paris. I used it as a companion book to the larger guide, reading ahead of time in the guide then using the pocket book when we were out and about. It fits handily in a pocket and has useful maps. The walking tours are great. We highly recommend them. This book coupled with Rick's audio tours is a must for a trip to Paris

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