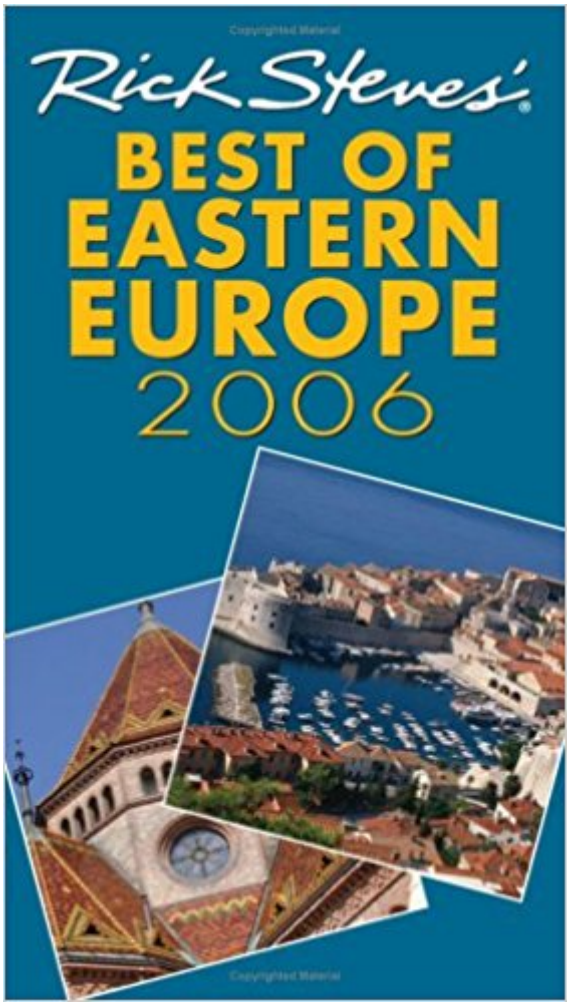
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Synopsis

Who but Rick Steves can tell travelers where to ride an Austrian mountain luge or visit the 3,000-year-old bust of Queen Nefertiti in Berlin? With "Rick Steves' Best of Eastern Europe 2006", travelers can experience Rick's favorite destinations in Eastern Europe, including Berlin, Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Krakow, Ljubljana, and Dubrovnik - economically and hassle-free. Completely revised and updated, "Rick Steves' Best of Eastern Europe 2006" includes opinionated coverage of both famous and lesser-known sights; friendly places to eat and sleep; suggested day plans; walking tours and trip itineraries; clear instructions for smooth travel anywhere by car, train, or foot; and Rick's newest "back door" discoveries.

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Customer Reviews

Steves preaches a low-cost, low-to-the-ground style that not only saves money, but gets you closer to the real Europe, the way Europeans experience it.

I recently went on a 3-week backpacking tour of Central and Eastern Europe, using Rick Steves' book as my primary guide. Although I did use a few country-specific books, I found that this one book had virtually all the information I needed. After reading through this book, I planned my itinerary based heavily on Steves' recommendations--Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Krakow, Eger, Budapest, Ljubljana, Bled, and Vienna.I've found that many travel guides cover the same places, but Steves suggested visits to places I would not have been able to find otherwise, such as the

Roman Ruins in Obouda (near Budapest).The book is well organized--each country's section begins with basic information about that country, such as language, currency, entrance requirements, etc. Within the country section, Steves has selected the best places to visit and provides detailed information about each. He tells you how to use the public transportation systems, what to do when you arrive at the airport, trainstation, bus station, etc.I was very pleased with this book, and ran into several other travelers using the same guide. If you are interested in seeing Eastern Europe as more of a local than a tourist, this is the perfect guide. It's also updated every year, so almost all of the information was correct.

I am a recent convert to Rick Steves. When I decided to travel around Eastern Europe I at first opted for the old standby - Lonely Planet. However, I stumbled upon so many great reviews of Rick Steves that I decided to get this book instead. I am certainly glad that I did.Rick has a flair for sucking one into the world of which he writes. Before I even took my trip I found myself reading the travel book for leisure, not just planning.The tips on hotels and hostels were great, as well as various restaurants. While I am not exactly a heavy spender, the book gave me great suggestions that allowed me to really feel like I was mixing in with the locals, especially in Slovenia.I was also very impressed with Rick's recommendations on which sites and monuments to check out and which ones to skip. Steves is not afraid to state quite bluntly if an attraction is worth skipping. The only time Rick let me down was with the Joze Plecnik house in Ljubljana, which turned out to be a complete waste of time. I would have rather just spent more time in Bled.I highly recommend any Rick Steves book. He is arguable the best travel writer around today. It's a pity that he only focuses on Europe, as I'm sure even a book on Tajikistan would be fascinating.

05/06/06 I will be traveling to Eastern Europe this summer on a tour, but I wanted a guide book that would help me prepare for my trip. Rick Steves book is full of great history, knowledge and background information. It also covers many major cities (five of which I will be visiting). I like that he's usually "wallet friendly" and you'll know that his recommendations aren't going to max out your credit card. The maps are clear and I have been able to locate my hotels. I will admit, I love to shop in Europe and his guide books don't tell you where to go---for good shopping recommendations check out Fodor's new gold series.09/01/06 Back home and very happy with Rick Steves' Eastern Europe. My Rick Steves' Best of Eastern Europe traveled with me all throughout Krakow, Warsaw, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Slovakia, Cesky Kromlov, Vienna, Budapest and Prague. The historical information in this book allowed me to better understand and appreciate what I was seeing. Some of

the historical facts in the book were also told by our local guides. Rick does his homework. The restaurant suggestions in this book are right on. In Budapest, our hotel concierge recommended a cafe down the street from our hotel--Cetral Kavehaz--a cafe in Rick's book. When we didn't feel like walking around for hours to find our next meal, we used Rick's suggestions and were not let down. In Warsaw, we saw another couple traveling with Rick's book. There is also a small section of useful phrases for each country. I was traveling on a tour group so I did not use any hotel recommendations. The book is a must purchase if you are traveling to more than one country in Eastern Europe. You can also view reviews on Rick Steves' website. I will definately be traveling with Rick Steves again!

Rick Steves' Best of Eastern Europe 2004 was the perfect "Must Read" before we went to Hungary in '05. I love all Rick Steves' books and TV shows. I'd encourage you to get a more current one before you travel. We got many helpful and money saving hints from this book and another we bought about Disney World.

Rick Steve makes travel a cinch. The book hooks you up with the best restaurants, hotels, and places to see. I used this book last fall and did things I would have missed without it. Such as chasing a wedding couple in a rowboat in pouring rain across the lake in Bled to see the groom carry the bride up 100 steps, having an elegant dinner in Tito's favorite villa and staying in the coolest jail house in the world in Lujbiana (sp.). I bought this 2nd book for my sister who is going to Eastern Europe next spring.

Rick Steves has never failed me and I thoroughly enjoy his views and what he feels is not to be missed. You can never go wrong with a Rick Steves book. I do, however, always companion his books with a Frommers guide book and then I feel like I get the complete story of a city or country.

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