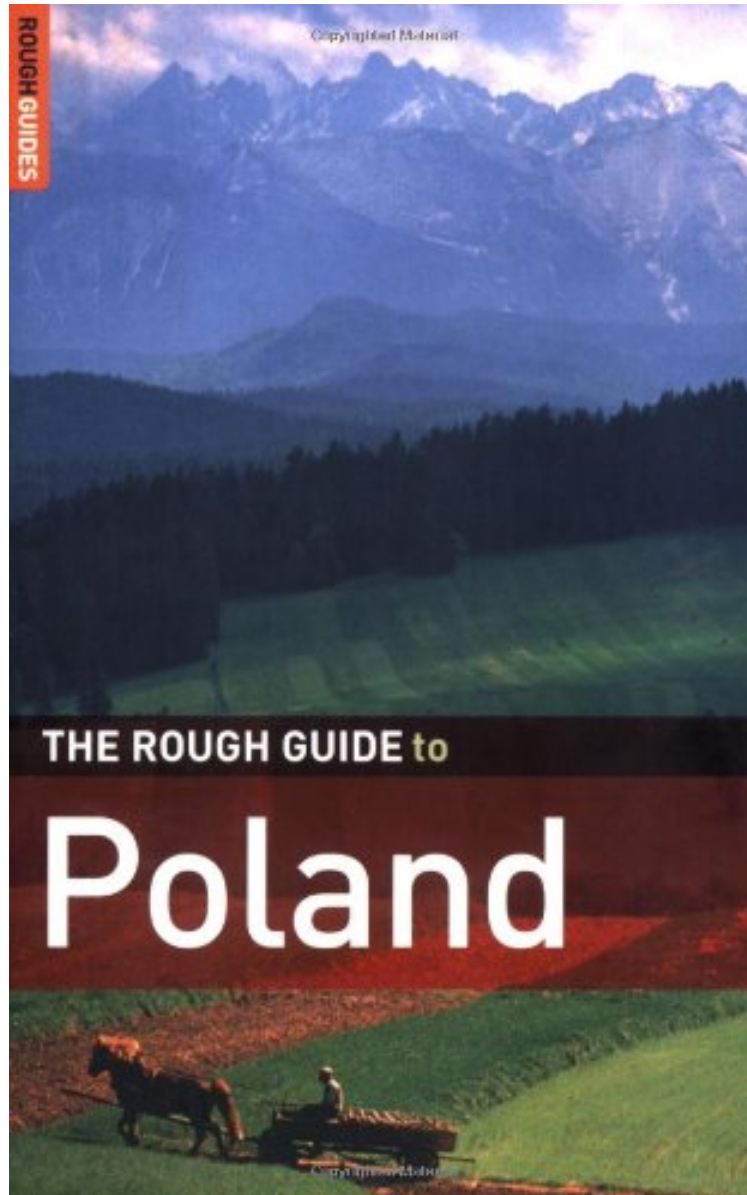


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Jonathan Bousfield, Mark Salter : The Rough Guide to Poland (Rough Guide Travel Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Poland (Rough Guide Travel Guides):

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. The best Poland travel guide out thereBy AcornManFor my first trip to Poland, I bought the Lonely Planet travel guide. And although it was very good, I decided to try the Rough

Guide for my second trip. I found it to be an absolutely outstanding travel guide. Compared to the Lonely Planet guide, it has better maps (and a LOT more of them - even for smaller towns and villages), more detailed information, and more specific information about hotels, restaurants, banks, and other facts that make traveling easier. I'm really not sure how other reviewers here came to think that this book focuses too much on the Holocaust. Sure, it's mentioned in parts of the book, but it is by no means over-emphasized. This is a travel book, and the history presented in it is fairly cursory, as it should be since the only reason it's there is to provide some context. (In fact, the history section is actually labeled "Context"). Don't let the other reviews scare you off. This is an absolutely outstanding travel guide - one that will serve you very well. 9 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Tiresome emphasis on the Jews, Nazis and Holocaust response

By Alan Eiger I have visited Poland twice and am thinking of a third trip. The Rough Guide was the guide book I used on my last trip. Perhaps he is tired of the emphasis on Poland's recent past, but I would like to remind him of the other guide books I checked out, this was the only one that provided details of the places that I wanted to visit. On my first trip there, the deemphasis of the Jewish Holocaust was astounding, I attributed to the recent change in governments. Even the Jewish Star in the Salt Mine was zipped through. If it hadn't been for the Rough Guide, my knowledge would have been less. I'm sorry he feels it is "tiresome" it is something that can't be swept away. After all it was Poland that had a pogrom AFTER WW 2 in which more returning Jews were killed. If he does not wish to read about events that happened, he should find another guide. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Dependable

By S. W. Ye Any seasoned traveler should know that one guidebook can never tell everything we want to know, so it is always better to have a second one on hand. But if I can only bring one with me on my trips, it would be a rough guide. Actually, I think an Eyewitness Guide would be a great supplement, but I decided to leave that home since I wanted to travel light. I went to Krakow and Warsaw last winter break and relied solely on this RG. I find the historical and cultural information to be satisfying, with just the right amount of detail (and interesting anecdotes), without overwhelming the regular traveler. The highlight to me personally are the restaurant recommendations and indication on the maps where they are. I was satisfied with the recommendations I went to.

Now in its 6th edition this Rough Guide has been fully updated and revised. Its 24-page full-colour section introduces the author's "things not to miss", a selective taste of the country's highlights: outstanding buildings, and historic sites, natural wonders and vibrant festivals. Throughout, there are discerning reviews of all the best places to stay, eat and drink, to suit any budget, from the fast-changing cities of Warsaw and Krakow to the laid-back lakeside resorts of Mazuria. There is extensive coverage of the countryside, from Slowinski National Park's sand dunes to the alpine Tatra mountains, with practical advice on how to explore it. Finally, the Contexts section provides an authoritative background on the country's politics, history, literature and folk music.

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