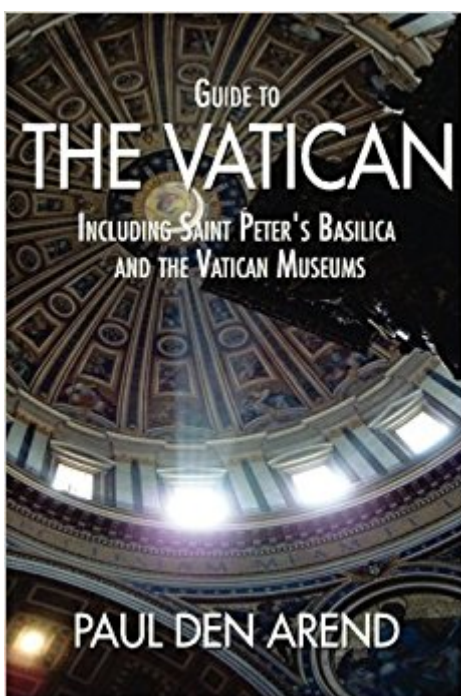


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Guide To The Vatican: Including Saint Peter's Basilica And The Vatican Museums



Synopsis

This book will help you if you plan on visiting the Vatican or want to know more about it. The Vatican is an enormous place, full of artwork and history. It can even be a bit overwhelming when you visit it. Saint Peter's Basilica is filled with baroque sculptures, the Vatican Museums have art from all time periods and the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms have the most beautiful Fresco's in the world. Visiting such a place can be an amazing, once in a lifetime experience. You can make the most out of your visit by preparing it a bit. Believe me, the Vatican will make so much more sense to you if you know some of the best stories about the art and the people that created it. If you don't know what to look at, it can be really too much. In my Vatican guide book, I will show you exactly what to pay attention to. You will know exactly which artworks are considered the most important and you will know the often amazing stories behind their creation. I also included a lot of must-know tips for visitors, which will make your stay a pleasant one. Maybe you have heard of the long lines and the hours people have to wait before entering Saint Peter's or the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel? I will give you some tips on how to avoid these lines, and much more. I wrote this book as a complete guide to the Vatican. It describes the most important artworks you can find inside the Vatican. I am a tour guide in the Vatican Museums and the city of Rome itself. Besides this I also work all over Italy as a tour guide. I found that most guidebooks people have only provide very general information. Just a few hotel and restaurant recommendations and descriptions of the monuments with lots of pictures. This guidebook is completely different. It is for those people that want to have a much more profound knowledge about the Vatican and its monuments. In it, you will find detailed descriptions and maps of the Vatican museums, Saint Peter's Basilica and Vatican City. I use this book as a reference for my work as a tour guide. I hope it will give you a deep understanding of all the beautiful statues, fresco's, tapestries and paintings in this amazing place.

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Customer Reviews

Paul den Arend grew up in the Netherlands and has been travelling for most of his adult life. He studied art history in Salamanca, Spain, wrote reports for the Dutch Embassy in Santiago de Chile and studied Chinese in China. In between, he has been working as a tour guide. For many years he lived in Rome, Italy and guided groups of all backgrounds through the city. He has been a guide in the Vatican Museums, Saint Peter's and the Galleria Borghese, but he also loves to show groups around Sicily or Tuscany. His guidebooks reflect a profound love for the Eternal City and the many stories about its beautiful piazza's and landmarks.

Very helpful and inexpensive. There is so much to see and be aware of in the Vatican that this guide was of great use. Please read it before you go into the Vatican. FYI, go with a Vatican tour or an individual guide recommended by a friend with experience. The people selling you tours on the street only want you money and the tour is horrible. Groups can be thirty to forty people and you cannot understand what the guide is saying. Some do not take you to the Rafael rooms which are the most amazing art in the Vatican museum.

Why oh why can't someone publish a book about this church, the grandest on earth, with pictures of the entire church, with each side altar, from the altar where the Pieta is, and then, counterclockwise around the entire interior, then the Nave, with the information provided here. There isn't a single color picture, except the cover. Or any picture for that matter. I mean at least 2 to 3 pages for each area, with a plate, suitable for framing of each area, statue, tomb and object of interest. The information is great, but a very disappointing book, if a souvenir to remind you about the church is what you want.

This book was a god-send. It not only gave you the layout, but also the history behind what you see. I got this because I am hearing impaired and wanted to understand about all the features of the Vatican - art work, statues, frescos, etc. As it turns out its even better than a tour guide as not only can you read ahead of your visit, but while you are going through the Vatican you can use it as a walking guide.

I used the book as a "tour guide" and it was perfect! It guides you very fluently and easily through the Vatican museums and St. Peter's Basilica. I wish every place I visited had a guide like this. The recommended ice cream was a fine recommendation!

Great guide! I ended up buying the book and took it with me while inside St. Peter's and reading what each statue was and what it stood for. I ended up having people follow me through the Basilica listening to me read!

Great Book - this is really a useful helper

This book is inadequate. The text is written for elementary school level. There is no mention of the Pinacoteca which contains one of the great collections of religious Renaissance paintings in the world! All the photos are black and white and the book has the appearance of a self-published cheap paperback. Don't waste your money on this one.

Was great to have prior to the visit to be more familiar with the setting and things to look for.

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