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Rick Steves' Snapshot Sevilla, Granada & Southern Spain (Rick Steves Snapshot)



Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Sevilla, Granada, and Southern Spain. In this 238-page compact guide, Rick Steves covers the best of Granada, Sevilla, Córdoba, Andalucía, and Spain's southern coast. With Rick's helpful hints, you'll learn how to get a reservation for the Alhambra and where to dance the Flamenco in Sevilla. You'll get Rick's firsthand advice on the best sights, eating, sleeping, and nightlife, and the maps and self-guided tours will ensure you make the most of your experience. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves Snapshot guide is a tour guide in your pocket. Rick Steves' Snapshot guides consist of excerpted chapters from Rick Steves' European country guidebooks. Snapshot guides are a great choice for travelers visiting a specific city or region, rather than multiple European destinations. These slim guides offer all of Rick's up-to-date advice on what sights are worth your time and money. They include good-value hotel and restaurant recommendations, with no introductory information (such as overall trip planning, when to go, and travel practicalities).

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Customer Reviews

GET THIS E-BOOK!!! I debated whether it would be worth the money before I took a big month-long trip to Spain this past October/November 2009. I was not disappointed! The most useful feature (there are tons) in the Snapshot city guide e-books are the self-guided tours and walks. There are excursion tips, updated cost, hours, locations, phone numbers, maps, self-guided walking tours in the city...Seriously, it's a no-brainer. Get this e-book. Even if you never use it. For so little money, you can save yourself a world full of headaches. He also points out cool things to see in the city that aren't in other tour books, cool facts and history, and he gives invaluable tips of the good places to go for everything (food, entertainment, museums, neighborhoods, etc). Also, the local free tourist maps they give you are usually anemic by way of detailed, accurate information. Having this little tool as a backup is critical when you may not have time to hunt down bigger books and maps. It also gives you info about surrounding cities you may like to visit, as well as tips on language, money, phoning...Plus, it fits in your pocket (I used it on my iPhone with the Kindle reader). You don't look like a tourist dork reading your iPhone, like you do lugging around maps and books. You look way cooler... I used this guide for Sevilla, Cordoba (a HUGE help since there wasn't alot of helpful city info I could easily locate (tours, etc)). I self navigated thru La Mezquita, and saved a ton of money on formal audio and tour guides (the self-guided tour in the e-book is VERY thorough and comprehensive). It also give you tips to Granada & Gibraltar (I ran out of time to see them). Rick Steves knows how to make a city come alive! You will get your money's worth 10 fold.

I had checked this book out of the library, then decided it would be much easier to purchase the electronic version for reference on the trip. While a book is much easier to flip through and bookmark, this was easier to carry on both an Android phone and Samsung notebook. I always appreciate a Rick Steves walking tour. The tour for the Alhambra in Granada, the Alcazar and cathedral in Seville, and the information on Tangier, Morocco, were especially helpful. Since we were traveling with 6 of us and trying to move pretty quickly, we didn't purchase the audio tours in English for many of these sites. We were able to maintain the pace we wanted by guiding ourselves. There is a lot of information in the guide for people who know nothing about the region they are visiting, and don't speak the language there. The background information is very helpful, and the detailed information is too. The balance between the two is excellent. I even used the hand-drawn map in Ronda, along with a terrific restaurant recommendation for tapas. We did not use any of the hotel recommendations as I work for a major hotel chain and am brand-loyal. Even the notes about the orange trees growing in Seville were accurate--the fruit is everywhere, but tastes terrible! It got to be a bit of a joke with the family--when I quoted Rick's guide, my kids would

throw up both hands in the air in an "all-hail" sort of gesture and intone "Rick Steves has spoken!" I find that Rick's intentions and sensibilities for travel match ours well. He led us away from over-done, touristy areas and toward more authentic places and activities. It doesn't cost much to bring Rick Steves on vacation with you, and may be the best money you spend!

This was a great companion to have while traveling through Seville, Granada, and Cordoba. I used it on my iPhone using the Kindle Reader app. The information is generally accurate and the guides for the various sites were very useful. I also appreciated the few maps that were included. It is so much more convenient to be able to carry my guidebook for the various cities on my phone rather than having to carry the paper book. My only complaint with the ebook is that it could definitely have used a better index that would allow me to flip back and forth to various topics more easily. The table of contents was a bit too broad - quick links to specific museums or monuments or whatnot would definitely have been useful. As it is, when I wanted to get a specific section, I would have to go to the nearest point via the table of contents, and then either flip through or guess as to the location to zoom ahead. I'll definitely be purchasing eGuidebooks from now on, however. The convenience is excellent.

My parents are taking a cruise in the Spring which will take them through Spain, Italy, and Greece. We have purchased several of Rick Steves' books in preparation for the cruise and they have been terrific. The maps, hints and tours have provided a wealth of information. The useful phrases section is also terrific. All of Rick Steves' resource information has been excellent. We have also moved over to his website and downloaded onto an MP3 several of his tours. I don't know what more we could ask for other than a personally guided tour and the books are certainly the next best thing!

As usual, Rick Steeves takes you along and tells you as you go where you are, how to get there and what to expect. He even provides hand drawn maps. I like the fact that he shares the good and not so good with you. Nothing is worse than expecting all to be great after spending mucho bucks and find yourself in a dump. He knows the little out of the way places and watches your wallet at the same time. Definitely worth the reading and small amount of money for the information.

We had this book with us while we traveled. It helped tremendously with knowing what to see and what to expect. Just make sure you read or review it as much as possible before you leave. Then read it to remind yourself while you are there. His tips are very helpful.

Rick Steven's travel book was very useful, it gave me a lot of good advices during my trip to South Spain. Each stop that I had was planed according to this book and the whole trip was nice and interesting. I always buy Rick Steven's book when I am going abroad and it never disappointed me.

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