

# Frommer's Europe



# Frommer's<sup>®</sup> Europe, 12th Edition

---

## Table of Contents

### [Chapter 1: Planning Your Trip to Europe](#)

#### [Getting There](#)

[By Plane](#)

[By Train from the United Kingdom](#)

[By Ferry to/from the United Kingdom or Ireland](#)

[By Tunnel from the United Kingdom](#)

[By Bus from the United Kingdom](#)

#### [Getting Around](#)

[By Train](#)

[By Car](#)

[By Plane](#)

[By Bus](#)

#### [When to Go](#)

[Weather](#)

[Europe Calendar of Events](#)

#### [Tips on Where to Stay](#)

#### [Organized Tours](#)

[Activity Tours](#)

[Escorted General-Interest Tours](#)

[Packages for Independent Travelers](#)

### [Chapter 2: Austria](#)

#### [Vienna](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Vienna](#)

[Attractions Outside the Inner City](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[The LGBT Scene](#)

---

[Where to Stay](#)

[Salzburg](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Salzburg](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Moderate](#)

[Innsbruck & Tyrol](#)

[Innsbruck](#)

[St. Anton am Arlberg](#)

[The Kitzbühel Alps](#)

## [Chapter 3: Belgium](#)

[Brussels](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Brussels](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[A Side Trip to Waterloo](#)

[Bruges](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Bruges](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Ghent](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Ghent](#)

---

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay & Eat](#)

[Antwerp](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Antwerp](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay & Eat](#)

## [Chapter 4: The Czech Republic](#)

[Prague](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Prague](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Prague](#)

[West Bohemia & the Spas](#)

[Karlovy Vary \(Carlsbad\)](#)

[České Budějovice](#)

[Český Krumlov](#)

## [Chapter 5: Denmark](#)

[Copenhagen](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Copenhagen](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Day Trips from Copenhagen](#)

[Dragør](#)

[Louisiana](#)

---

[Helsingør \(Elsinore\)](#)

## [Chapter 6: England](#)

[London](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring London](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Day Trips from London](#)

[Oxford](#)

[Stratford-upon-Avon](#)

[Salisbury, Stonehenge & Bath](#)

[Salisbury & Stonehenge](#)

[Bath](#)

## [Chapter 7: France](#)

[Paris](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Paris](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Day Trips from Paris: The Ile de France](#)

[The Loire Valley Châteaux](#)

[Tours](#)

[Villandry](#)

[Azay-le-Rideau](#)

[Amboise](#)

[Blois](#)

[Chambord](#)

[Cheverny](#)

---

[Chenonceaux](#)

[Chinon](#)

[Angers](#)

[Provence & the Côte d'Azur](#)

[Avignon](#)

[St-Rémy-de-Provence](#)

[Les Baux](#)

[Arles](#)

[Aix-en-Provence](#)

[St-Tropez](#)

[Cannes](#)

[Antibes & Cap d'Antibes](#)

[Nice](#)

[Monaco](#)

## [Chapter 8: Germany](#)

[Berlin](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Berlin](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Berlin: Potsdam](#)

[Munich & the Bavarian Alps](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Munich](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Munich](#)

[Garmisch-Partenkirchen](#)

---

## [The Romantic Road](#)

[Rothenburg ob der Tauber](#)

[Nördlingen](#)

[Augsburg](#)

[Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau : The Royal Castles](#)

## [Chapter 9: Greece](#)

### [Athens](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Athens](#)

[The Top Museums](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

### [The Northern Peloponnese & Delphi](#)

[The Northern Peloponnese & the Classical Sites](#)

[Delphi](#)

### [The Cyclades](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Mykonos](#)

[Santorini \(Thira\)](#)

[Tinos](#)

## [Chapter 10: Hungary](#)

### [Budapest](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Budapest](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment and Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

### [The Danube Bend](#)

[Essentials](#)

---

[Szentendre](#)

[Visegrád](#)

[Esztergom](#)

## [Chapter 11: Ireland](#)

[Dublin](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Dublin](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Kerry & the Dingle Peninsula](#)

[Killamey Town](#)

[Killamey National Park](#)

[Iveragh Peninsula/The Ring of Kerry](#)

[The Dingle Peninsula](#)

[Dingle Town \(An Daingean\)](#)

[Galway City](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Galway City](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

## [Chapter 12: Italy](#)

[Rome](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring the Eternal City](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Florence](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Florence](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[A Side Trip to Fiesole](#)

