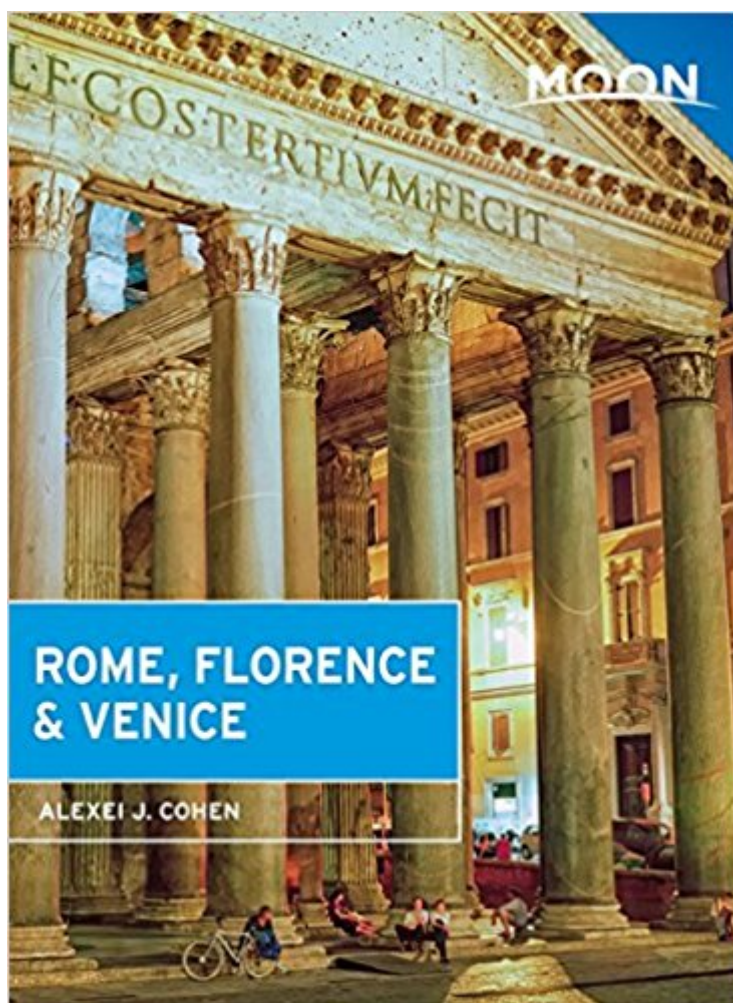


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# Moon Rome, Florence & Venice (Travel Guide)



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## Customer Reviews

Alexei J. Cohen was born in New York City and learned the joy of travel at an early age. He got his first passport at 6 months old and spent childhood holidays exploring rural France. He fell in love with Italy by chance, and married an Italian after graduating from Carnegie Mellon University. Today he lives on the outskirts of Rome with his wife and two children, where he writes about Italy and shares his passion with travelers. You can follow him on Twitter (@alexeicohen), or meet him in person at monthly gatherings in Rome to talk about all things Italy and swap experiences with fellow Italophiles.

I've been lucky and have managed to travel around Italy a handful of times since 2003 and have seen a lot of the big sites, but until a couple of weeks ago, I never travelled with a guidebook. This last trip, my wife and I took this one and the Lonely Planet. Why use a guidebook? Well, I felt like I always somehow missed out on something and, as is so easy to do in Italy, felt like I got shuffled into a few tourist traps, so I thought I'd bring along a couple guidebooks to see if they'd help out. After a few days in Florence, I ended up leaving the Lonely Planet behind as I felt it led me to a few of these tourist trap places I was trying to avoid. Besides, I really enjoyed the suggestions for restaurants and some of the more interesting side activities found in the Moon Guide without the sort of snark of the LP. So, I guess you could say the writing style in the Moon Guide is just more my speed. The phrase book is easy to use, too. I'm not great with other languages, but my wife loved it and used it to be my personal Italian translator when we couldn't find someone to speak English! My wife and I spent time in Florence, Rome and a few beautiful days in Lucca (HIGHLY recommended), the last of which I don't think we would have thought of without the help from this awesome little book. Do yourself a favor and pick it up for your trip to Italy. It'll easily save you its purchase price in great bites to eat for less and other little travel tips that can save you some money along the way.

Mr. Cohen's guide to Rome, Florence & Venice was a breath of fresh air in the often stale "tour guide" book realm. He writes with enthusiasm, humor and a deep understanding of the subject

matter. You can tell he really loves the places he's writing about and wants you to enjoy and experience them just as much as he does. I highly recommend this to anyone traveling to these wonderful places in lovely Italy! Ciao 8^)

I have been to all three of the cities and this book gave me ideas and suggestions I would have never known about. It made me appreciate them on a different level and provided very useful information and really unbelievable detail. Move over Rick Steves. This is a guide that exceeded my expectations. It is much more than a travel guide. It was like having a personal tour guide. My 9 year old daughter loved reading all of the historical descriptions, which by the way are one of the most enjoyable parts of this sophisticated little book. The depth of the discussion into Italy's treasures made me appreciate this guide as a traveler and as a history buff. Sometimes just a little insight into where you are makes all the difference. I have owned several Italy travel guides and this one is my favorite. It is so comprehensive but at the same time physically small enough to carry around. This book will help you navigate the streets and fill as many days as you have with insider suggestions and accurate information obviously written by someone who knows Italy. It is divided into chapters color coded for easy reference and contains just about everything any tourist or seasoned traveller needs to know. I love it.

Simply the best travel guide I've read, especially for these regions. Its colorful narratives and informative layout written by this author offers the traveler a superb glance into these cities. Your travels are generously mapped out. Whether you're traveling alone or with your family this book is a must read.

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