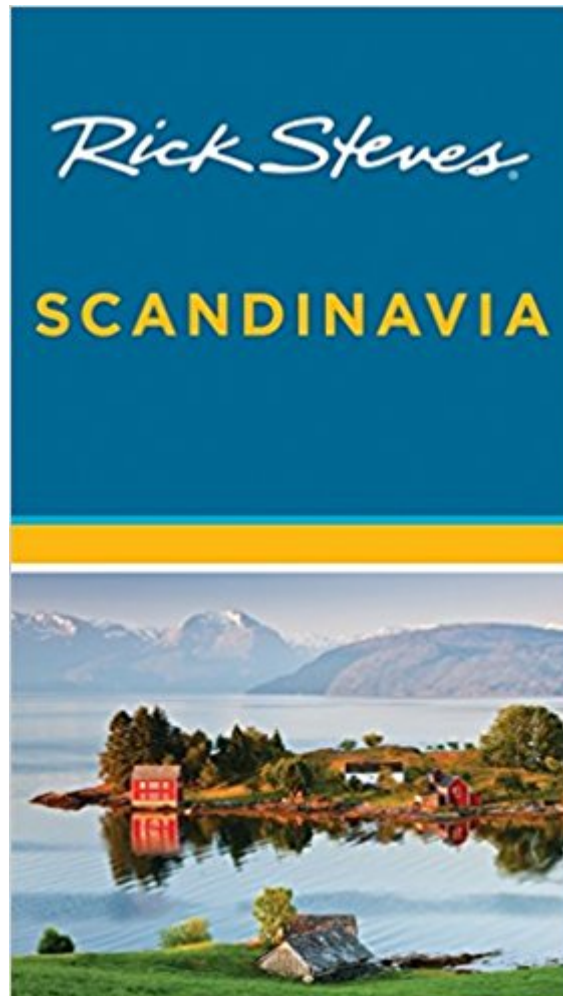




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# Rick Steves Scandinavia



## Synopsis

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Estonia. With this guide, you'll set sail to Europe's most prosperous corner—a smorgasbord of Viking ships, deep green fjords, stave churches, brooding castles, and colorful farmhouses. Explore the sleek, modern capital cities of Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, and Tallinn. Cruise through Stockholm's scenic archipelago, and sample the Baltic charms of Tallinn. Delve deep into Norway's scenic Sognefjord and bike through the idyllic Danish countryside on the castaway island of Aero. And take some time out from sightseeing to get your blood pumping in a steamy Finnish sauna. 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 on what's 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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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 an app and 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 80 at Rick Steves Europe, Inc.; in Edmonds, Washington, just north of

Seattle#151;Rick's mission is to make European travel fun, affordable, and culturally broadening for Americans.

Since it focusses on a couple of places extensively, with handy, informative city walks and lots of info about eating, sleeping and transportation, but skips entire parts of the Scandinavian countries, this guide is very good, and perhaps even more useful than the Lonely Planet, if you only visit those places described in the book and not the rest. Not all major destinations are listed, e.g. Trondheim and GÅfÅteborg are missing, hence my 4 out of 5 stars, but even with those cities missing I though it a very useful book. The city walks are excellent and somehow we often ended up in restaurants that were listed. I bought the ebook version which was very convenient on both phone and tablet, the only disadvantage being that you have to browse quite a bit between the city walk maps and the (very informative) written description. Places described in this guide book:-

Copenhagen- Near Copenhagen (Roskilde and a few other sights)- Central Denmark (ÅfÆ'Å â rÅfÆ'Å Å, ÅfÆ'Å â rÅfÆ'Å Å, skÅfÆ'Å Å,bing, Odense)- Jutland (Aarhus, Legoland, Jelling, Himmelbjerget, Silkeborg (but oddly enough no mention is made of the main sight of the town, the Silkeborg Museum with the naturally mummified corpse of the Tollund man), Ribe)- Oslo- A tour suggestion via FIÅfÆ'Å Å¥m, Aurland and the Undredal- Sognefjord- Gudbrandsdal Valley and Jotunheimen Mountains- Bergen- South Norway (Stavanger, Setesdal, Hovden, Kristiansand)- Stockholm- Near Stockholm (Sigtuna, Uppsala)- Stockholm's Archipelago- Southeast Sweden (VÅfÅxjÅfÅ, Glass Country, Kalmar, Åfâ "land)- Helsinki- Tallinn

Really helpful. Lists exact places with directions for laundry coin-ops, tells exactly where to go to purchase train tickets in each city, gives suggestions to save money but also make the most of your time. I wish it included more cities and locations in the whole of Sweden, other than just the South Eastern portion and Stockholm. The country is huge!!!!!! Also, saying "I don't really like the countryside because, well, I'm Norwegian," isn't very professional. I know you're "kidding", but as a 1/2 Swede, I also know that you're not. lol. Suggetion would be a "sweden" book of its own, Including Gothenburg and hamlets, islands, etc., on the Western coast of Sweden; more towns, cities, explorations, etc. along the Eastern coast (Bosthnia Coast), Central Sweden-- the heartlands (Dalarna, Ostersund, etc.), and maybe even Northern. Also, I'm going to Vilnius, Lithuania as well, and although you have Helsinki and Tallinn in this book (even though they're NOT Scandinavia countries either), there's nothing on Vilnius, and I can't find any other publications you have made in the recent past on Vilnius or the Baltics... the last one was published around 1998 and is totally

outdated! Your information and resources are SO good when you cover towns... how about covering more of Sweden and making a Sweden book, and also updating your Baltics book. Thank you, Rick Steves!!!

I especially liked Steve's Norway in a Nutshell trip you can take on your own. We skipped the expensive, shorter excursion offered by the cruise ship and saved enough to pay for all of our tour books. We visited all of the Scandinavian countries and used this book before docking in each major city, as well as in Tallinn, Estonia. Warning: the book makes you want to go back for more!

Very helpful. It can't, of course, cover everything, and a few bits were already slightly out of date, but that's only natural with a tour book. Contains a great deal of valuable information. Well organized and clearly presented. I love the personal feel of the presentation, too. I can't imagine a better tour guide for this region.

Was as described

Great summary of different areas with good detail on activities to do. Some of it wasn't accurate, and some of the opinions in the book are extreme on why not to go to a specific site. Gave some good context and history though.

Praise heavens for Rick Steves. I followed this book to a T on my trip to Sweden Norway Finland and Estonia. I highly recommend following all of the walking tours. Take Rick's advice and cut the book into segments by breaking the spine and cutting it up by country so you can discard pages easily as you go.

So many good pointers for travel in this book. We used it extensively on our vacation. So glad it also included Estonia as well as Finland, Norway, and Sweden. It was a superb guide and made this trip much more enjoyable since we were not experienced on our own travelers and have usually done guided tours.

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