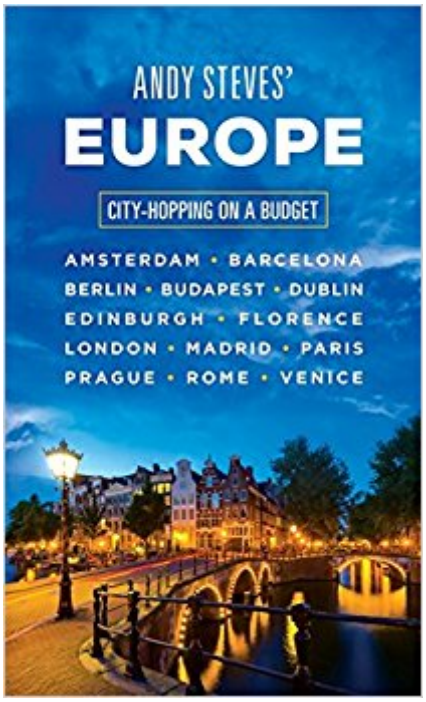
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Andy Steves' Europe: City-Hopping On A Budget



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Synopsis

Pick a Weekend, Pick a City, and Go!This book picks up where crowdsourcing leaves off, covering the flashpacker skills you need for spur-of-the-moment trips to Europe's top destinations.Follow three-day plans to explore each city. Learn which cities match your interests and which can be easily combined for a longer trip, including itineraries for Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Budapest, Dublin, Edinburgh, Florence, London, Madrid, Paris, Prague, Rome, and Venice.See iconic sights. Check the Eiffel Tower, the London Eye, and the Colosseum off your bucket list—and use Andy's tips to save time and skip lines.Hit the local hot spots. Chill at Amsterdam's coffee shops, study mixology at London's speakeasies, and bust moves at Barcelona's beach clubs.Enjoy the best—and cheapest—local cuisine. Graze at crÃƒÂªperies in Paris, pubs in Dublin, and aperitivo in Rome.Become a temporary local. Adapt to the culture to enjoy authentic, unforgettable experiences.Master digital travel. Discover how tools like AirBnB and Uber can help you make the most of your money in Europe.Connect with other travelers. Head to the most popular hostels for a ready-made, real-life social network.Whether you're looking to study abroad or just explore Europe without breaking the bank, Andy Steves Europe is the guide for you.

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Customer Reviews

Andy Steves was born into a traveling family, heading to Europe each year while his father, Rick Steves, updated his guidebooks, made TV shows, and researched new tours. His father's

passion for travel, in-depth cultural experiences, and efficient, affordable travel rubbed off on Andy during these family trips each year once he graduated from the stroller. A semester abroad during his undergrad at the University of Notre Dame opened his eyes to the fascinating world of independent, budget travel and the need for the next generation of travel tips and tricks became painfully clear to him. Upon winning Notre Dame's annual business plan competition with an idea for a student tour company, Andy launched Weekend Student Adventures in 2010 and now has guides and itineraries all across Europe.

I have been a fan of Rick Steves for years, jealously watching his excursions on PBS, wishing I was there myself... which led me to finally begin planning my own trip to Europe a couple of years ago. Rick has nothing short of a plethora of information in his shows, classes, website, and YouTube channel, however, many of his suggestions and preferences just don't fall within my price range or interests. When I heard his son Andy had written a book, I'll be honest and say I wondered if it would be something that was actually useful to me, or if it was more of a thing where he got to write a book simply because of who his father is. I am very happy to say it's the former. Being Gen X and not a Millennial, and because I will only be visiting two of the thirteen cities featured, I also wondered if there would be enough in the book to make it a worthwhile purchase; I truly feel there is. While not everything in Andy's book applies to me (i.e. we don't plan on staying in hostels), so much does (i.e. how to maximize your time in each city within a couple or three days).I was fortunate enough to meet Andy this summer as well as attend one of his travel classes; he embodies the same friendly and inviting "let me take you along" nature and appreciation for culture that his father has, but with a fresh and perhaps more lively approach. (Side note: for those of you who can travel to Edmonds, WA, I highly suggest visiting the Rick Steves Travel Center and attending some of their FREE travel classes held on Thursdays and Saturdays.) Andy's target market and audience are college students, therefore as a single mother, my financial status is obviously my biggest commonality. His approach to these excursions in Europe is to enjoy as much as possible that falls within your interests and your means. Perhaps that approach is not entirely unique, but most books I've encountered, even Rick's, seem to expect you to have a budget from an income bracket far above my own. Right off the bat, each city featured has a little section in the margin called Calibrate Your Budget, which highlights the "typical" price for a hostel dorm bed, two-course dinner, pint of beer, bicycle rental, and single metro pass. Above that you can find Know Before You Go (Key Stats & Figures) and below that you can find Movies to Watch - I loved the latter because it gives me a way to entertain myself while I count down the days to my

departure.The book is in full color and each city is color coded which is perfect for someone as OCD as me. Each city also has a map, detailing popular/must-see attractions, museums, eateries, hostels, metro/underground stations, etc. Each city also features a three day itinerary, what things to plan ahead for (i.e. which places you'll want/need to have reservations), different passes, events/festivals, day trips, etc. Everything is well organized - there are sections for things like Top Sights, Top Neighborhoods, Top Eats, Transportation, Help, etc. - and the headers/subsections are well marked which makes it easier to find what you're looking for when you need it. Other features include [City Name] 101 which gives you a quick rundown of the city, and Act Like a Local which gives you a bit of insight into certain traditions, foods, etc. Be sure to read through the introduction which not only explains the best way to use the book, but is chock full of useful information; the same goes for the appendix.All in all, this book is a great resource if your time and/or budget is limited. If you are a Millennial, regardless of your economic status, this book is definitely for you. If you're a bit older, like me, it's a candid look into what to expect in your travels, as well as some genius ways to save some money while abroad. And, if you're a parent taking your child, as I am, it gives you a better perspective of what the younger generation finds of interest so you can fit some of those items into your itinerary. That said, if drinking, hostels, and the "nightlife" aren't your scenes, I would encourage you to consider some of Rick Steves' books (and free classes & info online) as well, however, there is plenty in Andy Steves' book to spark your interest, plan your itinerary, and guide you through these European cities on its own.

LOVE LOVE LOVE this book! Perfect. I'm definitely taking this to Europe. If you're into using your smartphone, this is the book for you. If you also want to have fun in the day and at NIGHT, read this book. There are so many unique gems in here. Andy Steves is SO knowledgeable. This book is awesome and different...an absolute MUST for your trip!

Love this book! My favorite part is the 3 day itineraries for each city with suggestions for morning, afternoon, evening & nightlife.

I like it. Its good for people planning to travel to Europe by train. Lots to read.

A nice, somewhat superficial, guidebook.

very informative

I was so excited when I heard Andy Steves was coming out with a travel book. I've done two of his Weekend Student Adventure trips, which were absolutely fantastic and the book is equally amazing. It's super helpful, especially for a student on a budget with a passion for travel. Highly recommended!

This book was SO helpful! As a student studying abroad in Europe, I found that there wasnt many guidebook options that catered specifically to budget student travel. This book wraps up everything you need to know for all the major cities. You can tell that Steves is very experienced in this field of student travel. This book not only shows the more touristy things to do in each city, but it dives in even further to see each place from a locals perspective.Its particularly useful to students due to the budget aspect, however it provides valuable information that applies to any kind of traveler. I would 100% recommend this book to anyone who is planning a trip to Europe!

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