[Highlights of the Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside](#)

[Pisa](#)

[San Gimignano](#)

[Siena](#)

[Assisi](#)

[Venice](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Venice](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Exploring Venice's Islands](#)

[Chapter 13: The Netherlands](#)

[Amsterdam](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Amsterdam](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Amsterdam](#)

[Haarlem](#)

[Rotterdam](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Rotterdam](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Delft](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Delft](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Leiden](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Leiden](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Chapter 14: Norway](#)

[Oslo](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Oslo](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Oslo](#)

[Bergen & the Fjords](#)

[Bergen: Gateway to the Fjords](#)

[Exploring the Fjords](#)

[Chapter 15: Portugal](#)

[Lisbon & Environs](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Lisbon](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

---

[Where to Stay](#)

[The Portuguese Riviera: Excursions Along the Costa do Sol](#)

[The Algarve](#)

[Lagos](#)

[Sagres : “The End of the World”](#)

[Praia da Rocha](#)

[Praia dos Três Irmãos & Alvor](#)

[Albufeira](#)

[Vale do Lobo & Quinta do Lago](#)

[Faro](#)

## [Chapter 16: Scotland](#)

[Edinburgh & Environs](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Edinburgh](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Side Trips from Edinburgh](#)

[Glasgow](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Glasgow](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Tayside & Grampian](#)

[Crieff](#)

[Dundee & Glamis Castle](#)

[Braemar](#)

[Ballater & Balmoral Castle](#)

## [Chapter 17: Spain](#)

### [Madrid](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Madrid](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

### [Day Trips from Madrid](#)

[Toledo](#)

[San Lorenzo de El Escorial Palace](#)

[Segovia](#)

### [Barcelona](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Barcelona](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

### [Day Trips from Barcelona](#)

[Sitges](#)

[Montserrat](#)

### [Andalucía & the Costa del Sol](#)

[Sevilla](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Córdoba](#)

[Granada](#)

[Málaga](#)

---

[Marbella](#)

[Torremolinos](#)

## [Chapter 18: Sweden](#)

[Stockholm & Environs](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Stockholm](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Day Trips from Stockholm](#)

[Uppsala](#)

[Skokloster Castle](#)

[Gripsholm Castle](#)

## [Chapter 19: Switzerland](#)

[Geneva](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Getting Around](#)

[Exploring Geneva](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

[Easy Excursions from Geneva](#)

[Zurich](#)

[Essentials](#)

[Exploring Zurich](#)

[Where to Eat](#)

[Shopping](#)

[Entertainment & Nightlife](#)

[Where to Stay](#)

---

# *Frommer's<sup>®</sup> Europe*

## *12th Edition*



John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Published by:

**John Wiley & Sons, Inc.**

Copyright © 2013 John Wiley & Sons Ltd, The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester,  
West Sussex PO19 8SQ, UK  
Telephone (+44) 1243 779777

Email (for orders and customer service enquiries): [cs-books@wiley.co.uk](mailto:cs-books@wiley.co.uk). Visit our Home Page on  
[www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com)

All Rights Reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, scanning or otherwise, except under the terms of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or under the terms of a licence issued by the Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd, Saffron House, 6-10 Kirby Street, London EC1N 8TS, UK, without the permission in writing of the Publisher. Requests to the Publisher should be addressed to the Permissions Department, John Wiley & Sons Ltd, The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 8SQ, England, or emailed to [permreq@wiley.co.uk](mailto:permreq@wiley.co.uk), or faxed to (+44) 1243 770620.

Designations used by companies to distinguish their products are often claimed as trademarks. All brand names and product names used in this book are trade names, service marks, trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective owners. The Publisher is not associated with any product or vendor mentioned in this book.

This publication is designed to provide accurate and authoritative information in regard to the subject matter covered. It is sold on the understanding that the Publisher is not engaged in rendering professional services. If professional advice or other expert assistance is required, the services of a competent professional should be sought.

Publisher: Kelly Regan

Project Manager: Daniel Mersey

Editors: Fiona Quinn, Jill Emeny

Project Editors: Hannah Clement, Lindsay Conner

Cartography: Roberta Stockwell

Photo Editors: Cherie Cincilla, Richard H. Fox, Jill Emeny

Front cover photo: Belltower campanile from Brunelleschi's Dome (Duomo), Florence, Tuscany, Italy © Peter Barritt / Alamy Images

Back cover photo: Algarve scenic, Lagos, Portugal © Parasola.net / Alamy Images

Wiley also publishes its books in a variety of electronic formats and by print-on-demand. Some content that appears in standard print versions of this book may not be available in other formats. For more information about Wiley products, visit us at [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com).

