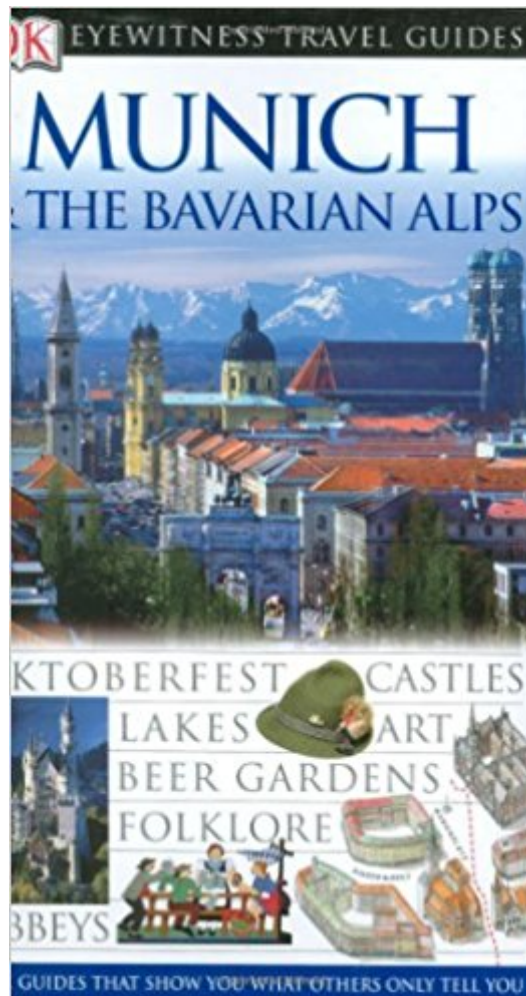




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Customer Reviews

If you have other DK books you'll be aware that they have a distinctive design. Unfortunately in the travel guide category they're just too confusing and poorly laid out to recommend. I say unfortunately because they really do provide a great deal of information coupled with colorful maps, pictures and just enough hotel/restaurant info to not overwhelm you with too many choices. However, this is one of those books that you'll probably wear out the index pages trying to find all the info on a given area. The main section on Munich is quite satisfactory in content, but the organization is very problematic with a lot of page jumping necessary. The section on the Bavarian Alps is where the book really falls down as the authors chose to chop up the various regions in odd chunks that didn't seem to present a coherent picture of the area. For my own use I would have preferred larger and fewer subdivisions with better connecting maps. It's a shame too because the book is a nice size with substantial plasticized covers. This would be helpful to acquire for trip planning purposes but seemed to me to be less useful as a carry along. Regardless of what travel guide you choose for southern Germany, I'd highly recommend getting the "Michelin atlas of Germany, Benelux, Austria, Switzerland & Czech Republic" (the "orange" one). It's been completely redone for 2011 and is excellent to have even if you're not driving. IF YOU ARE DRIVING I would also highly recommend "Via Corsa's Car Lover's Guide to Southern Germany" as a very interesting

and informative adjunct to the more traditional tour guides. It's a specialty book focused on the rich automotive tradition of the area (VW, BMW, Porsche, M-B, Audi) with a great deal of info on auto museums, road racing venues, etc., along with interesting maps, side trip info, general sight seeing recommendations, dining and hostelery that isn't on the mainstream guide book check list. It additionally has been updated as of December, 2010. I was stationed in this general area when I was in the US Army and have been back several times. It's a beautiful part of modern Germany with a rich cultural tradition and is generally devoid of the heavy industrialization you more commonly find in the north. The winter sport venues offer much more of an Old Europe feel and are a rewarding respite from the "modern resort" syndrome plaguing the alpine communities in adjacent countries.

I bought Munich & Bavarian Alps as well as Austria as I am planning a trip there shortly; I have also bought Brussels previously. The great thing about these guide books is that they are details and include almost everything in the areas your looking at. Pictures, history, small area maps, attraction location on maps, tips,,,etc. They are great for planning your trip especially if your planning to explore the surrounding areas and not just Munich. The only 2 cons to this I have are: 1) The size; it is not very practical to have all this weight when your planning to do a lot of sight-seeing and walking. I don't tend to read about attraction while going to them. 2) I am used to the AAA city guides, which have detailed maps, with all attraction on a separate laminated maps that you can carry with you; they also include a very clear public transport maps, which I find very helpful. The DK guides don't have similar maps, and I had to buy separate maps for the cities I wanted to visit on this trip to carry around with me.

These line if books are great for any traveler. A friend/Travel coordinator let me know about them when I visited Egypt a few years back. I recently bought one for Germany, Bavaria and all I can say is outstanding! I was able to see so many places and had so much information before hand the need for a travel guide wasn't even necessary. I would recommended this this reference to anyone.

These guides have the best pictures! I don't take them with me though. Too heavy and not as practical as other guides like Rick Steve's. They are great for reading up on your future destination though. always has them at a good price(as they are not cheap brand new)and it doesn't matter if you buy a used one or one that is a few years old. There's no admission prices in them anyway.

We brought this book along with several other books along to Germany. I found this book had a lot of flashy pictures, but not a lot of substance. While it did give information on all of the major tourist attractions, it did not provide guidance as to what was actually worth doing or seeing.

Book is not very helpful if you are trying to get from point to point in the city. Not really a "streetwalker's do-it-yourself" kind of guide.

Eyewitness books are the best for travel. I have several of them.

Good book for a quick trip or for tips to plan a larger in depth trip.

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