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The Revealed Rome Handbook: Updated, Expanded, And New For 2017: Tips And Tricks For Exploring The Eternal City



Synopsis

Experience Rome like a local with the help of this easy-to-navigate handbook, filled with tips, tricks, and local secrets to exploring the Eternal City – now updated, expanded, and new for 2017. Written by Amanda Ruggeri, BBC editor, travel journalist and the blogger behind www.revealedrome.com, this book is not a guidebook. Instead, it's full of advice to help you enjoy every aspect of your trip, including tips like: -how to pick an authentic Roman restaurant at a glance -budget accommodation options you may not have considered -the one place where you should never take a taxi -how to skip the lines at the Colosseum, the Vatican and more -brand-new sights in Rome that you won't want to miss -how to eat gluten-free or vegetarian in Italy -whether you should invest in a Roma Pass -one thing to never use Tripadvisor for -key tips for booking (and taking) trains -where to find drinking water, and bathrooms, while out and about -how to navigate Rome's public transportation system -how to protect yourself from pickpockets -the best neighborhoods in Rome for shopping...and much, much more. The original 2012 version sold thousands of copies. Why was it time for an update? First, even in Rome, things change. And second, on a personal note, I've discovered even more about the city, and – not least from talking to more than 250 clients in my travel consulting sessions over the years – learned much more about what visitors to Rome really want to know. In fact, this version of the book is twice as long as the original book – but still just as fun to read and easy to navigate. Whether you're coming to Rome for the first time or the fifth, you'll find it one of the most useful tools out there to not only plan your trip, but to have the most rewarding, fun time possible. Until 15 July only, for each book sold, \$1/\$1 per book (depending on location of sale) will be donated to the American Institute for Roman Culture, a nonprofit which protects and campaigns for Rome's cultural heritage.

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Customer Reviews

Amanda Ruggeri has written the book I would write if I could. Focused on Rome only with an insider's perspective. Do not go to Rome without it.

While we used several guides while planning our travel to Italy, I wasn't too impressed with this before we arrived in Rome. However, once there, I reviewed what I'd read and found Ms. Ruggeri's advice very helpful. We realized several tourista fauz-paux when I reviewed her advice about tipping and such. I also realized some places I thought were important were not, and others I'd have ignored, we should take a look at. Writing style was very personal --- made more sense once we were there!

I found this book online and decided to take a chance and buy it. I wasn't sorry! The book was comprehensive and informative, but not overwhelming. Easy to read and well organized. Highly recommended for first time visitors to Rome.

A quick read full of helpful tips, especially recommended for novice travelers. Chatty, accessible and not oversaturated with to do's. It paid for itself just by alerting us to the wide availability of drinking water at public fountains all over Rome. No need to buy bottled water more than once - just hang onto the bottle and refill it on any city square.

Great book with helpful tips on our visit to Rome! We tried a few restaurants suggested and we were not disappointed! We also booked tours with Walks of Italy as mentioned in the book and we were not disappointed at all.

Loved reading this book! It's witty and also useful. It's written very crisply. And it isn't like the usual

travel-guide, for these reasons. The author's experience, as an American living in Rome, feels authentic. Even if you've visited Rome/Italy before, this book can be a good refresher. Its lists of what may be described as 'secondary' places to see, and for shopping so as to give local producers business, are excellent. Its tips on restaurants - authentic Roman dishes, and billing (including the 'pre-conti' concept) - are useful. It cautions the visitor about pickpockets, while putting Rome's crime rate in Western-world perspective, so the visitor needn't get paranoid. Amanda also offers help in planning trips to Rome. Would appeal especially to those who appreciate a short read, and to those who are looking for something outside the usual travel-guide format. It does capture the spirit of Rome - from a visitor's perspective - better than most books/guides on that city.

The handbook is very easy-to-read, but I would not rely on it as my only guide. It is very conversational, and has some good points about preparing for the city and traveling in the city that were not so clear elsewhere. My recommendations for improvement would be to add further hyper-links in the Table of Contents (to link to sub-titles) to make navigation throughout the book easier. My second recommendation would be to KEEP IT CURRENT. One person in my party followed the suggestion for a leather shop. She spent time looking everywhere at the address. No such place. Only later did I discover, by accident, that the author had noted on her blog (in 2014) that the location had changed. I recommend updating the Kindle book at the same time in the future - especially since people pay for the book (while the blog is free).

I purchased this book to help me plan my family's trip to Rome last month and it definitely helped us out in narrowing down what to do with our limited time there. Although we went with our infant, we got to see a lot of things in Rome because I planned out everything. Planning is definitely key when traveling.

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