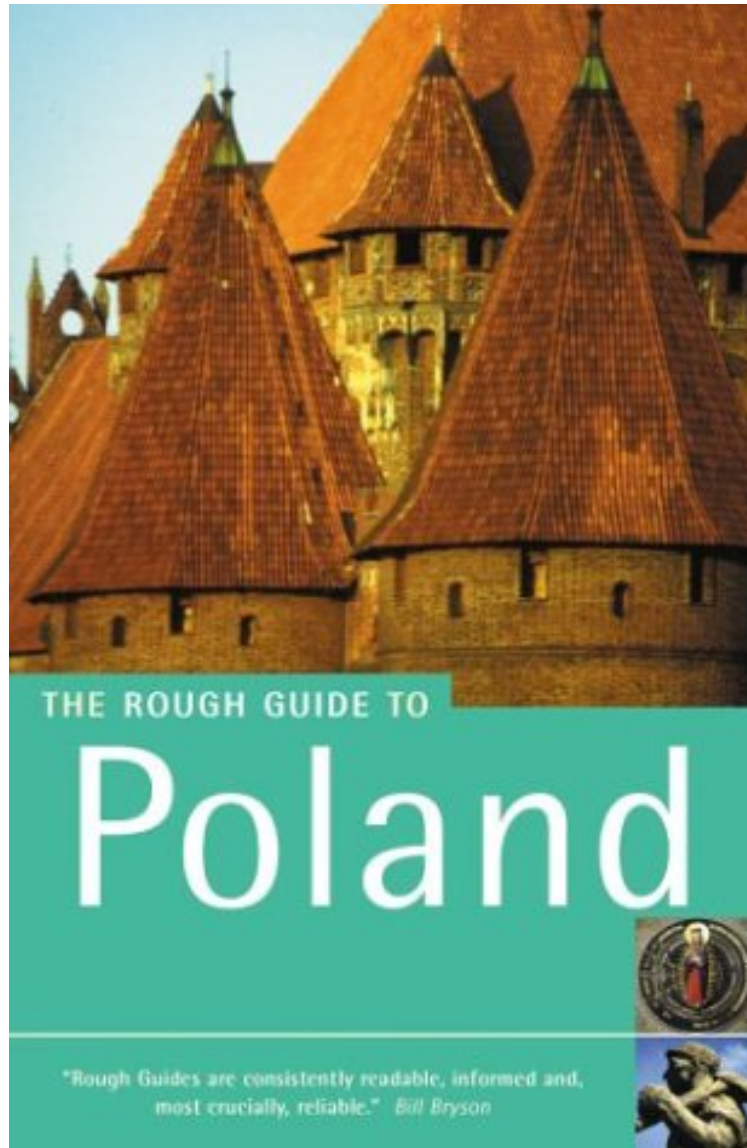


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Mark Salter, Jonathan Bousfield : The Rough Guide to Poland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Poland:

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where to catch a tourist bureau, a restroom, etc. It makes you not want to visit Poland at all. What a shame since getting off into the country side areas, even cities of 10-25,00 people there is no info. Save your money and buy a national geographic subscription. ken gorski, el paso, texas August 16, 20030 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent !By Paul GebolysCompact yet thorough. An excellent guide !18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Not the whole storyBy ChrisDon't want to sound like I'm shilling for .com, but if you're going to be in Poland for more than a few days, I would recommend both the Rough Guide and the Lonely Planet Poland guides. Both the strength and the weakness of the Rough Guide is that it is written by a Western European (or is he a North American?) who experiences Poland in a way I assume would be similar to most readers of English-language guides. That means sometimes he's sarcastic and dismissive when he shouldn't be. It is true, what other reviewers said about his tendency to question the essential Polishness of towns, people, etc. There's about 900 years of propaganda behind a lot of this, and I doubt the author is conversant with that history. On the other hand, his general reactions to things -- the beauty of Krakow, bad first impressions of Warsaw, the horror of Auschwitz, etc. -- were similar to my own reactions. I have found the Lonely Planet guide to be generally the more accurate of the two on the mundane details. It's also more balanced in its interpretations, though that is a matter of perspective. The author is a Pole, and his superior knowledge and understanding of just about everything both books cover is pretty evident. In no way is the book written from a crude, nationalistic standpoint, but he nevertheless doesn't quite connect to the reader in some vital way the author of Rough Guide Poland does. Maybe it's because he writes as a native rather than a sardonic expat. If you're buying just one Poland guidebook, go with Lonely Planet.

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From Library JournalThese guides offer detailed coverage of both provincial and urban areas, especially Warsaw and, more importantly, Krakow. The outdoor recreation for which Poland is deservedly well known gets its due. The Rough Guide has few maps and no photos, while Lonely Planet offers 90 maps and 24 pages of color.Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. OUR FAVES FOR EUROPEAN TRAVEL... MAINLY BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SO ROUGHNew York Daily NewsAbout the AuthorMark Salter first visited Poland in 1983. Now a teacher and journalist, he returns regularly, on trips from his home in Stockholm. Jonathan Bousfield has been writing for Rough Guides for over 10 years and has authored Rough Guides to Croatia, Austria and the former Yugoslavia.