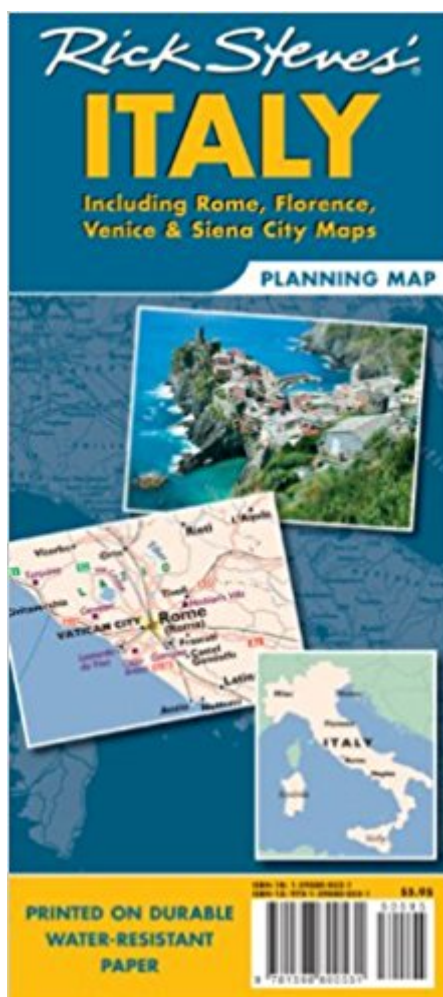


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# Rick Steves' Italy Map: Including Rome, Florence, Venice And Siena City



## Synopsis

Designed specifically for Rick's travel audience (or users) these maps highlight choice destinations throughout Italy, from the Alps to Sicily, in a colorful, easy-to-use format on high-quality paper that lasts over many trips;

- Cuts the Clutter: While big cities are left for navigational purposes, this map is otherwise stripped clean and filled in only with places that matter to travelers;
- Guidebook-Friendly: At a glance, all the places you read about in Rick's Italy, Rome, Venice and Florence guidebooks pop right out in a crisp, easy-to-read format;
- Rail or Road: Includes important train lines and highways (and ferry routes) for easy route-planning, no matter how you'll get around;
- The Back's Even Better: The reverse side includes detailed city-center maps of Rome, Venice and Florence, locating sights, hotels and restaurants from Rick's city guidebooks.

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## Customer Reviews

Today's tourists are as likely to be toting Rick Steves as Giorgio Armani, tasting the good life without burning through the Kids' college fund. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This map is not really very useful because it lacks detail on any scale. The national map could not be used for navigating effectively while driving, and the city maps won't help much while you are trying to walk around. It gives you a general idea of what's where and how far apart things are, so

maybe it is useful in planning your trip but you will want something better when you are actually there. Also, be aware that this is pretty much just a larger version of the map that is included in the back of the Italy 2014 guidebook, printed on tougher paper. The paper is water resistant, which would be great in a map that you are using while walking around Venice or Florence, but that won't be this map.

Great map! It's accurate and very useful when planning for and traveling in Italy. I studied this map when planning my month long excursion to Italy, and also took it with me. I pulled it out fairly often when trying to navigate train stops and distances.

Map perfect for my upcoming trip. It is coated, so will not tear easily and fold up nice.

This map was excellent for Venice and Florence, but Rome was another story. The map covers too small an area of central Rome. Even the Vatican is only partially included on the edge of the covered area. The Vatican metro station is off the map so you do not know any street names or directions to get back on to the map. The central metro station (Termini) also slides off the another edge so when you come out of the station you have a good chance of not being on the map.

I definitely suggest this book as a first book about Italy. It will give you all the basic information you need to know, stuff about train travel, phone calls, etiquette and so forth. Very good for the many different regions. If you are staying in a specific city for awhile, like Rome, I suggest buying the city-specific book, it will help you with museums and specific hotels/restaurants in the city. Check it out at a bookstore first before you buy it here, it's a little thick, so you don't want to carry it if you are buying a lot of other guides too. I pulled out what I needed, and left the rest here.

First of all, I love Rick Steve's books (and products) and use his books and videos exclusively. HOWEVER...there is a major problem with his books. He's got these great city maps...great stuff. But on the maps, where he points out places of interest, there is no indication of where the review is. Argh! For instance, you look at a city map, and it shows 10 restaurants. You're in one section of the area, and see 4 restaurants close to where you are. The next thing you'd do, of course, would be to check out the 4 reviews...alas, though, the 4 reviews are on different pages, and you have no idea where they are. I literally spent 2 hours writing on these little maps, putting page numbers next to each restaurant/place of interest, etc. What a pain! It would take the Rick

Steve's editors a couple hours to do this, and wouldn't take up much room (for instance, where it says on the bottom, "2. - XXX Restaurant", you could say, "2. - XXX Restaurant, p. 53." How hard would that be? Yeesh!

Perfect for travel. Wont get wet or tear.

Rick Steves guidebooks are the most thorough I have ever read. When I mean thorough, I mean getting to the nuts and bolts of what you need to know. No fluff, no wasted pages and no nonsense. Each section of each guidebook is written in such an easy to understand way, you feel you have already been there. In addition to the recommended sites, hotels and restaurants, there are recommended tours including the popular self walking tours. I cannot think of a better way to get acquainted with a city then to take a self walking tour without distractions. The stuff on Ricks walking tours do not appear in most other guidebooks. They include interesting points of view and facts that most tourists miss or deem unimportant. The best example I can give is Seville, Spain. I just completed a cruise which only had a day stopover at a port a few hours from Seville. That left only a few hours to see the city of Seville. How do you prioritize? Rick does it for you. By using his self walking tour, I was able to cover as much of Seville in four hours what most other tourists cover in a full day or more. As for the B&B's and other hotels? I have never stayed at a Rick Steves recommended place that disappointed me. I knew what I was getting in advance. Most of the time they were even better than Rick described. Always clean, always quaint, always representative of the life in the area you're visiting. If you are lucky, even run by a local family that treats you as one of their own. I believe Rick is the reason many of these places are in business because you cannot help but notice many of the other guests holding Ricks books. Ricks somewhat hidden although obvious hints and advice are invaluable. The best example is Spains AVE fast train. I took it from Barcelona to Madrid and an incredible web fare internet special reducing the cost by 60%. If it were not for Ricks somewhat hidden hint, I would have paid more. Read his books carefully. There are somewhat hidden gems around every corner, each of which will make your stay more enjoyable, more meaningful and more memorable.

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