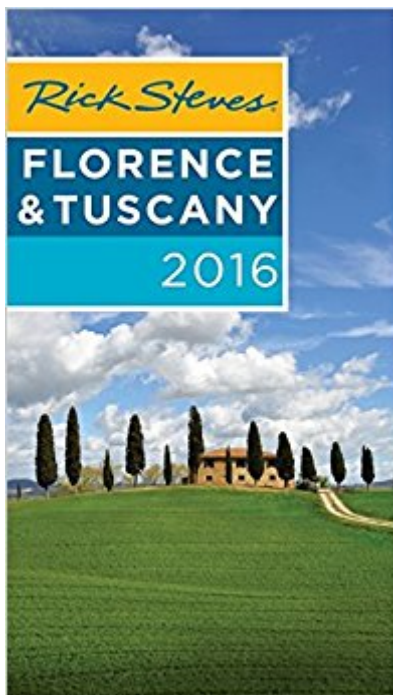


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# Rick Steves Florence & Tuscany 2016



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling through Florence and Tuscany. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll discover the geographic heart of Italy. Take the Renaissance Walk and tour the Uffizi Gallery to learn how Florence taught civilized living to the rest of Europe. Wander through the medieval city of Siena and find out what Pisa has to offer beyond the Leaning Tower. Relax in sunny Tuscan hill towns where you'll enjoy full-bodied wine, the world's best gelato, and the company of friendly locals. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. You'll learn how to get around by train, bus, or rental car and get up-to-date advice on what's 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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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. 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.

I have enjoyed Rick's guides for years and this does not disappoint. Chock full of information and tips to make your trip the best possible. This guide is focused on Florence and surrounding area. If you are only staying for a few days, the standard Italy guide will cover most of what you need. This guide goes into more detail and covers more secondary locations.

I haven't finished going through all of it yet, but from what I've read, it looks to be very comprehensive. And I think it will be helpful on my trip to Florence next spring. I like the descriptions of the various museums, listing the times, important things to see, etc. I also like the map of Florence which I think will be helpful, along with the little tidbits of info.

This book made the right amount of information available to make traveling through Tuscany a joy. Critical information like parking locations, and approaches to villages, things to quickly scan about how to optimize your time in a town/village was super helpful. Tearing out the pages for the places we travel for the day is always useful. We only used the Tuscany pages, and not Florence, so no comment on Florence. Once a Rick Steves fan, always a Rick Steves fan.

We just came back from Italy and used Rick Steves books for every city/region we went to. Recommendations were spot on for hotel and restaurants as well as which museums you should pre-buy tickets for. I would never travel overseas without his insight.

This book was perfect for getting us through Tuscany & Florence last summer. We found some really out of the way places we never would have discovered otherwise. Also some great travel tips we hadn't thought of.

I love the Rick Steves guide books. We took this one to Italy and found it very helpful as always. When we drove to Florence for a daytrip he gave very detailed instructions for where you could park and take the train into the city. That worked out great and we were happy to have that advice.

Perfect for my needs! Found other tourists using the same book!

Reads easily and feels like your traveling with a good friend. Every recommendation was spot on. Suggest next edition include a driving road map for Tuscany. The maps in the book are not made for navigating on the highways and byways by car.

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