

## TO EXPLORE

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### Guides

- Lonely Planet's Italy or France
- Let's Go! The entire Let's Go! series is good though we've heard that the times and prices listed can sometimes be slightly off. In addition to Let's Go! Europe, there's a guide for nearly every country in the world including Italy and France.
- Michelin's Guidebooks (Green ed.) offer interesting background and historical facts not found in the more student-oriented guides. Available for most countries.
- The Blue Book Guide to Tuscany and France
- Rick Steves' Guidebooks, [www.ricksteves.com](http://www.ricksteves.com)

### Websites

- SojournsAbroad.org
- Expedia.com, for maps
- DoBe.org, a participatory events guide for cities worldwide
- Traveldocs.com or passportexpress.com
- InsureMyTrip.com, for trip and cancellation insurance
- BBC.co.uk/weather, for weather info

### Italy

- Sienaitaly.com
- InItaly.com
- LifeInItaly.com

### France

- paris.org
- v1.paris.fr/EN
- lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/europe/france/

### Good Reading

#### Italy, Tuscany, and Siena

- Complete Idiot's Guide to Italian History & Culture, Gabrielle Ann Enino
- Rick Steves' Florence and Tuscany and/or his Italy. Call 206.771.8303 or E-mail [ricksteves@aol.com](mailto:ricksteves@aol.com)
- History of Siena by Langston Douglas Miller The Italians by Luigi Barzini
- War in the Val di Orcia, by Iris Origo
- Concise History of Italy
- Insight Guide: Tuscany, Barbara Balletto
- Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Italian

#### France, Paris

- Paris to the Moon, Adam Gopnik
- The Last Life, Claire Messud
- Insight Guide: Paris and/or France
- Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning French

## Films—Just a Few

### Florence & Tuscany

- Rick Steves' series on Italy through PBS.org
- A Room with a View, Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter, 1986
- Johnny Stecchino Roberto Benigni, 1991
- The Night of the Shooting Stars, O. Antonutti, 1982
- St. Michael Had a Rooster, Taviani Brothers, 1971
- Under the Tuscan Sun, 2003
- Tea with Mussolini, Cher, Judi Dench, 1999

### Paris & France

- Mon Oncle
- Ma Vie en Rose
- Amélie
- Les Visiteurs
- Le Retour de Martin Guerre
- Les Enfants du Paradis
- Paris, Je t'aime