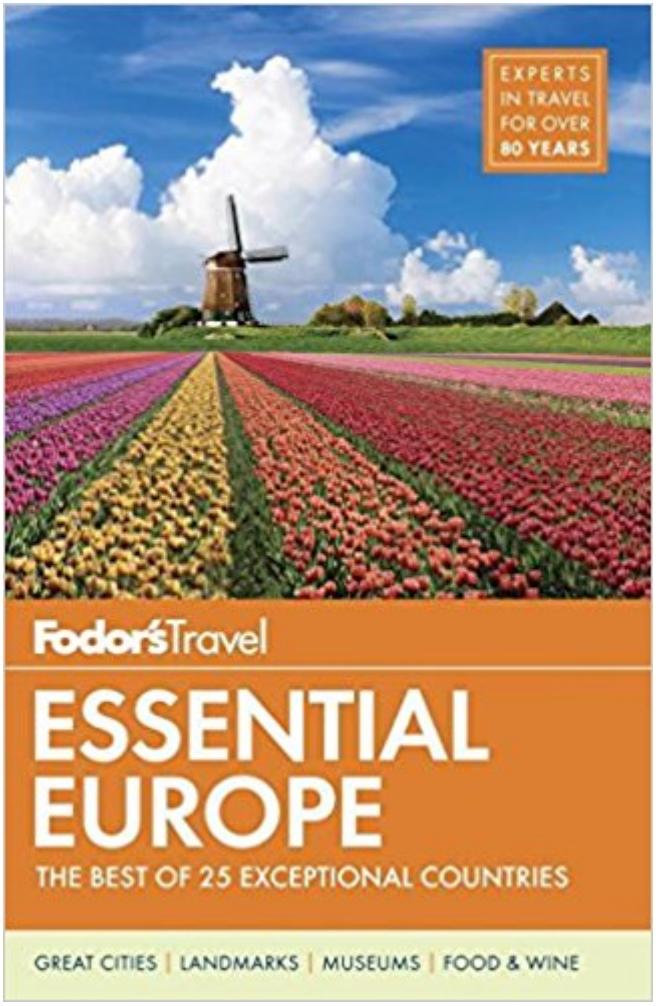
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Exactly what it says, an "essential" overview of Europe, not comprehensive. I rely on Rick Steves’ country/city specific guides for my travels in Europe but always seek out other perspectives while planning. I would not carry this whole book with me, but I will cut out the maps and sections I may want to refer to en route.Great resource for planning. To paraphrase an expert: Don’t spend thousands on a trip but skimp on the books.

Great details, easy to follow. I like the "Fodor’s Choice" items.

love this great info very helpful!

Too scanty coverage of areas

This is a wonderful resource for those planning a trip to Europe, especially a first trip. I can see someone especially appreciating it if they are in the early stages of planning a trip to Europe and not sure which countries to visit or if they are taking a group tour and want one source for information on the countries you will visit.The book is divided into 18 categories, listed alphabetically, including the following countries Austria, Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania), Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Scandinavia (Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, and Finland), Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom (covering England, Northern Ireland and Scotland).So do you trust a travel guide written

by people that donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t know that Finland is not part of Scandinavia? ThatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s up to you. Maybe they just figured most people assume Finland is in Scandinavia, so why not.The number of pages devoted to each category varies, from 22 and 23 for Slovenia and the Baltic States to 96 for Italy. It includes the usual information for a Fodor travel guide.So, all in all, this book is a good starting point, with lots of information, and, depending on your plans, it may be all you need for an upcoming trip.

Not sure I've ever thought to myself, well there just is too much material in this travel book, wish they had left most of it out. But here we have quickie coverage of 25 countries in 1000 pages. Less than 100 pages for Italy, and 20-some-odd for the Baltic States. This would be quite the whirlwind tour.But then I was thinking about it differently. I go to conferences and meetings in Europe all of the time. Sometimes I end up in, for example, Vienna for a week, but I really only have a day, an afternoon, and a couple of free evenings for myself. Turning to the Austria bit, yes, there are some good ideas for Vienna that would work for that sort of trip. Then I looked, what about two days in Amsterdam before flying home, lots of good stuff here. A meeting in Copenhagen, yes, good restaurant reviews there and some good travel advice.Not sure if that's what the authors were thinking (really this is repackaged materials from the individual Fodor guidebooks) but it would work for a lot of business trip type itineraries. You don't need to have a lot of ideas for what to do in Naples, but you are in town for six hours...

This book plainly offers an overview of travel to Europe, giving some information on getting there, travel within the continent, phone communication, etc. followed by (typically) 30-40 page excepts from Fodor books covering individual European countries (with Scandinavia as a region). Within each country, the book generally covers a few of the major cities tourists are likely to visit, including major sights in the cities, some possible day trips, and, and some advice on eating in a city with a few hotel suggestions tossed in.The book is easy to read and should appeal to someone considering a European trip who wants insight into what countries to visit or what the main sites are within a country. I would not use this as my primary travel book though to visit an individual country, but would instead use this book rip to identify countries to visit and some sights to see. I'd then get travel books for the individual areas and leave this one behind for the next trip (at 1,000+ pages, it would be a bit heavy if you were visiting one country or perhaps a couple of cities)..Good book though somewhat limited by too broad a scope. 4 stars.

I’m always on the lookout for good travel guide books, since my wife and I love to travel both in the USA/Canada and abroad. Since I’ve been to many of the places listed in this compilation, my intent was to see how Fodor’s writers’ impressions and recommendations compared with my own.There’s always a trade-off with a guidebook covering so many countries; lack of detailed information can cause a traveler to miss "the road less traveled". This applies to "Essential Europe", but to be fair, the books’s title is pretty accurate. Following this guide will indeed lead you through the essentials of Europe, much like a tour through the Louvre will get you to the high points like the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo. I agreed with most of its recommendations, which seemed pretty much up to date.To sum up my review, I’d recommend this guide for college students or retirees considering a "flying tour" of as much of the Continent as possible, while noting favorite places to return later. I also plan to use this guidebook as a reference for preliminary research about settings for one of my novels, though I doubt the staff of Fodor’s intended its use in this manner!

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