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Let's Go Europe 2014: The Student Travel Guide



Synopsis

From Portugal to Hungary, from Great Britain down to Greece, Europe is a lot to take on. Luckily, the student adventurers behind Let's Go Europe 2014 think you can handle it with a little help. Whether you're whipping through London, Barcelona, and Prague in five days or spending a leisurely year abroad, you'll get all the info you need from us. Our wit and irreverence can brighten even the drabest Renaissance museum if you didn't take our advice to skip it. From German beer halls to Roman ruins, Let's Go Europe 2014 is your ticket to adventure. Let's Go publishes the world's favorite student travel guides, written entirely by Harvard undergraduates. Armed with pens, notebooks, and a few changes of underwear stuffed in their backpacks, our student researchers go across continents, through time zones, and above expectations to seek out invaluable travel experiences for our readers. Let's Go has been on the road for 53 years and counting: We're on a mission to provide our readers with sharp, fresh coverage packed with socially responsible opportunities to go beyond tourism.

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Customer Reviews

Every summer for the past 53 years, Harvard students have gathered together the bare necessities and set off with nothing but a backpack and some old-fashioned grit. Budget-conscious gourmets, nimble transit-takers, and die-hard bar-hoppers; Let's Go Researchers have the time of their lives, so you'll know exactly how to have the time of yours. As our veterans like to say, it's more a lifestyle than a job. We've done it all; the good, the bad, the ugly, and the unforgettable; to bring our readers the most candid, witty, and irreverent travel advice

available.

I spent 70 days traveling in Europe this spring and summer, and overall I was disappointed with this book. It inexplicably leaves out countries (most notably Switzerland since the book is geared towards western Europe) and seems more concerned with coming across as witty than actually providing useful information. The book is also a bit sloppy. There is a paragraph discussing Istanbul accidentally included in the Budapest chapter despite the fact that Turkey isn't even included in the book. It focuses heavily on hostels and night life neither of which I was particularly interested in. It is much easier to just look up hostels online to see up to date reviews of them and current availability and pricing. I'd recommend going with a different book.

I used this back in 1984 with my sister when we backpacked through Europe. We loved it. Now my daughter is going on a trip to Europe, and I was anxious to see if the 2016 version is as good. It is actually better. It has all the main attractions, plus hints for the traveler with limited funds. It lists all the out of the way places that make a trip to Europe special. Highly recommend !

As someone who is well past my college years, I was somewhat amused by the content of this travel guide. It is highly focused on drinking establishments, where to find affordable lodging near drinking establishments, and how to avoid ending up in an area of Europe that has a lack of fun places to drink. However, I wasn't surprised. This is a guidebook written by college students for college students. I can't be too critical of this book's focus because I am certainly not among the target audience. I will say that, since Let's Go Europe is written by Harvard students, I feel kind of bad for the college kids without trust funds or a parent's credit card in hand who try to live the lifestyle expounded on in the book. I wouldn't recommend that kids take out thousands of dollars in student loans in order to finance a "Let's Go-Style European Vacation." The book is written with the expectation that the reader is going on a months-long grand tour of Europe and can spend well over \$100 a day all summer long, eating gelato and drinking local beer in picturesque European settings. Also, one note about the logistics of using this book on the Kindle: although it is easy and convenient to skip around the content of this book with a Kindle, the maps are very, very difficult to read as are some of the icons used in the book. In addition, some of the content's formatting is lost on the Kindle which makes for confusion, especially when whole pages are rearranged and words are cut off the page.

Travelled Europe with this book, Dublin through to Prague, and we had a saying, "the book never lies." It's not that it has every fun thing you can do, but the descriptions and reviews are almost always exactly right or underselling it. It has a wide range of recommendations so you can usually find something that looks interesting and always somewhere to stay.

My 28-and 25-year old daughters just spent 6 weeks traveling Europe by back pack and train and said this book was a terrific resource. Great suggestions that proved true (Flamenco in Madrid, for example), great eating/sleeping recommendations, and in general, it became their most important resource. I also got them the DK Eyewitness Europe and considered the Rick Steves but decided against that one. What attracted me at first was all the positive reviews for THIS guide. These kids have been to Europe before with us or through school, but not for such a prolonged visit and totally on their own. Plus, they are not students per se but young professionals so I was initially concerned the book might be too simplistic, or the suggestions not "cultural" enough. In fact, they loved it, and kept thanking me over and over, which made me feel pretty good. It sounds like I should take this book with ME next time I go!!

I traveled to Europe in 2002 using Lets Go as my guide. I could not believe how useful the book was! I thank that book everyday for the most incredible experience of my life. Every detail on how to find a place that was discussed down to how many steps to take and in which direction to go from the train station was logged in this book. I have since been planning another trip to Europe and purchased the 2012 edition. Right off the bat I noticed that the book seemed quite thin. Once I opened the book and began to read, it became evident as to why. The information is portrayed in a juvenile way with such sayings as 'I can haz chocolate' and the like. I have only read through Austria, Belgium, and the Czech Republic and am ready to throw out this useless guide. There is absolutely no mention of visiting cities outside of the mainstream. In the section on Austria, for example, there is no mention of Salzburg, Hallstatt, or Innsbruck, etc. Only Vienna and a few tiny trips from Vienna were catalogued. There seems to be an overwhelming list of hostels and places to eat, however as mentioned in previous reviews, there is not much in the way of explaining where these places are located. Don't waste your money! If I had read this book and had never been to Europe, this book would have changed my mind about going!

Not an accurate title. This should be "Let's go Western Europe". Does not cover Eastern Europe except Slovenia and Poland. Past editions covered all of Europe, not this one. If you're heading to

less expensive Eastern Europe as part of your trip, take a different book.

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