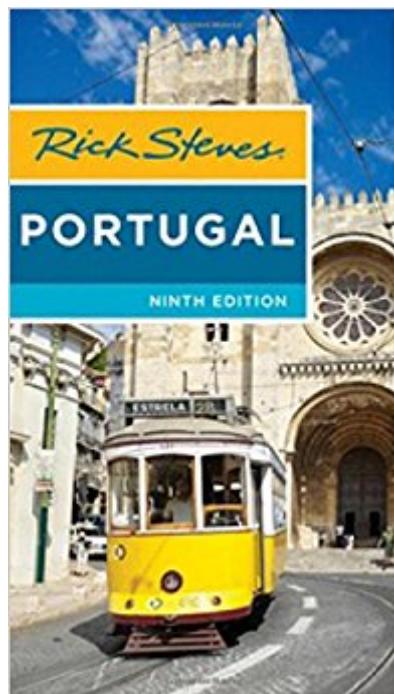


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# Rick Steves Portugal



## **Synopsis**

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what youÂ reallyÂ need to know when traveling in Portugal. With this guide, you'll explore this relaxed country at the western edge of Europe. Tour Lisbon's cobbled lanes and grand squares, reminders of Portugal's seafaring glory days. Step back into history at the palaces in Sintra and the bone chapel of Ã‰vora. Soak up the sun at the Algarve beach of your dreams. When evening comes, enjoy a dinner of fresh seafood stew, and raise a glass of port wine in a toast. 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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## **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. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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. Connect with Rick: [facebook](#): Rick Steves [twitter](#): @RickSteves [instagram](#): ricksteveseurope

I always like Rick's books because they provide information for a more local experience. Unfortunately, this book only covers the high tourist traffic areas of Portugal. There is NOTHING north or east of Porto, the area I will be visiting, except for a cursory mention of the Douro River. I ended up ordering another book that covers the area I am heading to. I think this one will probably be mailed back, not sure it's worth the effort, but it definitely will not be adding weight to my pack this trip.

I very much like Rick Steves travel books, and this is no exception. The table of contents is laid out in a very easy-to-navigate fashion, ensuring easy access to whatever information you may be seeking. His chapters are complete, giving just enough detail to help navigate in your travels, but not so little it's useless or so much you feel saturated with pointless knowledge. Since I'm doing multiple European countries at once, I really like having this and the other travel books on my Kindle.

Rick Steves' travel books are my bible when planning a trip to Europe. I used them in 2012 and 2015 and got the latest editions for an upcoming trip to Italy, Spain and Portugal this fall.

This was my first time using a Rick Steves' book. We visited Portugal and Spain on our trip. I had purchased this book for Portugal and a Lonely Planet book for Spain. I ended up abandoning the Lonely Planet and buying Kindle version of Rick Steves' books for Spain (Madrid and Barcelona). The thing that I appreciated the most about this (and his other) books is that he literally GUIDES you through the city/country. From his awesome walking tours, what to expect from the locals, where to watch out for pick-pockets, to all the little details (the cost of a train to the beach town outside the city) make this book great. His hand drawn maps are also worth mentioning. They focus in on the key streets, the key intersections and things to see. When we were in Lisbon, I relied solely on his maps and we ended up covering all the Lisbon neighborhood on foot. By comparison,

the Lonely Planet book was frustrating to use and felt like a reference instead of a guide. I'm not traveling without a Rick Steves' book again! PS. I would recommend getting this book one or two weeks in advance of your trip. Study the sections of the book, read the travel tips, get comfortable with the maps. That way when you get to your destination, the book will be an extension to your worldly experience!

Rick Steve's Portugal is entertaining, practical, useful, entertaining, helpful, factual and entertaining! Steves has a very light touch which mixes honest opinion with the hard, dry facts and the book is well-organized with a detailed Index and a sensible table of contents. He tells it like it is. A restaurant may be good, but it may also be patronized mainly by tourists. If you feel safer with your fellow adventurers, then you know where to go. If you travel in order to 'be with the people,' you know where not to go. You know that his staff of travelers and writer has really visited all of the places mentioned in the book. Rick Steams can lead you to things you'd like to see and not waste your time with things you wouldn't be interested in. The only problem with this, and any other travel guide, is that the information is probably at least a year or two old. Some hotels and restaurants may no longer be in business, and prices are guaranteed to have gone up. However, even if you're not going to Portugal you would probably enjoy this book, and then decide that you'd like to see for yourself.

I have purchased other Rick Steves' travel guides in the past. This one is a good information source for what to see in Portugal with some helpful itinerary suggestions. The book is well organized and provides history, cultural attractions, tips on the culture and language, as well as lots of practical information on how to get the most out of your vacation time. I have not made the trip yet, but it's been a great source of information to make some bookings. I plan to take the book on the trip. It's not overly bulky, as are other travel guides. Rick Steves also provides travel tips through his internet site.

Good but not great. I will travel to Portugal in November and maybe once I am there, actually using the guide, my opinion will change

What I love about Rick's travel books is that they are way more than just a list of hotels, restaurants and attractions with contact details. I could get that anywhere!! Rick gives opinions, specifics helpful tips (days to go, how to avoid lines, how to save money) and this is done with options that a

personal ("if you love modern museums, go...if not, skip it") that allow you to really plan and get the most out of your trip. The reason I first started buying his guides are still a main reason - his travel philosophy about temporarily becoming a 'citizen' instead of an (ugly) American visitor. He always gives you inside tips to allow you to connect with locals, avoid embarrassment and to be knowledgeable. I love his guides!

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