For information on our other products and services or to obtain technical support, please contact our Customer Care Department within the U.S. at 877/762-2974, outside the U.S. at 317/572-3993 or fax 317/572-4002.

British Library Cataloguing in Publication Data

A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library

ISBN 978-1-118-36907-4 (pbk)

ISBN 978-1-118-48630-6 (ebk)

ISBN 978-1-118-48631-3 (ebk)

ISBN 978-1-118-54555-3 (ebk)

Typeset by Wiley Indianapolis Composition Services

Printed and bound in the United States of America

5 4 3 2 1

## List of Maps

Europe

Austria

Vienna

Salzburg

Innsbruck

Belgium

Brussels

Bruges

Ghent

Antwerp

The Czech Republic

Prague

Český Krumlov

Denmark

Copenhagen

England

London Attractions

---

London Restaurants & Hotels

Stratford-upon-Avon

Bath

France

Paris Attractions

Paris Hotels

The Loire Valley

Provence

The French Riviera

Monaco

Germany

Western Berlin

Mitte & Museumsinsel

Charlottenburg

Munich

The Romantic Road

Greece

Athens

The Acropolis & Ancient Agora

The Cyclades

Hungary

Budapest

The Danube Bend

Ireland

Dublin

County Kerry

Italy

Rome Attractions

The Colosseum, the Forum & Ancient Rome Attractions

Rome Hotels

Rome & Environs

Florence

Tuscany & Umbria

Siena

Assisi

Venice

The Netherlands

Amsterdam

Norway

Oslo

---

Oslo to Bergen & Along the Fjords

Portugal

Lisbon

The Algarve

Scotland

Edinburgh

Glasgow

Tayside & Grampian

Spain

Madrid

Barcelona

Andalucía & the Costa del Sol

Sevilla

Sweden

Stockholm

Switzerland

Geneva

Zurich

## **Note About Maps**

This guide contains dozens of maps of varying sizes and complexity. If you find it hard to read a map on your device, use the zoom function to enlarge. You can also download and/or printout PDFs of all of the maps in this guide. Go to [www.frommers.com/go/ebookmaps](http://www.frommers.com/go/ebookmaps) and click on the title of your guide.

## About the Authors

---

**Donald Strachan** is a Frommer's writer and author of recent guidebooks to Florence, Tuscany, England and Great Britain. He is also a contributor for Frommer's *London 2013* guidebook, as well as a regular writer for the Sunday Telegraph on consumer travel technologies and the Web. Donald wrote the Planning chapter, is co-author of the Florence, and Tuscany & Umbria sections of the Italy chapter and contributed to the England chapter.

**Dardis McNamee** is currently editor in chief of the English-language monthly *The Vienna Review*. In her long career in journalism, she has been correspondent for, among others, *The New York Times* and *Conde Nast Traveler* in New York, and for the *Wall Street Journal Europe* and *Die Zeit* in Vienna, the city where she has lived for 15 years. Dardis is the author of the Austria chapter.

**George McDonald** is a freelance journalist and travel writer who has written extensively about both the Netherlands and Belgium for magazines and guidebooks, including several Frommer's titles. He is the author of The Netherlands and Belgium chapters.

**Mark Baker** is a long-time American expat who lives in Prague. He's one of the original editors of *The Prague Post* and was for years a correspondent and editor for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, based in Prague. He is now a freelance editor and reporter. Mark is the author of The Czech Republic chapter.

**Christian Martinez** was born in Spain but grew up in Copenhagen where he majored in Anthropology and Spanish. He's been a long-time editor and staff writer at Politiken Travel Books, a Danish publishing house, and is the author of guidebooks on Madrid, Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil. He's now a freelance writer and reporter and has published articles in all major Danish newspapers and magazines. Christian is the author of the Denmark chapter.

