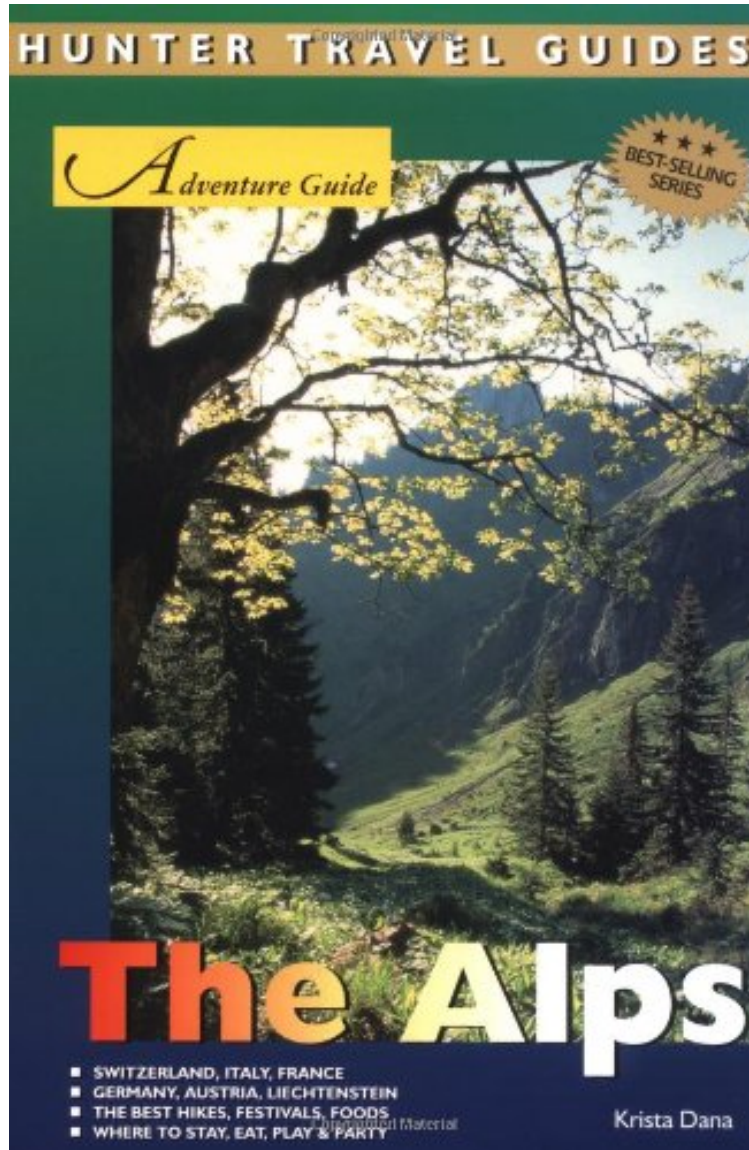


The Alps Adventure Guide

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Krista Dana : The Alps Adventure Guide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Alps Adventure Guide:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Travel GuideBy Ruby LaysonThis is a good book with beautiful photos but somewhat dated. It was useful in providing facts about the sites I saw in Switzerland and Austria.9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Lucky FindBy Kathy S. SwiftI use travel guides extensively when I travel. I made a fortunate find in a new Hunter Travel Guide, "The Alps" by Krista Dana. It is titled as an adventure guide,

