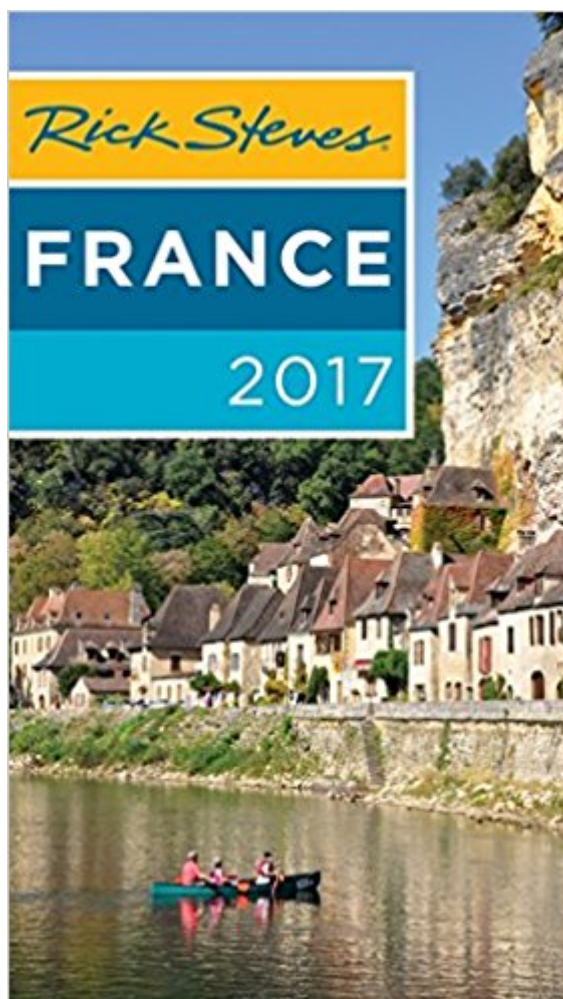


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# Rick Steves France 2017



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in France. With this guide, you'll explore sleepy villages, romantic hill towns, and cosmopolitan cities, including Paris, Avignon, and Nice. Climb the Eiffel Tower, wander world-renowned museums, and dine at sidewalk cafés. Then escape to the sunny countryside, where you can explore castles of all shapes and sizes or pedal your way from village to vineyard. With its Swiss-like Alps, Italian-style Riviera, and Germanic Alsace, France offers Europe's greatest variety. A good vin rouge is never more than a stroll away. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. He'll help you plan where to go and what to see, depending on the length of your trip. You'll get up-to-date recommendations about what is worth your time and money. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

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Since 1973, Rick has spent about four months a year exploring Europe. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. Rick produces a best-selling guidebook series, a public television series, and a public radio show, and organizes small-group tours that take over 20,000 travelers to Europe annually. He does all of this with the help of a hardworking, well-traveled staff of 100 at Rick Steves' Europe in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy groups focused on economic justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. To recharge, Rick

plays piano, relaxes at his family cabin in the Cascade Mountains, and spends time with his partner Trish, son Andy, and daughter Jackie. Steve Smith manages tour planning for Rick Steves' Europe Through the Back Door and has been researching guidebooks with Rick for two decades. Fluent in French, he's lived in France on several occasions, starting when he was seven, and has traveled there annually since 1986. Steve's wife, who is an expert on French cuisine and wine, provides invaluable contributions to his books, as do his two children.

Rick Steves is a wonderful travel writer, and his travel books are the only ones I read. Compared to other popular travel books which are dry and dull, Rick's books are like chatting with an old friend who has just returned from a fascinating journey. I've been using Rick's France guide since 2010. The book is full of personal touches and information you won't find in any other book. I've used this book on several trips around France. My favorite parts were the sections on Paris, Strasbourg and the Loire Valley. One thing I've noticed with these guidebooks is that the overall text does not change from year to year. Of course, current details such as prices and phone numbers are updated yearly, but that type of information may have changed by the time the book is published. So be sure to double check important details before you go! Hope you enjoy this guide as much as I do!

If you only buy one France travel guide, this would be my recommendation. Rick Steves doesn't sugar coat the tourist traps that you can skip. His recommendations for sleep & restaurants are good & go from low to high but mostly in between which is where many travelers fall. He really shines on the sights you should see with history, best times to go, etc. etc. His books are printed on lightweight paper & in black & white which is smart. I always cut up his books & take just the sections I need on vacation. With the internet, you can get pretty pictures to whet your appetite & he gives you what you need for planning & on the trip. I go to France every year & I always take parts of his guide with me.

We always love the Rick Steve's travel books. I purchased the Kindle version which was great and allowed us to zoom in on maps, bookmark pages, and use the hyperlinks to jump to pages. Rick Steve's travel books are always a great mix of interesting sites with a mix of history; and, useful information like where to find a laundry, parking lots (whether they take credit cards, etc.). This book was very helpful for our visit to Amboise and Beaune, France in July 2017. If you're going to visit multiple places in France like we did, I'd recommend this book.

We have used Rick Steve's Travel Guides for numerous trips and found them to be extremely useful in all aspects of our planning and while traveling. He and his team keep them up-to-date and provide timely additions on his website if something has changed since his latest revised guide. His books are for those travelers who want a little more contact with the places and people of the particular country. He recommends walks to take, sites to see, places to stay and eat, shortcuts to tourist sites, practicalities of traveling overseas, and many more features. All of this with your pocketbook in mind. I have recommended his website and guide books to many people and have seen it in use by many other travelers when overseas. I highly recommend them.

Rick Steve's is a great tool because it saves you time and money when you are traveling. Whether you're a seasoned or a first time traveler Rick's books helps you cut through the chase when visiting specific areas or locations. We have used his books on our the locations in Europe and in many cases chose the spot, hotels, B&B's, sights and areas due to his recommendations!

Rick Steves will not disappoint you with his savvy travel advice! Coverage is a little skimpy on Brittany, but that's because most Americans don't travel in Brittany. His coverage of Normandy and the rest of France is superb. Thanks, Rick, for another job well done!

Rick Steves is extremely thorough again with this travel book. The amount of research that he does is astounding, and the end result is that the reader has as much info as possible in one book--maps, transportation hints, food hints, etc.! Great job as always!

Exactly what you would expect from Rick Steves. Well written, a good overview, 2 detailed maps. I always buy his books to keep and use on my trips and get others from the library to read before the trip. I appreciate that Rick regularly updates his books, even for well traveled destinations.

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