**Joe Fullman** has lived in London for just over 40 years and has worked as a travel writer for more than a decade. He has written for most of the major guidebook publishers and is author of guides to London and England, among others. He contributed to the London section of the England chapter. **Sian Meades** has lived in southeast London for a decade and has spent most of that time hunting for the perfect boutiques. Sian contributed to the shopping section of London in the England chapter. **John Power** is a London-based DJ, club promoter and writer with nearly 2 decades experience traversing the pubs, clubs, and nightlife of the capital. He contributed to London nightlife in the England chapter.

**Lily Heise** has been living in Paris for over 10 years, having refused to go back to Canada after studying art first in Italy and then in France. In addition to contributing to *Frommer's Paris* and *France*, she reports on Paris cultural news for local and international online and print publications. She lives in Montmartre and spends her free time exploring off-beat Paris and traveling around Europe. **Joseph Alexiou** works as a freelance journalist and has contributed to *France For Dummies* and *Europe For Dummies*. His work has appeared in the *New York Press*, the *New York Observer*, *Newsday*, and *Paper* magazine. He lives in Brooklyn. **Sophie Nellis** came to Paris for a summer adventure in 2007. Four years later, she is still here. She currently lives in Belleville and divides her time among writing, teaching, translating, and leading walking tours of Paris. **Kate van den Boogert** is founding editor of

the popular Paris blog [gogoparis.com](http://gogoparis.com), an insider's guide to fashion, food, arts, gigs, and gossip in the French capital. Kate moved to Paris from Melbourne in 2000. **Tristan Rutherford** moved to Nice and began a career in freelance travel journalism in 2002. He writes travel features for *Financial Times* and London's *Sunday Times Travel Magazine* among others, and lectures in Travel and Journalism at Central Saint Martin's in London.

**Caroline Sieg** has been a travel writer for many years and has contributed on Germany chapters for three Lonely Planet guidebooks (*Western Europe 9*, *Central Europe 8*, *Europe on a Shoestring 6*); as well as *Frommer's Germany* and a number of other titles: *Frommer's San Diego*; *Frommer's Dream Vacations*; and features for [Frommers.com](http://Frommers.com). Caroline wrote the Germany chapter.

**Peter Kerasiotis**, a native Athenian, currently lives in New York City, where he works as a web developer and editor. He is the author of Athens, in the Greece chapter. **Sherry Marker's** love of Greece began when she majored in Classical Greek at Harvard. She attended American School of Classical Studies in Athens and studied ancient history at the University of California at Berkeley. Sherry is the author of *The Northern Peloponnese & Delphi*, and *The Cyclades* in the Greece chapter.

**Dr. Ryan James** was born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey. He earned his doctorate in education from the University of San Francisco, and has taught English at ELTE University in Budapest since 2002. He and his partner own BudaBaB, a bed and breakfast on the Pest side of Budapest. Ryan wrote the Hungary chapter.

**Christi Daugherty** is an expat American living in London. A former journalist, she's the author of several travel books including *Frommer's Ireland*. Christi and her husband, **Jack Jewers**, wrote the Ireland chapter.

**Eleonora Baldwin** is an American born-Italian raised, global citizen. As a food and travel writer, and wanderlust addict living in Rome, she divides her time between guiding foodie adventures, writing food stories and columns, traveling, and designing custom culinary vacations in Italy. She is the author/editor of four blogs in which she writes about Italian lifestyle, reviews restaurants, provides useful tools for parents traveling with kids in Rome, and captures the Eternal City's essence in her photography. Eleonora contributed to the Italy chapter. **John Moretti**, a freelance writer based in Italy, has written for *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Independent on Sunday*, *Italy Daily*, *The Associated Press*, and [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) (Financial Times online). He is the author of *Living Abroad in Italy*, co-editor of *Rome in Detail*, and a contributor to Time Out's Milan and Naples city guides. John contributed to the Italy chapter.

**Stephen Keeling** is a journalist and writer who lives in New York but returns to his native England several times a year. He has authored or co-authored several books on European destinations including *Frommer's Tuscany, Umbria & Florence With Your Family* and *Frommer's Italy*. He is co-author of the Florence, and Tuscany & Umbria sections of the Italy chapter, and contributed to the England chapter.

**Roger Norum**, an award-winning writer and photographer, studied Norwegian literature at the University of Tromsø before reading a PhD in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford. He

currently makes London his home, from where he covers travel and food for a range of publications. Roger wrote the Norway chapter.

**Darwin & Danforth** are a team of veteran travel writers who have authored dozens of Frommer's titles over the years. Porter is a film critic and noted biographer of Hollywood celebrities. Prince was employed by the Paris bureau of the *New York Times*, and is today the president of BloodMoonProductions.com. They authored the Switzerland and Portugal chapters.