yet it is much more than that. We enjoy visiting local festivals and this guide has acquainted us with many festivals throughout the region of the Alps. In addition to a wide variety of physical activities specifically detailed, other types of adventures are highlighted such as unique cable car rides, train journeys, and how to dig deeper into the history of some locales. The history aspect jumped out at me as being unique to this guide in that it gives a brief look at an area's past and its culture. I have found this guide very user friendly for me, with symbols clearly marking each section, candid reviews of places to eat or stay, and contact information for vendors of activities that I am interested in. The "Adventure Guide to the Alps" was a lucky find for me, so I thought others might want to know about it, as well. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Fun, Facts, and Adventure By Mary L. Smith I used this travel guide on a recent trip to Europe and was very impressed! I have used other travel guides in the past, but I needed to buy 6 guides to get 6 countries. This one book included 6 countries. Often activities are for a certain age group or season, but this book hit ideas for every age group and every season. I especially liked using the book for pre-planning of my trip. It offered many websites for areas of interest. Most travel guides refer solely to their own website. The short history sections allowed me to research topics before the trip. I loved a recommended hike down a gorge in Garmish that was not mentioned in other guides.

Switzerland, Germany, Italy, France, Austria ? the Alps extend through them all. A veteran alpine adventurer, the author shows you how to experience the all-season excitement and beauty of Europe's most magnificent mountain range: its flora, fauna and history; its people, foods and festivals; and, of course, its cultural and outdoor adventures. Visit Cortina, St. Moritz, Innsbruck, Chamonix, Zermatt, Salzburg, Munich, Bavaria, Milan, Venice and Interlaken ? as well as lesser-known gems like Oberammergau, Bellagio and Berchtesgaden. Town and regional maps.

"These useful travel guides are highly recommended..." From the Publisher The Alps Adventure Guide is your all-season guide to Europe's mountains – the best cities, national parks, and resort destinations in the alpine regions of Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland. Included are sight-seeing and adventure tips for cosmopolitan gateway cities such as Salzburg, Innsbruck, Munich, Geneva, Lucerne, Milan, and Venice; for famed resorts such as Zermatt, Garmisch, Chamonix, St. Anton, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Interlaken, and St. Moritz; and for hideaway gems such as Lech, Courmayeur, Oberammergau, Murren, and Saas-Fee. The Alps Adventure Guide shows you how to experience the Alps more intensely and directly than most travelers ever will – getting out of the bus, taxi, or rental car and seeing it all close-up, through walks, bike rides, horseback excursions, winter sports, culinary adventures, and interaction with the local people. For each destination, you'll learn what to see, where to sleep, where to eat, where to party, and where to play. Here is a guide to... Traditional mountain hamlets oozing with allure; Resorts where the revelry starts early and lasts long; Fun destinations for couples, groups, parents, and kids; Discreet retreats for a refined holiday; Resorts where socialites show up just to show off; Havens of hedonism for shopping, dining, and entertainment; Trails for walking, biking, and snow sports; The Alps' most pristine wilderness areas; The most dramatic drives; And the most spectacular mountains, each easily accessed by cableway, trail, or train. From the Author If castles, cuckoo clocks, and bell-laden cows dominate your image of the Alps, you are – like most travelers – missing out on one of Mother Nature's greatest gifts. It's a secret Europeans like to keep to themselves. The Alps offer a wider range of outdoor recreation than any other similarly size region in the world. Adventurers of all ages hike hut-to-hut on well-kept trails, skiers slide year-round on glacial slopes, and Sunday walkers stroll forested paths. Bikers loop icy blue lakes, and mountaineers scale up waterfalls and down canyon cliffs. Europeans cherish their wilderness areas, and none more so than the pristine forests of the Alps. So take a look around. That bus driver... This tour guide... Your hotel concierge... They may just be showing you the Europe they think you want to see. Take a moment to ask how they spend their own free time – odds are good that each will spend a day outdoors this weekend. Want to know where they go? We did, too. This book took flight after a personal search for information on alpine recreation proved painstaking and, in the end, not terribly productive. Some information does exist, but mainly on scattered web sites, and frequently only in local languages. It seems, too, that European tourism offices still insist that foreigners want prettily packaged displays of stereotyped culture – and maybe some do. What we're after, however, are the richer rewards that come from getting down and dirty, cold and wet, out in the wonderfully wild outdoors. Welcome to Europe and The Alps Adventure Guide!