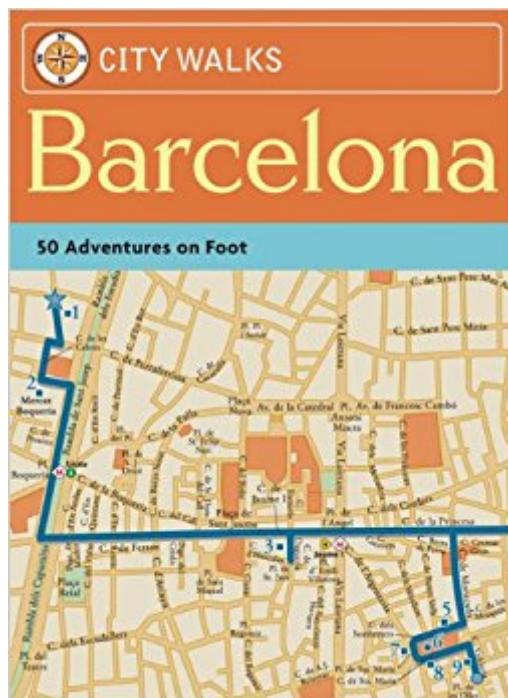


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City Walks: Barcelona: 50 Adventures On Foot



Synopsis

Discover the enchantment of Barcelona on foot! This deck is complete with detailed maps and insider information. Walks include: - Las Ramblas- Olympic Village- La Sagrada Familia- Barri Gtic- And more!

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Customer Reviews

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Handy because its a card, but not useful because a) a guidebook would be lighter-these are heavy printed cards which make them sturdy and B) not really useful for me. YMMV but I found myself walking all over BCN, and then I would look at a card, and it would say something like, "go straight down avenue BB, and you will see a historic church, or cute shop, or something like that" I agree with the other reviewer who thought it was a good idea-and maybe its a good souvenir of a trip, but there wasn't much information. Guide books such as those from DK are light enough and filled with maps so that you can separate the sections of the guidebooks to make them portable! Just my thoughts...this is a nice idea, but wasn't useful, and I wound up leaving them at a charity shop!

We were disappointed with this product. Years ago we bought the Paris Walks version and did all 50 walks and were very pleased with the product. However, the Barcelona walks are nowhere near as good. We have been in Barcelona for six weeks and have done all but 5 of the walks in the deck so far. There are many mistakes (for example showing a building/attraction is one one block but really it is one or more blocks away and not on the walk route at all). There is also a lot of repetition (pointing out the same shop on several different walks, or walking you down the same street -- a majority of the walks are in a small section of the Barri Gotic). And finally -- although this is my fault for buying something so out of date from 2007 -- many of the shops and restaurants the walks point out are no longer in business. I would not buy the Barcelona walks again unless the authors correct the mistakes, update the information, and substitute other areas into the mix (too many repetitive short walks in Barri Gotic, no walks over in Poblenou, Sarria, etc). These were good for getting us some exercise, but nowhere near as worthwhile as the Paris version of the 50 walks.

We will be spending Christmas in Barcelona, our first time there. The City Walks has helped us plan our daily adventures - each card is compact so we can bring the day's itinerary with us.

20 or more words are requiredSo I choose to not give a rating at this time because I have not been to Barcelona yet. Off hand, it looks fine and interesting, but real proof will be when in BarcelonaThere, 20 plus.

Good idea, but could be done better

Interesting idea and nice quality packaging. It was great in building the excitement of going to Barcelona. Loved flipping through the cards and set aside several cards for the areas that we were visiting. But when it came down actually being there, we didn't use them. Weren't very practical because it didn't have much information about the places and the map view is only for the walk. Not very detailed for the streets that are shown and not good if you're trying to get your bearings on where the streets lead to off the card view. The box is the size of a small book, but heavier - wish I left it at home. But on the positive side, it makes a great table conversation piece - so 3 stars as a guide book, but 4 stars if you want to leave it at home.

Have to disagree with the other review posted here. I spent 5 full days/night in Barcelona recently

and found these very helpful. Yes, they are limited to the area you are visiting but I found that to be a positive. If you want a full view of the city consult a map. However, once I was in the city I focused on certain areas each day. So instead of pulling out a full map which screams "tourist! target me!", I would reach into my pocket and whip out a small card which detailed the area I was visiting and places not to miss. Since returning, I have lent these cards to other co-workers traveling to Barcelona and they have all spoken of them as invaluable.

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