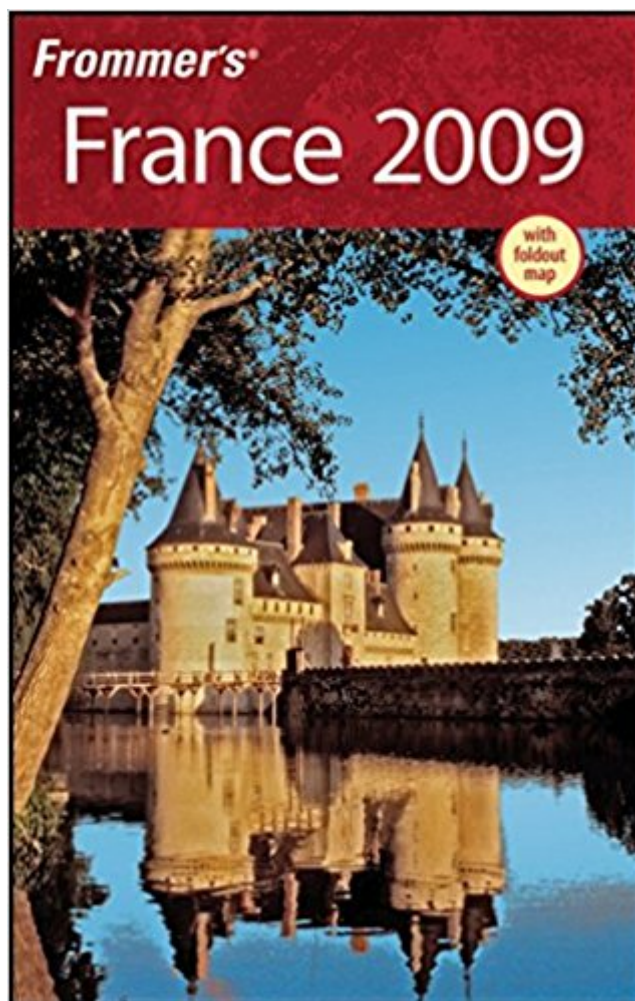


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This book is an excellent guide and made our trip a breeze. All of the recommendations seemed to be very accurate. The advice was very helpful without telling you to buy things/passes/etc that you don't need. We hit 7 cities in 12 days so we were on the move. Keep in mind this book is more "touristy" and not for diving into the small town culture. He does a good job offering quaint places to stay that are very comfortable and very friendly as well as local restaurants. I must give him credit that he did better at this than any other guide book / service I have used. Most all of our hotels and activities were planned in advance from this book. We ate at several of the restaurants listed and were delighted each time. He even supplies very handy maps to the cities. I highly recommend this book and will be looking for a Frommer's Guide to my next big adventure when it comes.

I was interested in Hamburg and Mecklenburg and haven't read the rest of the book---and don't plan to. This book is written for those with a high budget. In the hotel section, the least expensive listed was 65 euros WITHOUT a bath, 100 with. I went online and found many hotel rooms less than 100 euros---with a bath. They probably have a great deal more ambiance as well. All the restaurants listed were reservations required or reservations recommended--not the kind of place where one can have the food the locals eat. It also almost completely overlooked Mecklenburg, but a lot of books do that. All in all, this is a book for the high roller. If you like to travel and live, as much as possible, like the locals--it isn't for you. My first travel book was Arthur Frommer's "Europe on Five Dollars a Day". How far Frommer has fallen.

I always travel with a Frommer's guide. I have used the Germany guide on 3 visits there. I find it is especially good for an overview of the area as well as a listing of the best tourist sights. Even though we were traveling on a river cruise with planned tours, I used the Frommer guide for our free time. Something that works well for me is to remove the pages of the places I am going to visit. That way I lessen the weight of my luggage. Several pages of the guide easily fit into a purse to carry when sightseeing.

Much of the information is very detailed and helpful; the transportation information in particular appears to be extremely specific and useful. However, I looked up hotel suggestions from the book online and found the labels such as "inexpensive" to be wildly inaccurate.

Book in good shape and very detailed for a trip to France; many maps for areas.

I used the 2006 edition of the book for a study abroad trip in college. It got so much use (and was so helpful) that I knew I wanted to get a new copy/edition before my next trip. The book is a little bigger than what you would want to carry around while you're there, but for pre-planning purposes, the information is very thorough! The maps that come with the book are convenient to take with you and very helpful too! *If you're going to Munich, make sure you tear out the map of the rail system they provide at the beginning of the chapter - you'll feel like a local in no time!

I bought this book for my short trip to Germany. The information is well updated. But I think the author was trying to put too much information in the book, hence miss the details. I was expecting to have better explanation and more pictures on the important landmarks.

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