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City Walks: New York: 50 Adventures On Foot



Synopsis

Bustling and vibrant, New York City invites on-foot exploration. The cards in this deck guide you through 50 walking adventures, offering detailed maps and insider information. From Nolita's quaint boutiques and the chic galleries of Chelsea to Central Park and the vaulted ceilings of Grand Central Station, you'll discover the locals' favorite places to eat, drink, rest, walk, and play in addition to tidbits of the history of Manhattan and the boroughs. Pick any card and hit the sidewalks of New York!

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Customer Reviews

I love this set of mini walking tours. We found that the recommendations in the guides about interesting places/shops/restaurants/bars was fantastic and spot on, and in our conversations with locals, they too would have recommended the same places to eat/visit. While some of the restaurant/shop information is outdated, this is impossible to avoid in a city like NYC where there is constant turnover. I have used this guide now for London and NYC and will definitely take them with me on many many future trips to both these cities. I would not hesitate to buy these cards for any other city that I plan to visit. I would not however, recommend these cards as your ONLY source of information, it would be great along with a Fodors or a Lonely Planet guide which gives you more of an overview of different areas of a city. After narrowing down areas of interest from those guides, then drill down to the City Walks guide and pick out walks in the selected areas. Happy travels!

Got this for my mom, who is spending a month in New York and loves to walk a couple miles each day to explore different neighborhoods. The size, info and ideas on the cards are all wonderful, and she absolutely loves them. The only caveat -- because things change so quickly in New York, frequently about 10-30% of the shops/cafes mentioned on the cards will already be closed as of 2013. There didn't seem to be updated editions when I bought these (as with guidebooks updated each year), so there wasn't really much choice. I got her a guidebook organized by neighborhood with similar local-type shop and market listings to cross-reference with the card she picks for the next day, so she can find places near her route that are still in business.

We've purchased and used both the NYC and Paris City Walks cards and have thoroughly enjoyed them both. If you enjoy getting out in the city, walking, and discovering things that may be quirky or off the beaten path, then these are for you. The cards are compact enough that it's easy to throw the entire box into a day pack. Sometimes, we'll just select a few for that day and stick them in a jacket pocket. This is a nice concept, and quite a bit different than following a tour book. Not a replacement for a book, but a nice complement. One side of each card includes a map of the walking route and adjacent streets and landmarks. The other side has a description of items to look for along the route. Very easy to follow. We've purchased similar sets for other cities for friends, and have heard nothing but good things after they used them. It is helpful and advisable to have another map handy if you're not really familiar with the area. While the map side of the cards is good and generally accurate, sometimes it's just easier to look at a "real" map to get your bearings. Another item to note, is it's advisable to make sure things are actually open, if there's an ultimate destination in your route. This should be just common sense, but we've made the mistake a couple of times of walking somewhere only to find a particular cafe is no longer open, or that a museum is closed on that particular day. This was more with the Paris cards, but the same applies to the NYC cards. C'est la vie!

The City Walks series is a great idea for tourists AND locals alike! As a former New Yorker, I purchased the New York City Walks cards as a way to explore my own city, and see new neighborhoods that normally I wouldn't wander through. The deck of 50 cards gives you new ideas on places to wander, and be a people-watcher, flaneur and amateur historian. This deck covers both the more popular neighborhoods, as well as some hidden gems that a typical tourist wouldn't go - which makes them quite fun and useful for seeing the "real" New York. These cards are pocket sized, and easy to fit in a bag. Since they are individual cards, it's easy to carry just one or two with

you at a time for the walk you're embarking on - or even to take a photo of them on your phone for reference before your walk. While it would be great to have some kind of an app interface on your iPhone, the cards are still fun and a bit old fashioned - like following a real paper map (how retro!)

We are New Yorkers who just really love our city and wanted some planned walks to go and do on weekends. I was hoping for more walks beyond Manhattan and Brooklyn, but these are lovely and very well planned. For tourists or people just moving here, I think this is an amazing product! Love the historical ones.

Our family recently returned from a visit to Manhattan. We used 5 or 6 texts as well as this boxed set of walking tours. The set consists of 50 3-3/4 by 5-1/2 inch heavy stock cards and a folding master card that shows all the walks in the context of a five boroughs map. There are 5 walks in Central Park, 8 Midtown, 3 north of the park and 19 south of the Flatiron Building. Two walks cover The Bronx, two are in Queens, 5 in Brooklyn. Each walk card shows a map on one side, of about a square mile, complete with Metro stops and a trail marked out; on the other side the text (which is smallish, but I'm glad for that because there's such a wealth of information one could fit on each card!) that points out historic buildings and architectural features and tells a few stories about the character of the area as well as its characters. It was very convenient to grab a few cards as we went out the door. Also, after we got back and looked at pictures, it was easy to find that tour and get some information about it. The only complaint is predictable. Each walking tour could handle a booklet, so a few hundred words is, of course, inadequate. There is no information about restaurants; again, that's understandable, but maybe more information could be included on the maps? I would buy them again.

Perfect product

Great update to the original.

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