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booming. Many firms are publishing detailed travel guides. At one time the definitive authors were Michelin and Frommer. Today there is a virtual cornucopia of travel guides for almost any city or region. Each has its strengths and weaknesses. We are planning a trip to Rome, so when this guide popped up on my Vine list I snatched it. I wanted to compare it to an excellent Rick Steve's Guide to Rome as well as a DK Books Rome Guide. I was equally impressed and disappointed with the National Geographic guide to Rome. First, the good stuff. The National Geographic Guide has, as you might expect, excellent images and photography, on par with what DK offers. In addition, the National Geographic guide has in-depth history for each site it describes, probably more historical narrative than any other guide. Now for the not so great: The National Geographic Guide is so focused on photography and history that it often misses or leaves out important travel tips, like when a site opens, or critical information about when to visit to avoid crowds. There were several key sites where I found it hard to find information on ticket costs, opening and closing times and so forth. These basics are the most important part when scheduling a trip, and I was surprised at the difficulty I had in finding the material. What we are considering to do is to take the Rick Steve's book, which is rich in detail about how to get to the sites and how to navigate the sites, with the National Geographic book, which has rich detail on the history and good photos. Together they'll make an excellent combination. Forced to take only one, however, and I'd take Rick Steve's or perhaps the DK book before the National Geographic guide. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Covers Eleven Different Geographic Locations By Christine Abraham This book begins with the history and the culture Rome. Then the book is divided into eleven different geographic locations to visit, plus a final chapter on excursions. There is so much information in the book...including "Off the Beaten Path," and "authentic Experiences." The book is well researched and covers a great deal of history and modern facts. The book is intentionally lightweight and small so you can use it as a travel companion...you can even carry this inside your handbag. The font size offsets the benefit of the convenient size...these are small words, though line spacing is adequate so the words do not smash together! I especially liked the "How to Be a Geo-Savy Traveler" in the beginning of the book, the insider tips and the incredible photographs.

From the beautiful Spanish Steps to the heights of Palatine Hill, Rome experts Sari Gilbert and Michael Brouse guide you through this historic and vibrant city. Illustrated with more than 120 vivid photographs and more than 20 detailed, full-color maps, the 4th edition of National Geographic Traveler: Rome gives you every tool you need to plan a trip to this fascinating city. Starting with an introduction to Rome's storied history and culture, the book then explores each of the city's regions, covering every corner of town in detail. Sites covered include the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Arch of Constantine, the Roman and Imperial Forums, the Trevi Fountain, and the sublime ceiling of the Vatican Museums' Sistine Chapel. These, the many amazing museums that dot the city, and more are covered in lively detail. Special features and sidebars give comprehensive information on topics ranging from the Roman emperors to the importance of coffee and cafés to the city's residents. Experiential sidebars abound, including culinary classes on exquisite Roman cuisine, Italian language classes, and archaeological digs that delve deep into the city's past. In addition, the book features six detailed guided walks into the nooks and crannies of some of the city's most fascinating districts. A thorough, updated Travelwise section provides recommendations for shopping, hotels, and restaurants in all price ranges and in all areas. Whether you're planning to visit St. Peter's Square in the Holy See or the richly ornate Galleria Borghese museum, the newly updated National Geographic Traveler: Rome has all the information you need to plan an exceptional stay in Italy's capital city. The National Geographic Traveler series is aimed at active travelers who want authentic, enriching, cultural experiences and look to a guidebook for expert advice and insider tips from a trustworthy source. We offer ways for people to experience a place rather than just visit, and give the feel of each destination not easily found online.