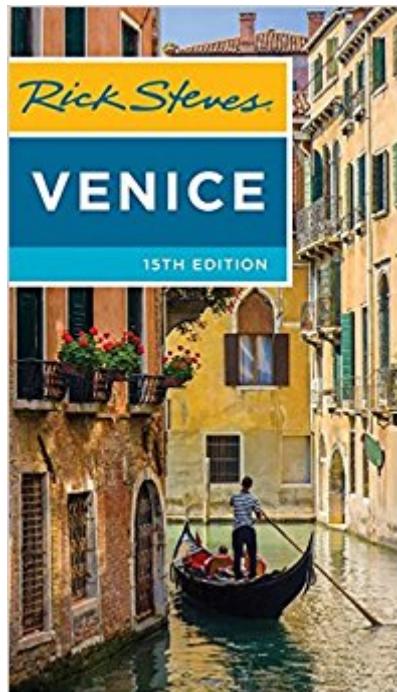


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Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when visiting the island city of Venice. Following the self-guided tours in this book, you'll explore Venice's most important landmarks and cruise the Grand Canal for a close-up look at the elegant palaces, bridges, and churches. You'll discover picturesque lanes, enjoy the best city views, and tour outlying islands in the lagoon. Dine at a romantic canal-side restaurant, or join the locals at a characteristic cicchetti bar and munch seafood-on-a-toothpick. As the stars shine over St. Mark's Square, sway to the free music of cafÃ© orchestras. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. You'll learn how to explore Venice hassle-free 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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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 Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie. 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 is a very detailed and up-to-date guide for travelers going to Venice. We found it very helpful.

Good

Great book. Detailed and thorough. We used it every day.

I think this provides a little more than the pocket version. Looks good.

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I first read this book thru my library and then decided to own it for a trip coming up in May - it's an excellent synopsis of the city, the history, where to eat, sleep and what to do - I am a history buff and am much more interested in seeing the "sleeping Venice" vrs the pigeons of St Mark's Square - Venice is to me a hard city to "get your bearings in" so this will make out time there prior to our cruise much more meaningful...then I will pass it on to the ship's library for some other traveller to go thru - excellent maps in the book....I have been a Rick Steve's fan since "Europe thru the Back Door" & "Mona Winks" - bon voyage 5-15-2009

Rick Steves guides are the best.

I use this book for a two day trip to Venice. As I had very little time it really helped me focus on the important sites. Most important were the little hints about when to see the sites. Although Venice was overrun with tourists, I did not find the restaurants or museums to be a problem if I followed the time recommendations. Skip the commercial tours and follow the book recommendations.

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