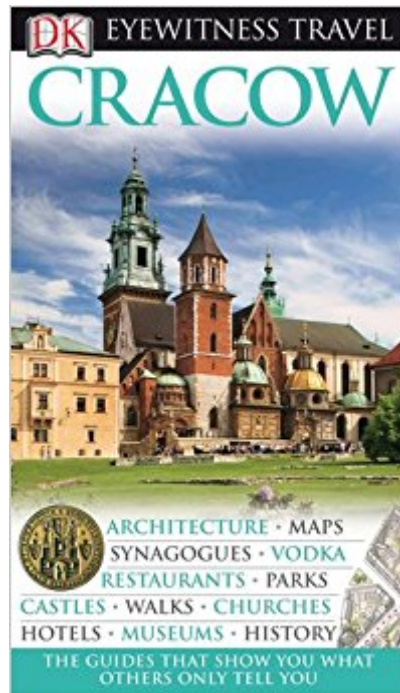


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Customer Reviews

DK publishes the Eyewitness series with the explicit purpose of "showing you what other guides only tell you." If you are a visual person, if you enjoy architecture, cityscapes, and a strong sense of place you're going to love these books. This one is one of the best. Krakow is a city you probably know, and if you don't you should. Both casual and sophisticated, what Prague is to Czech, Krakow is to Poland. It's the historical capital and seat of the ancient Polish monarchy - the Jagiellonian dynasty. The architecture in Krakow, as you might imagine, is astonishing, and a major feature of any substantial trip to the city. The medieval core of the city is intact and lovingly preserved as a UNESCO world heritage site. This book, with its visual format, lovely color photography, and color diagrams and maps, fits Krakow's built environment very well. You get a real feeling for the city by browsing and reading the book. That's why I've suggested that Eyewitness guides make great armchair travellers. For me, one of the best features of the book is this: Before you go to visit an

historic landmark, a church, palace, museum or house, you can read the background information in the book, so when you actually arrive at the site, you can simply absorb the architecture and the atmosphere. You can just let it seep in... while everyone else is trying to understand the tour guide. Only a book like this can be used as such. The first third of the book offers a concise and well illustrated timeline, and associated history chapter, that places the city into larger geographic, political and cultural contexts. Most of the book is dedicated to culture, history and architecture, as it should be. The practical information and listings make up the last third of the book and are selective. Though they aren't comprehensive, the listings include accommodations and dining options that are most likely to appeal to travellers AND offer an authentic experience. There are guides that are more detailed and comprehensive, but none offers the reader this perfect blend of visual content, historical contexts, and practical direction.

Pretty much everything you want to see is in easy walking distance in the Old Town. Information in this book was out of date or inaccurate (the Da Vinci painting has been moved to Warsaw, some museums close at 3pm in the summer). Many people speak English and the Poles understand the value of the tourist to their local economy, so are very helpful. Just have your hotel arrange your airport pick up - cheaper than the taxi stand. The main train station is convenient to the Old Town area and has one of the few grocery stores in the area, so budget travelers stock up on your way out of the station.

Krakow is a very beautiful, historic City and this guide greatly enhanced our enjoyment of it. EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION AND CONTENT. Eyewitness Travel Guides are very good because they cover so many areas (history, architecture, planning, maps where to stay & eat, etc.) with excellent pictures and other graphics. The organization of the Eyewitness guides gives a quick overview of the city or country and helps to view a city or country by making it very easy to identify sites and buildings. The Eyewitness Guides facilitate touring by superb organization of maps, drawings, pictures and descriptions so that significant points of interest and sites are easily identified. They give a lot of info, but are not too long. And I keep them as good references in contrast to many touring guides that I immediately discard after I have seen the area they cover. In other words, the content does not justify carrying the additional weight. The Krakow guide is one of the best in the series. My biggest negative of the book is that it spells Krakow with the letter "c," not "k."

Back in Krakow after 19 years. Rough Guides & Michelin are our favorites, but these are very good

& useful.

DK eyewitness books are the best books for learning about where you will be traveling. They are also wonderful for learning about new places. Many pics and drawings, descriptions etc. Wouldn't travel anywhere without one anymore. Whenever we plan a trip, I look for the DK books on for purchase. Never disappointed!!!

I had this, along with Rick Steves Krakow, Warsaw and Gdanisk.. Since we spent 8 full days in Krakow/Crakov, and had time to see/study sites in detail, THIS BOOK was much overall far more useful to me, the one I carried around town. Still, I always use 2 guide books, and in most cities, a combination of DK Eyewitness, and Rick Steves usually does it for us, giving an overall picture/answering most questions up front, and helping you enjoy what you see.

Great guidebooks especially if you are a do-it-yourselfer. Especially valuable for sightseeing. We did Krakow last year and this book helped us maximize our time there. Combine this with Frommers and Rick Steves and you can plan a trip far better and less expensive than any tour. I know, I've been travelling to Europe this way for 35 years now.

Good and useful guide. Helps by telling you what bus and trolley lines to take to certain sites. Also gives useful information about the sites you are seeing and helpful hints about what to do to enjoy a shorter or longer trip. I found it useful to supplement this guide with another guide to get perspective on the importance of certain places to visit.

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