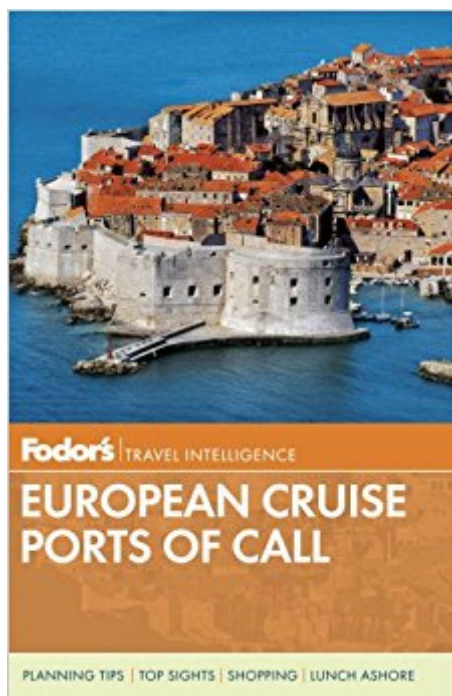


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# Fodor's European Cruise Ports Of Call (Travel Guide)



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I was excited to buy this book because I was looking for information to help me select a cruise based on ports of call. The book does deliver, as promised, information about ports of call. However, it doesn't include all ports of call. Maybe that's not possible, but, for example, I am looking at a European cruise that includes 4 ports in Iceland, yet only Reykjavik is included. For Edinburgh, Scotland, it lists Invergordon but not South Queensferry; and Kirkwall, Scotland, is not included. I understand that there are page limits and every possible port cannot be included, but since several ports about which I wanted information are not included, I am disappointed and therefore only rate the book as "it's OK." Also, note that it is a 2013 copyright, and research was apparently concluded in 2012, because it says, for example, "[cruise line] announced major refurbishments... for 2013," clearly suggesting that 2013 was still future. As it is now 2016, I recognize that the book's information, though helpful, is likely to be dated.

This book was very helpful in helping me make the decision whether to visit a port on my own or sign up for an expensive ship tour. I would have given it 5 stars, but there were a few ports that were not in the book or I couldn't find them. Also, you need to know which port you are coming into when visiting an area that may be more inland, for example you need to know Livorno as your port but you may think that Florence would be sufficient. But once I figured all that out, it was easy enough.

We are a group of travel friends who took a cruise from Istanbul to Venice with stops in Greece, Italy, Montenegro, etc. Shore excursions are very pricey on ships - this book save us a huge pot of money since it was clear a number of our ports were small walled cities in which we could wander with the guidebook. We did take tours in Athens because of time constraints and its size but the rest was easy to follow. Highly recommended.

Bought this for our Mediterranean cruise, and it was good but not excellent. I like the Frommer's approach to guide books with 3-star "must sees" for each city but I didn't feel like this book offered that. Either that, or the cities we visited didn't have much to see! Also the locations of places we

wanted to visit were a little vague, as in "between this and that piazza". We had to stop to ask directions. But, to be fair it did guide us to a good pizza place in Naples, and gave general knowledge of the cities we were visiting.

If you're planning a European cruise, this book is useful for a brief introduction to a wide range of possible ports of call. But once you have booked a cruise, you will want more detailed from the country or region books.

Ok not great. I bought another one, it went into more detail and had many more pictures and greater detail. I'd recommend this as a preliminary guide

Not my favorite Fodor guide. The book is organized alphabetical by cities, not by country then city. So, I spent a lot of time flipping back and forth from location to location. I also would like more restaurant options, and ones that are less expensive. Obviously, this was a big task to take on, so kudos for that.

I give this a 5 star because the book gives you detail information for where the cruise ship docks and the many sites you can visit. However, you can probably find a wealth of information from all the ports if you do an internet search.

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