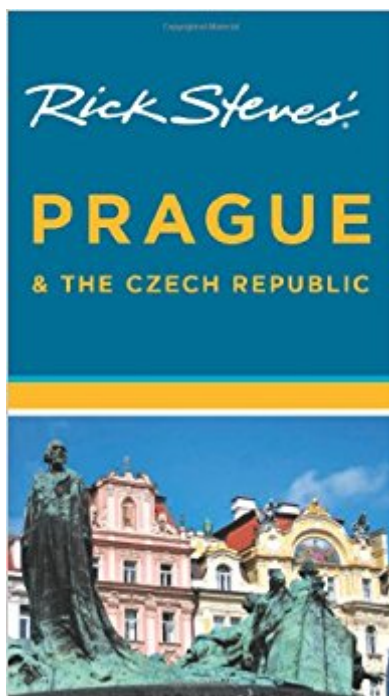


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# Rick Steves' Prague And The Czech Republic



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Prague and the Czech Republic. With this book, you'll create your own unforgettable tour of the "Golden City of a Hundred Spires." Walk across Charles Bridge at twilight, stroll the grounds of Prague Castle, and wander through the city's stunning Old Town Square. Venture beyond Prague with day trips to the medieval villages of Bohemia. Visit local vintners in Moravia, where you can enjoy a wine-cellar serenade. Take a dip in the peat-bog spas of Trebon; a great way to relax after a busy day of sightseeing. Rick's candid, humorous advice guides you to good-value hotels and restaurants in charming neighborhoods and villages. He gives you no-nonsense information on where to go and which sights are 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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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. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Rick Steves has spent 100 days every year since 1973 exploring Europe. Rick produces a public television series (Rick Steves' Europe), a public radio show (Travel with Rick Steves), and a podcast (Rick Steves' Audio Europe); writes a bestselling series of guidebooks and a nationally

syndicated newspaper column; organizes guided tours that take thousands of travelers to Europe annually; and offers an information-packed website (Ricksteves.com). With the help of his hardworking staff of 70 at Europe Through the Back Door<sup>®</sup> in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle<sup>®</sup>; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans. Honza Vihan grew up roaming the Czech countryside in search of the Wild West. Once the borders opened, he set off for South Dakota. His journey took him to China, Honduras, India, and Iran, where he contributed to several travel guides.

THIS IS A REVIEW OF THE KINDLE EDITION ONLY: When looking at guidebooks to purchase to help us plan a trip to Prague, I read the reviews and selected Rick Steves' PRAGUE because of its thoroughness. Of what I've read, (and I think I've hit most of it by now), I really am enjoying it. BUT. And this is a BIG BUT. He often refers to information that lives in the sidebar. The sidebar that isn't available in the Kindle version. So you miss out on a TON of information going with the Kindle version. I feel like I don't have enough information to plan my trip because of those missing details. What I do like about the guide in Kindle format are the easy-to-follow email links and easy-to-follow website links, making sure you don't have a transcription error when trying to check out a website for a sight or a hotel. And of course the motivation in the first place for buying the Kindle version was that it is easy to transport, weighs nothing, and can be seen on either my computer, my iPad, or my Kindle. And it's a few bucks cheaper. Those things said, I really love the way the rest of the book is formatted and love that there are hotel recommendations with names of managers and how to get exclusive Rick Steves' discounts. I like how he tells it like it is and doesn't try to sugar coat anything, and that he recommends the most efficient route through the city to see all the sights, also noting when things are closed and that these details change frequently so checking before you leave is important. I also like the recommended itineraries based on how long you have to spend near Prague. They seem like the most practical I've seen. But at the end of the day, I will end up purchasing the paperback of this as well so that I can get that information I feel like I'm missing. So, if the money is your motivation, save yourself about nine bucks and order the paperback to begin with. If you're not like me and won't feel like you're missing out, then by all means, Kindle away. It may come in handy to have both anyway.

It's no fault of Rick, but I find that a travel guide in an e-book format is nearly impossible to learn from. I like to be able to flip back and forth between maps and text and sections of text and typically have my fingers jammed in several different places referencing them against each other and that

ability is completely lost in this format. Again, no fault of the author nor a reflection of the content. As for the book itself, I'm conflicted. There is a lot of great information in there nestled in snugly with some fairly useless information for a seasoned traveler. About 17 years ago, when my husband and I set off for Europe for four months we went to Rick Steves' place in Edmonds, Washington to purchase Eurail Passes and ended up buying a couple of Rick Steves' travel guides and language guides. We still have them and they were quite helpful but they had a very different feel to them. The people at the shop were beyond helpful and we love his shows on both TV and radio and Rick is such a dynamic person and personality. I will always be a fan but I think that the books are more suited to the money belt and sensible shoes type of travelers and I will never be that kind of traveler. (Yes, this review is copied and pasted for two books - Rick Steves' Prague and the Czech Republic and Rick Steves' Budapest)

This book provides an excellent overview of the city by sections that include maps, restaurants and hotels, places of interest, and transportation. I liked his helpful comments on money exchange - best to use your ATM card and be sure to let your bank know the country where you will be using it before you leave - (with the exchange rate in the back of the book) and tips on everything from tipping to enjoying a picnic lunch. You can tell he is familiar with the city. His advice to eat at local restaurants is good and one doesn't have to go far to stumble upon one. Whether walking or taking public transportation, Prague is an easy city to get around in and it's reputed beauty doesn't disappoint.

Great!!! A must have for anyone visiting Prague. It also includes day trips. I spent 4 days in Prague and this was a life saver! One note for Rick Stevens/seller: the restaurant "Restaurace u Knihovny" by the Jewish quarter is closed (page 218). Looked for it forever and it was not there. However, there is an amazingly wonderful and affordable restaurant one door down from where Knihovny should have been. It's called "U Parliamente" (or something similar...).

Excellent tips including what scams/problems you may run into. Wonderful suggestions about when to miss lines..wherr to exchange money for the best rate etc. Would recommend this guide.

Good guide to Prague. I resonate with Rick Steves and his ethos. Stayed at the place he recommended, and found it as he described it: reasonable and comfortable. I don't rely on his guides exclusively, but do favor them if I can find one of his that relates to my destination.

Rick Steves' books never disappoint. This book is a valuable resource to enhance one's experience of this amazing city. It's a perfect size with an excellent pull-out map. Don't leave without this book!

I didn't like the orientation chapter to be detached from the main content of the book. They should be integrated. The guide should offer a rating system for the restaurants suggested in each of the walking tours. I bought the last edition, printed in May of this year to be current with the restaurants. On the second day I tried three of the restaurants suggested, two were closed and one was in renovation. That was very little help. The approach of covering different geographical areas is an advantage. I think each walk should have two versions. A quality version that only includes the most important sites to visit and an extended version for those tourists that like to check every suggestion. I find the description of monuments lengthy.

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