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Synopsis

Fully updated edition of this essential handbook to the Eternal City, the guide of choice for experts and independent travelers. A guide to Rome designed for those who like to dig deep. The detail of coverage is outstanding: this is an essential resource for getting to know a city whose culture spreads over millennia. Blue Guide Rome is mandatory reading on college study programs. With excellent detailed maps and plans. 10 color maps, 40 B&W Photographs and two-tone plans

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Customer Reviews

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30 years ago, LP was the only guide book I used. I'd read that Blue Guides were "dry", but the on-line previews seemed to have much more depth. Purchased 4, for each of the major cities in Italy which we visited. Pros: They are terrific! Substantial detail in art, architecture, and history, intelligently written, and without any apparent "PC" bias, which negatively effects so many guidebooks. We had other folks surreptitiously listening in when I'd read out the descriptions as we went; much of the content of other guidebooks seems to be cribbed from the Blues. Far, far more detail than the other guidebooks we had with us; Blue would often have full entries on sites the others did not even (or barely) mentioned. Cannot say enough about the fantastic wealth of information & detail on nearly every site; often as much or more than the local tour guides! We never felt the need for a guide except in the 1 or 2 locations Blue actually recommended it! Cons: A

little light on practical "getting there" and "where to stay" type information, but I do like that the Blues assumption is that you're not a timid, fearful tourist & can figure some basics out for yourself. They're big & heavy, so perhaps I'm going with the downloadable next time, tho I love the ability to re-read them at home. When combined with any other guidebook that excels in the practical traveler's type info (such as LP, Rough, Fodor/Frommer, etc. - your preference), the Blue Guides provide the excellent, in-depth detail into what you're actually looking.

I have used Blue Guides for years and they are excellent! They provide a detailed historical information in a concise and brief format that is easy to read. Besides solid information and historical context, they also have excellent recommendations for dining, accommodations, and things to do. The diagrams are very useful help you 'peel back' the layers on what you are seeing. Compared to other guides, I find Blue guides to be far more comprehensive and easy to use.

much easier to use than blue guides of 30 yrs ago

lots of reading material. no index, table of contents. can't refer back to a page. lots and lots of information

very well done

Blue Guides are the Gold Standard of the travel world, and this guide maintains that standard. For instance, we were interested in finding out where the heads of Saints Peter and Paul were in the Church of Saint John Lateran and this was the only guide to address that issue. TIP: Buy the Kindle version and save yourself the trouble of lugging around this very thick guide, as well as others.

Just arrived today in my mailbox, and am thoroughly pleased. Layout, image quality and substantially updated information makes this the guidebook of reference for the Eternal City. As erudite as ever, but more user-friendly than previous editions, this is the one to get.

I swear by the paperback editions of this guide, of which I have had two different ones. Thrilled to see it available as a e-book, I purchased it immediately. This guide is the a thorough and comprehensive travel reference, with details other books simply ignore, figuring their users are real dilettantes. This is a serious book. We visit Rome for several months every year and always have a copy of it on

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