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Europe With Kids: Full-color Lifestyle Guide To Traveling In Europe With Children (Footprint - Lifestyle Guides)



Synopsis

While one needn't forgo the beaches and the sun, a family holiday in Europe can of course be about much, much more. How about taking the little darlings around the Louvre in Paris, or the Uffizi Gallery in Florence? Climb the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a scale an Alp or two, or even watch Mount Etna erupt? Yes, it can be done. A Footprint's new guide to savoring mainland Europe with children shows how to put the fun back into foreign holidays with a cornucopia of family-friendly places to see and things to do, plus recipes, games, and great ideas on how to get the kids as excited about being in the Old World as you are. A A A

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Customer Reviews

"The perfect book to have to hand when planning your family's annual holiday" Junior Magazine
"Top resources for vacationing: Travel with Kids by William Gray - exotic excursions, from hanging out under a pagoda in Kathmandu to puffin-watching in Wales." Nick Jnr Magazine (Nickleodean)
"From tots to teens, this book helps parents get it right for different age groups, budgets and style of travel." Sticky Travel - MTV Magazine "Travel with Kids by William Gray includes lots of tips for eco-friendly family holidays worldwide - from tots to teens" www.greentraveller.co.uk Britain with Kids is a guided tour of all the goodness on our doorstep. Whether you want fun and free things to do, child-heavenly beaches, luxury places to stay, gorgeous woodlands, farm days or a guide to the best local food around the country, this is the place to find it. Chapters are helpfully divided by theme, as well as regions with listings of local attractions, costs, and a description. Great when you are not familiar with the area. Be inspired." Junior Magazine Britain with Kids is all you need to

know - from the best fish & chips to the not-so-boring museums, and everything in between.A"

Angels & Urchins Magazine

It's hard to say which was the more pivotal moment of William Gray's travelling career - surviving his first long-haul flight with toddler twins or clinching the coveted Travel Writer of the Year award in 2002. A member of the British Guild of Travel Writers, William wrote and illustrated his first book at the age of 23. *Coral Reefs & Islands: The Natural History of a Threatened Paradise* was highly commended in the Conservation Book Prize. A sought-after photographer, William supplies images to several leading agencies including Photolibrary, Travel Ink and John Warburton-Lee. In 1995 William accompanied Patrick Lichfield as guest lecturer on the *Oriana*'s maiden Atlantic crossing and he now gives slide talks throughout the UK. William followed up his award-winning Travel with Kids with Britain with Kids and Footprint's recently published Cornwall with Kids. For more information, check out william-gray.co.uk.

How, how is it possible that a book called "Europe for kids..." would offer only 20 pages to the countries of Belgium, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland? No, not 20 pages per country...20 pages IN TOTAL! Germany, Austria, and Switzerland easily deserve 20 pages (or more) a piece! If you are looking for a guidebook to the touristy spots your children might enjoy, this may not be the book for you. If you want a book which will offer you prices and opening hours to attractions this is also not the book for you; very rarely are either offered. This book appears to have *some* helpful information and a few age specific pointers; it would be a great resource from your local library when you begin to plan your trip. When you want to get down to the meat of planning, you won't find a lot here. There is simply not enough substance here to justify the \$18 price (especially when you consider Central Europe is but a whisper in this book!); surely at that price you are really paying for the beautiful photos. On the pro side, each chapter has children's book suggestions for each country/region. Would like to have seen a longer list as notable books were left off the lists! Also enjoyable were the children's Top 10 lists for several countries. We will certainly be referring back to these. Finally, it was nice to see the inclusion of some recipes for each country. Although any google search could locate similar recipes, having them in one location as you prepare for the trip is handy. This book also has a decent amount of information (comparatively) on Turkey and Eastern Europe with kids. This book was published in the UK. If you are in the US and considering this book, note that all prices given are either in pounds or euro. Also, most of the travel agencies listed are based in the UK.

Arrive as promises and the book is in great conditions!

This book seriously lacks specifics. At best it offers rough ideas for things to do, but it is far too general. Lots of nice colour pictures taking up precious space, but I don't need someone else's beautiful vacation photos when I plan to go for myself. Hardly any useful maps, brief descriptions, and whole geographic areas left out. The author admits as much in the book, but even then it is a little thin on content. As a North American, I was also a little put off by the book's very UK-centric nature: aside from the lingo, there is a strong focus on Britain/Ireland and sun-seeker destinations like Greece, Spain, and Italy. There is almost nothing about Germany and Switzerland. The different destinations and particulars for newborns and toddlers versus teenagers are barely touched upon at the start of each chapter. Again, lots of generalities and few details. Overall, a waste of money for the price.

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