**Lesley Anne Rose** is a travel and script writer who has lived in and explored Scotland for many years. She has written guidebooks, articles, and travel columns for various publishers and organizations on worldwide destinations, including Malta, Florida, and Canada, and her U.K. specialisms are the Lake District and Scotland. Lesley Anne is the author of the Scotland chapter.

**Patricia Harris** and **David Lyon** have journeyed the world for American, British, Swiss, and Asian publishers to write about food, culture, art, and design. Wherever their assignments take them, they are drawn back to Spain for the flamenco nightlife, the Moorish architecture of Andalucía, the world-weary and lust-ridden saints of Zurbarán, and the phantasmagoric visions of El Greco. They make their online home at HungryTravelers.com. Together, they are the authors of the Spain chapter.

**Mary Anne Evans** is one of the leading travel writers on London and Britain, particularly on restaurants. She is an experienced guidebook writer and has been an editor for many years. She has recently written *Frommer's Day by Day Stockholm*. Mary Anne wrote the Sweden chapter and contributed to London hotels and restaurants in the England chapter.

## How to Contact Us

In researching this book, we discovered many wonderful places—hotels, restaurants, shops, and more. We're sure you'll find others. Please tell us about them, so we can share the information with your fellow travelers in upcoming editions. If you were disappointed with a recommendation, we'd love to know that too. Please write to:

*Frommer's Europe*, 12th Edition

John Wiley & Sons, Inc. • 111 River St. • Hoboken, NJ 07030-5774

frommersfeedback@wiley.com

## Advisory & Disclaimer

Travel information can change quickly and unexpectedly, and we strongly advise you to confirm important details locally before traveling, including information on visas, health and safety, traffic and transport, accommodation, shopping and eating out. We also encourage you to stay alert while traveling and to remain aware of your surroundings. Avoid civil disturbances, and keep a close eye on cameras, purses, wallets and other valuables.

While we have endeavored to ensure that the information contained within this guide is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication, we make no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy or completeness of the contents of this work and specifically disclaim all warranties, including without

limitation warranties of fitness for a particular purpose. We accept no responsibility or liability for any inaccuracy or errors or omissions, or for any inconvenience, loss, damage, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever incurred or suffered by anyone as a result of any advice or information contained in this guide.

The inclusion of a company, organization or Website in this guide as a service provider and/or potential source of further information does not mean that we endorse them or the information they provide. Be aware that information provided through some Websites may be unreliable and can change without notice. Neither the publisher or author shall be liable for any damages arising herefrom.

### **Frommer's Star Ratings, Icons & Abbreviations**

Every hotel, restaurant, and attraction listing in this guide has been ranked for quality, value, service, amenities, and special features using a **star-rating system**. In country, state, and regional guides, we also rate towns and regions to help you narrow down your choices and budget your time accordingly. Hotels and restaurants are rated on a scale of zero (recommended) to three stars (exceptional). Attractions, shopping, nightlife, towns, and regions are rated according to the following scale: zero stars (recommended), one star (highly recommended), two stars (very highly recommended), and three stars (must-see).

In addition to the star-rating system, we also use **seven feature icons** that point you to the great deals in-the-know advice, and unique experiences that separate travelers from tourists. Throughout the book, look for:

-  **special finds**—those places only insiders know about
-  **fun facts**—details that make travelers more informed and their trips more fun
-  **kids**—best bets for kids, and advice for the whole family
-  **special moments**—those experiences that memories are made of
-  **overrated**—places or experiences not worth your time or money
-  **insider tips**—great ways to save time and money
-  **great values**—where to get the best deals

The following abbreviations are used for credit cards:

AE American Express DISC Discover V Visa

DC Diners Club MC MasterCard

### **Travel Resources at Frommers.com**

Frommer's travel resources don't end with this guide. Frommer's website, [www.frommers.com](http://www.frommers.com), has travel information on more than 4,000 destinations. We update features regularly, giving you access to the most current trip-planning information and the best airfare, lodging, and car-rental bargains. You can also listen to podcasts, connect with other Frommers.com members through our active-reader forums, share your travel photos, read blogs from guidebook editors and fellow travelers, and much more.

