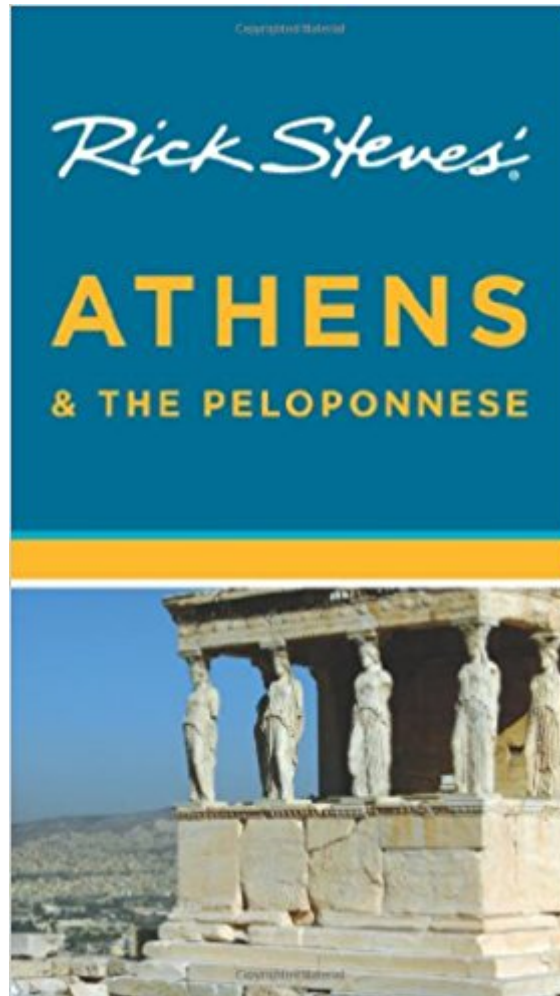




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# Rick Steves' Athens And The Peloponnese



## Synopsis

Travelers can count on Rick Steves to tell them what they really need to know when traveling in Greece. Savvy advice guides visitors to popular sights such as the Acropolis, Ancient Agora, and the National Archaeological Museum. Experience the culture like a local – enjoy an evening meal of souvlaki at a breezy café in Plaka and learn how to navigate Athens on the Metro. With up-to-date advice on which sights are worth your time and money and suggestions on good-value hotels and restaurants, Rick Steves helps travelers get the most out of every day and every dollar.

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## Customer Reviews

Steves clearly knows his stuff - the archaeological sites he does remarkably well - and his guide has a ringing actuality about it....It's full of informative and very readable maps, including a driving chart that not only gives the distances between places, but the time it takes to get there - the two don't always correlate in Greece. Given its candid and humorous style, you're bound to see plenty of well-thumbed copies (it comes in a pocket-friendly elongated size) in tourist hands in the near future. --Athens News, October 5, 2009

Most other parts of the book are good. But if you plan backpack trip with inter-city buses or trains, do NOT count on this book (Ed. 2009, ISBN 978-1-59880-218-4). I took Greek public bus system (KTEL) to cross Peloponnese in summer 2011 and found out some information about public transportation was seriously outdated (maybe the financial crisis in Greece should be blamed). E.g.:- The train between Pyrgos and Athens has been canceled since 2010, so does some direct

buses including the one between Olympia and Athens.- There IS a direct bus from Pyrgos to Thessaloniki. So if you plan to go from Olympia to Delphi, you can take the bus from Olympia to Pyrgos, then stop at Itea and don't have to change at Patra.- The final stop of bus 051 is right inside the Athens KETL Terminal A (Kifissou) now. I brought this book only as my travel guide so ran into some really unexpected troubles. I had to re-plan my travel on the fly, each time boarding a new bus. Then I realized how stupid it was to buy a guide book even less than 2 years old for backpack travel. Fortunately my time was flexible, so I still managed to finish the trip in 3 days and enjoyed a lot of places, including Epidavros, Mycenae, Argos, Olympia, Delphi, etc. These places definitely worth seeing!

We purchased several travel books for an upcoming trip to Greece. Of the lot, this is by far the best. This book gave a clear detailed description of the areas we plan to visit. It has chapters on where to eat, where to stay, weather conditions, transportation within the city and nearby areas, etc. Several other books purchased on the Athens had nice pictures but were short on the detail I wanted. This book plus the Internet gave us a wonderful advance guide on what to expect and enough detail to understand what we were going to see. Like all Rick Steves books (which we have purchased before for other trips) I only need one book, not several for the trip. This is the ONE book We needed.

A new edition of this book is available on the Rick Steves web site. Curiously, that new edition is available from in Kindle format but the paperback version at this location is old (first edition) and there is no mention of a newer version. Please note that my negative rating is concerned with the possibility that a customer will purchase this old edition in error; in its new version, the book itself is very good. Update: I discovered the new edition at . Why doesn't this page have a pointer toward it (indicating that a newer version is available)?

Rick Steves books are always great.

very easy to read, good pictures, lots of options. I especially like the star system, makes prioritizing much easier.

Great guide to the sites around Athens. A big help at the various archeological sites with good information and walking tours. Most of the sites (Acropolis, Delphi, Olympia, etc) have little to no

information or pamphlets to help you. We used Rick as we tour guide.

Great book for an independent traveler. We had a great week in Athens thanks to this book.

I have all Ricks books! Read them like the bible before a trip such valuable information!

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