

## **The Rough Guide to Slovenia (Rough Guides Travel Guides) by Norm Longley (2004-09-13)**

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**Norm Longley : The Rough Guide to Slovenia (Rough Guides Travel Guides) by Norm Longley (2004-09-13)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide to Slovenia (Rough Guides Travel Guides) by Norm Longley (2004-09-13):

1 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good return for moneyBy S. BruckmannI haven't traveled yet, but it helped me to prepare my route.The data seems to be very accurate.I doubled check the internet and got same information.Good summary and nice photos also17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Insightful and informative, Rough Guide to Slovenia is an essential part of anyone's Slovenia travel kit!By Ian MiddletonAs a seasoned traveller, having an accurate and useful travel guide is an essential part of my kit. Recently I have grown tired of mainstream and established guides leaning more towards database listings of where to go and what to do. I want insight. I want to know about a place, its history, culture and the author's personal views. I want to feel inspired to visit a place by the writing. So it's refreshing to see that the Rough Guides still manage to maintain an acceptable balance between information and insight.The Rough Guide to Slovenia is now in its second edition and there have been many improvements. The most obvious is the new glossy cover; a full page photo with a translucent band across help to make the book much more aesthetically appealing to the eye, which is a vast improvement from the bland cover of the previous edition.The colour intro contains a useful quick reference guide to the country's highlights, and scattered throughout the book you'll also find two new colour inserts that help to give more emphasis on the two things the country is most famous for: caves and outdoor activities.More importantly though, is the content. The author

manages to maintain an easygoing style which almost makes you feel like he is actually talking to you. Whilst striving to provide accurate information he is also not afraid to give blatantly honest reviews of places and accommodation. His description of a place in Bled where I have personally stayed is right on the button: "This popular lakeside place has a convivial atmosphere despite the rooms being dated and cramped." It's for this kind of honesty that people buy a travel guide. If we just wanted a simple list of places to stay and go we would ask at the tourist office, or read the brochures. But independent travellers who want to plan their own itinerary want to know what the place is really like, so they can make an informed decision as to where to go and stay. While boxed sections highlight special events or places of interest, the bulk of the information is neatly woven into sectioned paragraphs each written with a clarity and authority that is indicative of the author's thorough research and in-depth knowledge of the country. The second edition also contains more detailed maps than the previous edition and its map of the Triglav National Park is the best I've seen yet. Extremely well written and packed with accurate and useful information, the Rough Guide to Slovenia is an essential aid to anyone planning a trip to this beautiful and diverse little country. Reviewed by Ian Middleton: Travel Writer and photographer, and author of *Mysterious World: Ireland*. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thoughts from a young adult on a budget By ohsocurious I am sold on the Rough Guide books after purchasing the Slovenia guide. I am one who likes to go with the flow a bit, and wants enough information to be safe, spark excitement and have a general plan, but not so much that I could have saved thousands and lived vicariously through the book. This book was perfect. It was designed in an easy to follow manner, has helpful maps and tips for foreigners in getting by. Only having a few days in the country, I ultimately wanted a "top-ten" list of things to do and see, and this book provides just that. On this particular trip I plan to stay in hostels and play outdoors; the Rough Guide to Slovenia provides many suggestions for "roughin' it". I have yet to travel but out of the multiple books I purchased, this is the only one coming with me.