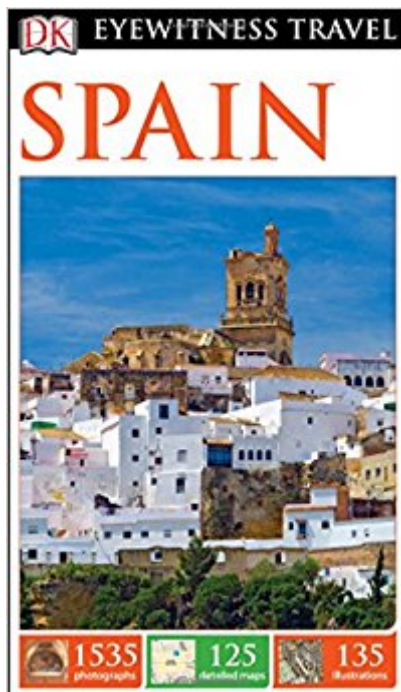


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DK books routinely provide eye-candy for those contemplating a trip somewhere. It provides incredible visual information on the areas covered by the title. But DK books do not provide the down to earth traveling info needed to facilitate that trip, at least to the level I require. I recommend purchasing a DK book, as well as a Fodor or Steves book, to have a comprehensive package. Steves and Fodor books have few pictures, which are costly to print, but they are both very detailed in the basic how to's of traveling in that area. DK books will also be a long term addition to your book shelf, when you want to quickly remember that wonderful journey, as they are very high quality on heavy stock paper. I purchase DK books even when I am just considering a destination, and my book library attests to that!

I purchased both this guide and Rick Steves' Spain (RSS). What maps it contains have rich detail and the photos are impressive. Compared to RSS, this book covers more cities and sights. But as a result, its descriptions are more terse when compared to those covered in RSS. I'm certainly happy that I purchased this book, but I must say that I ended up using RSS much more in planning an upcoming trip to Spain. My recommendation would be to buy both guidebooks (not really an extravagance when compared to the cost of a trip).

This book is great. It has all the history of the country and the different regions, pictures, cut aways of the cathedrals, mosques etc, so you can see what is inside before you get there, it does street-by-street tours of the larger cities, talks about the food and wine in each region and much more. I went to Italy in 2001, and I left my travel books on the coffee table, so the only travel book I could find in the airport was DK Eyewitness Travel. How lucky was I, this was my first one and will not buy anything but these books. I also have the ones on France and London and will buy the one for every country I visit. Spain is a lovely country to visit, it is a hidden in plain view, jewel of Europe.

It is different in every region, from the north, east, south and central. The people are nice, the food is very good and wine is cheaper than bottled water.

This was a big help on my trip to Spain. The maps were useful. I did the trip on my own. There are several failing though. The Picasso museum in Barcelona has extremely long lines. The book did not mention that at all. I could not attend because I was not expecting a 3 hour wait time. The other failing is that it did not describe how the lines to Sagrata Famalia worked. If you already have a ticket you enter at the back not the front. Another failing is that there is no description of the train station at Madrid. There are two levels and there are no signs telling you which level you train leaves from. There are also no signs. This should have been mentioned. Another failing is that it does not tell you at what time the ticket office at the train station opens. It could have been a whole lot better.

I really like the many little photos and diagrams that are throughout this book. A two-page Spanish phrase guide is included in the back. Barcelona and Madrid transit maps are inside the back cover. It hits the highlights of each of the regions of Spain. Very helpful information.

This travel guide is pleasing to look at, with lots of color photos and cross-sections of major tourist sights, along with recommendations of what to see if you only had a limited amount of time. However, owing to the stock of paper used for its many color photos, it is quite heavy and would not be practical to take along on a trip, unless you could get yourself to tear selected pages out of this beautiful book. This guide would complement a travel guide such as Fodor's Spain or Lonely Planet Spain, but would be impractical for an independent traveler to use by itself. I plan to take along Lonely Planet Spain, and only selected pages from DK Eyewitness Spain, which I have copied in full color to assist me in getting through various site in Toledo, Granada, Cordoba, etc.

I've been traveling abroad for years. The first thing I buy when I've decided where I'm going to go is a DK Eyewitness Travel Guide. In it I learn about the history of the country or cities on my itinerary, acquaint myself with the neighborhoods, read about the attractions and map out the most efficient routes, metros and walking tours. I study these travel guides for months, learn a few helpful phrases in the native language, familiarize myself with the foods and approximate costs involved. The guides are updated every year, which is so helpful. I can't say enough good things about the DK Eyewitness Travel Guide. Right now I'm studying up on Barcelona and Madrid for my next trip in

2016!

The only reason why I bought this book is because this book is the only guide book that seems to cover Mallorca. Too HEAVY! How am I suppose to carry this book around while traveling? Too many unnecessary information. If I wanted to read about history of Spain, I would buy the history book, not the travel book. Too many colors and too many stuff going on ... Not sure why restaurants and hotels are listed at the end.

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