# Chapter 1: Planning Your Trip to Europe

*by Donald Strachan*

## **Note About Maps**

This guide contains dozens of maps of varying sizes and complexity. If you find it hard to read a map on your device, use the zoom function to enlarge. You can also download and/or printout PDFs of all of the maps in this guide. Go to [www.frommers.com/go/ebookmaps](http://www.frommers.com/go/ebookmaps) and click on the title of your guide.

# Europe



A little planning goes a long way, especially when you are traveling to an through a continent with several different languages, transport systems, airline festivals, and sights to see. This chapter provides a variety of invaluable aid including information on how to get there from the U.S. and Canada, the U.K., an Australia or New Zealand; the most efficient and budget-friendly ways of getting around; tips on where to stay; and quick, on-the-ground resources for savv

## Getting There

### By Plane

Pretty much every major world airline offers competitive fares to a variety of European cities. Price wars break out regularly, deals come on- and offstream, and tariffs can change overnight. The key factor determining what you'll pay is **season**: Tickets tend to be cheaper if you fly off season. **High season** on most routes is usually from June to mid-September and around Christmas and New Year—the most expensive and most crowded time to travel. **Shoulder season** is from April to May and mid-September to October. **Low season**—usually with the cheapest fares and regular aggressive offers—is from November to mid-December and January to March. You can sometimes save money by flying midweek, too, or at least spending a Saturday night in your destination.

Begin thinking about flying plans at least 6 months ahead of time. Consider exchange rate movements: Fares may be calculated in U.S. dollars, British pounds, or euros, depending on the airline. The key window for finding a **deal** is usually between 3 months and 4 weeks ahead of your departure for long-haul flights. (Short-haul deals tend to go live a little further ahead of time, between 6 and 2 months before departure.) The glory days of generous **frequent-flyer programs** and bucketloads of free miles are no more, but it's still worth checking for offers, upgrades, and rewards from airlines and alliances (and also hotel chains). The forum **Flyertalk.com** is a handy resource for this.

Remember that the cheapest way between two points may not always be a straight line. Flying into a major European hub such as London, Frankfurt, or Paris might be cheaper than flying direct to your final destination. If you're heading to the U.K., consider entering via Dublin, Ireland, to save on Air Passenger Duty (APD, the British flight tax). Run searches through the regular online agents such as Expedia, as well as metasearch engines like **Kayak.com**, **Skyscanner.net**, and **Momondo.com**. For complex journeys, with multiple departures, a specialist flight agent such as **RoundtheWorldFlights.com** or **AirTreks.com** will likely save you money. And don't forget the travel agent around the corner from your home. He or she may have been digging out cheap fares to Europe for decades.

**Major North American Airlines** North American carriers with frequent service and flights to Europe include **Air Canada** ([www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca); ☎ 888/247-2262 in the U.S. and Canada), **American Airlines** ([www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com); ☎ 800/433-7300 in the U.S. and Canada), **Delta Airline** ([www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com); ☎ 800/241-4141 in the U.S. and Canada), **United Airlines** ([www.united.com](http://www.united.com); ☎ 800/864-8331 in the U.S. and Canada), and **US Airways** ([www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com); ☎ 800/428-4322 in the U.S. and Canada).

**European Airlines** Not only will the major carriers of European countries offer the greatest number of direct flights from the United States (and can easily book you through to cities beyond the major hubs), but because their entire market outside Europe is to fly you to (or via) their home country, they sometimes run more competitive deals than other global carriers—sometimes, via codeshare agreements, for the same flights. Major national and country-affiliated European airlines include the following:

---

sample content of Frommer's Europe from \$85 a Day (Frommer's \$ A Day)

- [download Foucault and Feminism: Power, Gender and the Self](#)
- [read online Le parti pris des animaux](#)
- [download online Exploring Calvin and Hobbes: An Exhibition Catalogue pdf, azw \(kindle\)](#)
- [Acoustic Wave Sensors: Theory, Design, and Physico-Chemical Applications pdf, azw \(kindle\)](#)
  
- <http://fitnessfatale.com/freebooks/Foucault-and-Feminism--Power--Gender-and-the-Self.pdf>
- <http://diy-chirol.com/lib/Social-Cognition--Making-Sense-of-People.pdf>
- <http://nautickim.es/books/Exploring-Calvin-and-Hobbes--An-Exhibition-Catalogue.pdf>
- <http://www.shreesaiexport.com/library/Lyndon-Johnson-and-the-American-Dream.pdf>