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From Rough Guides : The Rough Guide to Belgium and Luxembourg 4th Edition(Rough Guide Travel Guides) by Martin Dunford (2008-02-04) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Belgium and Luxembourg 4th Edition(Rough Guide Travel Guides) by Martin Dunford (2008-02-04):

35 of 35 people found the following review helpful. Rough Guide has really captured these two little countriesBy Jon L AlbeeI traveled to Belgium in 1999 on a whim, for a long weekend in Antwerp, with about three days' notice. It was the best trip to Europe I've ever made. First, let me give you five (or six, or seven) really good reasons to go to Belgium and Luxembourg.1) Since they are somewhat off the beaten path (with the possible exception of Brugge (Bruges), in Flanders), they're cheap. You can get top quality accommodations, food, and beer for about half what you would expect to pay for similar quality in Paris, Cologne or Amsterdam.2) If well-preserved, but still functioning, medieval towns are your thing, consider this for a moment: Antwerp, Brugge, Ghent, Namur, Mechelen, Leuven, Tournai. Any questions?3) The best beer on earth, period.4) Small enough to get anywhere within two hours, and entirely realistic to tour on a bicycle.5) More linguistic, cultural, artistic and geographic diversity crammed into a small space than any other country in the world. You get Dutch, French, German, and maybe even a little Spanish.6) A courteous and helpful service ethic. Belgians love tourists! And I love Belgium!7) Jacques Brel. If you don't know,

make it a point to discover him while you're there. And, of course, there are also five good reasons to buy this guide rather than other guides. 1) Essential historical, cultural and literary contexts that explain these small countries' somewhat confusing, multi-ethnic histories. 2) Encyclopedic coverage of all the cities, towns and important natural sites, including insightful historic and practical information. 3) Immediately up-to-date listings. Be sure to buy the most recent edition. 4) More substance than style. Rough Guides are intentionally that way. 5) A "not to miss" section that is well researched and looks beyond the obvious. With mighty Brugge right next door, I still think incredible Ghent gets the short end of the stick. Some of the writing is a bit stale in this regard. For me, the hoards of tourists in Brugge make the experience in Ghent that much more authentic. There's nothing like falling into a Ghent pub at about 4:30PM for a Duvel, and staying on until you forget where you are. It's awesome. The same goes for "so-beautiful-it-hurts" Tournai, in Hainaut. If you don't buy the book, go anyway. And if you go to Belgium and spend all your time in Brussels, shame on you!)

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great guide to Belgium
By VCI traveled to Belgium (Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp, Brussels) for a week in October of 2013 using the 5th edition. Aside from the cost of things going up, all of the information we relied on was still spot-on. The Rough Guide is one of the few publishers that dedicates an entire book to Belgium, and that alone makes this handy for a trip to the country. The introductory sections are nice for gaining a quick historical and cultural perspective in the area that you're in. As is the case with all Rough Guides, they do an excellent job of describing the main tourist attractions AND suggesting off-the-beaten-tourist-path sites. The maps are small which makes it slightly challenging to navigate the medieval layout of most cities. At the very least it can get you to the tourist information offices where complementary and detailed maps can be had. Whether you're interested in checking sights off a list or if you actually want to dive deeper to explore Belgium, this book is a fantastic resource.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing Special
By EsperSome errors and mix ups between different places. It gets you through the trip, but doesn't contain any "off the beaten path" stuff either. I try to avoid Lonely Planet since it's what everyone's doing, but this is pretty much the same.