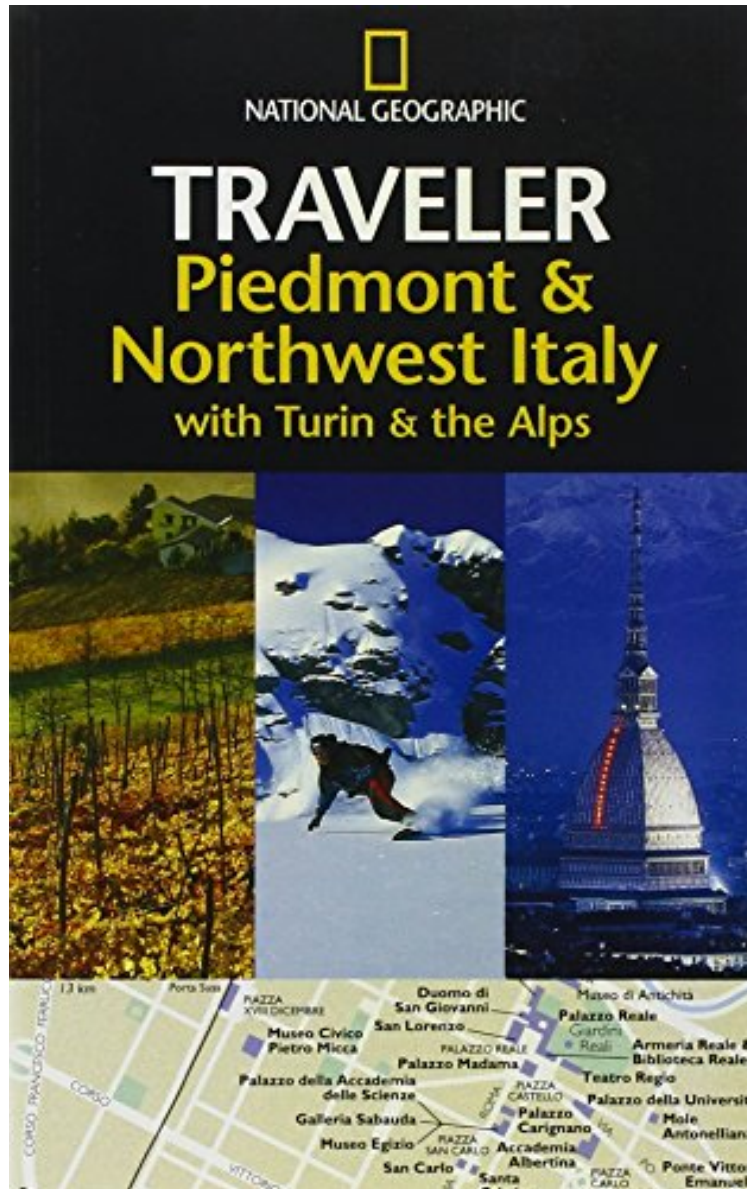


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15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Pictures and Wonderful Information
By Daniel Gamboa
This guidebook focuses on Turin, Piedmont, The Aosta Valley and the highlights of Liguria. It includes one walking tour of Turin's historic center (Roman Quarter) and three driving tours (The Langhe Region, Lake Maggiore and The Aosta Valley Castles). It also includes articles on interesting facts such as Cafe Life, Fiat, Contemporary Art in Turin, The Slow-Food Movement, Truffles, The Gardens of Lake Maggiore and Giuseppe Mazzini. Plus, there's good information about current Piedmont, history, art (including literature and cinema), food, shopping, entertainment. There's also a very good article about the Holy Shroud and a three dimensional representation of the Molle Antonelliana and the Duomo complex. Except for the main pictures used for Lake Orta and Portofino, they're all beautiful. I didn't give it 5 stars because I think it should've featured maps of other cities (Aosta and Genoa, for example). Besides, all the hotels listed are rather expensive (I loved the BB recommended at 115 euros per night in Turin, though) and there isn't much information about logistics (just general information about how to get there and move around these three regions). I use the Internet for lodging and logistics anyway, so that isn't a big deal for me in particular. In general, it's quite good, so I highly recommend it. I've checked other guidebooks (Cadogan, Lonely Planet, Touring, etc) and this is so far the one that suits me better.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.
Five Stars
By GWAD
good book focused on Piedmont
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Too sketchy
By Strafford11
This is, as expected, gorgeously illustrated and organized. But I learned nothing. I wanted to delve into the Piedmont region, and learn about many of the historical smaller towns, plus a value-added view of Turin. This is just pretty boilerplate without any insight. For culture, see the Blue Guide to Northern Italy, and for recommendations, seek out the Knopf guide to the cities and Italy in general. I expect more from National Geographic; a mediocre effort.

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