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Rick Steves' Snapshot Krakow, Warsaw & Gdansk



Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Krakow, Warsaw, and Gdansk. In this 240-page compact guide, Rick Steves and Cameron Hewitt cover the essentials of Krakow, Warsaw, and Gdansk, including The Tri-City. Visit Krakow's stunning Main Market Square, Warsaw's historical Royal Way, or Gdansk's Main Town Hall, featuring Golden Age decorations. You'll get firsthand advice on the best sights, eating, sleeping, and nightlife, and the maps and self-guided tours will ensure you make the most of your experience. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves Snapshot guide is a tour guide in your pocket. Rick Steves' Snapshot guides consist of excerpted chapters from Rick Steves' European country guidebooks. Snapshot guides are a great choice for travelers visiting a specific city or region, rather than multiple European destinations. These slim guides offer all of Rick's up-to-date advice on what sights are worth your time and money. They include good-value hotel and restaurant recommendations, with no introductory information (such as overall trip planning, when to go, and travel practicalities).

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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 Door¹⁵¹; in Edmonds, Washington, just north of Seattle¹⁵¹; Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans. Cameron Hewitt writes and edits guidebooks for Rick Steves's Europe. He first visited Budapest on a lark in 1999¹³³; and now he can't stay away. From Budapest's colorful and quirky history, to its grandiose architecture, to its mouthwatering food, to its uniquely enjoyable thermal baths, Cameron can't get enough of this enthralling, enigmatic, exhilarating city.

My version, which I purchased used, was copyright 2010. The information is still very good, though they have dramatically updated the Warsaw train station (Centralina) since then, which I mention because Rick called it one of the most depressing in Europe. May have been then, but is very nice now. I even engaged a tour guide Rick recommended in Krakow, Andrzej (Andrew) Durman. GREAT guy and a great guide to some of the lesser-known spots. As always, excellent advice from Rick.

I went to Krakow and used this book for the walk around the city, it is absolutely great, you never get lost, you go everywhere around Krakow and do not miss anything important to see. I have done a lot of Rick Steves recommended walks and all of them have been great, I highly recommend this tourists books.

Great guidebook - though he probably over-rated things a bit for Krakow, which is where we went. Much of what he gave 2 or three "stars" would have been 1 or 2 in Berlin or Prague. If you're going to Poland, the book is very interesting and neatly weaves in the history into the tourist information.

I really enjoyed this book - Rick Stevens does an excellent job of reviewing the cities in the book and I found everything very helpful. Also, the walking tours were really awesome and pointed out a lot of interesting things that I may not have noticed otherwise. If you are getting the book on your Kindle the maps are very helpful so you will have to find a map when you arrive in the city.

Rick Steves guidebooks are always packed with useful and practical information, treating people and events fairly, not afraid of past controversies. Two flaws in the Kindle format: City maps too small to see clearly and difficult to page back and forth, sometimes jumping many pages ahead,

taking too much time going back to where I left off.

This is another great example of Rick Steve's thoroughness in uncovering every aspect of European travel to make your trip as wonderful and adventurous as you want it to be. We loved every bit of Krakow and Gdansk and regret not getting to Warsaw.

All travel guides have a specific part of the traveling population in mind for their guides. Steves has always had the budget conscious in mind and still does. He has, in the past few years it seems, expanded his audience to include an older generation as well as late-teens to older-twenty's crowd as well as plenty for all the budget-conscious travelers. This guide to the three major Polish cities appears to be very complete in his informative humorous style and is very easy reading. I will update this review after my trip in 2013.

I went to Poland and used this book and it was right on target. I even changed some of my plans according to this book and my trip was fantastic. Be sure to go to the salt mines in Krakow.

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