

In Europe Travels Through The Twentieth Century

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in Eastern Europe-including the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, and Croatia. Explore Eastern Europe's top cities, from the romantic spires of Prague and the steamy thermal baths of Budapest to charming Kraków and laid-back Ljubljana. Enjoy the imperial sights of Vienna and walking tours of exotic Dubrovnik. Then delve into the region's natural wonders: hike through the waterfall wonderland at Plitvice Lakes National Park, drive the winding road to the Julian Alps, and watch the sun dip slowly into the Adriatic from the Dalmatian Coast. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants. He'll help you plan where to go and what to see, depending on the length of your trip. You'll learn which sights are worth your time and money, and how to get around by train, bus, car, and boat. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.

Journey through Poland, Ukraine, Slovenia, and other places neglected by tourists, with “an accomplished stylist with an eye for telling detail” (Irvine Welsh). Andrzej Stasiuk is a restless and indefatigable traveler. By car, train, bus, and ferry, he goes from his native Poland to Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Albania, Moldova, and Ukraine—to small towns and villages with strangely evocative names. “The heart of my Europe,” he tells us, “beats in Sokolów Podlaski and in Hu?i. It does not beat in Vienna.” In Comrat, a funeral procession moves slowly down the main street, the open coffin on a pickup truck, an old woman dressed in black brushing away the flies above the face of the deceased. In Soroca, he locates a baroque-Byzantine-Tatar-Turkish encampment, to meet Gypsies. And all the way to Babadag, between the Baltic Coast and the Black Sea, Stasiuk indulges his curiosity and his love for the forgotten places and people of Europe. “There isn’t quite a name for the region that holds the Polish writer Andrzej Stasiuk in thrall. The general drift is from ‘the land of King Ubu to the land of Count Dracula’, Poland to Romania. . . . Its nucleus is the landlocked centre of Central Europe; its protoplasm spreads like an amoeba through the Balkans. It cannot be convincingly mapped. . . . As travel writing, this is unconventional, but as literature profoundly authentic.” —The Independent (UK) “A mesmerizing, not-to-be-missed trek through a little-visited region of the world.” —Kirkus Reviews “A eulogy for the old Europe, the Europe both in and out of time, the Europe now lost in the folds of the map.” —The Guardian (UK) In the early seventies, Bill Bryson backpacked across Europe—in search of enlightenment, beer, and women. He was accompanied by an unforgettable sidekick named Stephen Katz (who will be gloriously familiar to readers of Bryson's A Walk in the Woods). Twenty years later, he decided to retrace his journey. The result is the affectionate and riotously funny Neither Here Nor There.

Over a period of eighteen months, the author, her husband and their two young daughters rattled over the roads and motorways of Europe in their mobile home. Drysdale sought out Europe's indigenous tribes and took stock of their place in our modern world.

My Favorite Places, People, and Stories

Narrative of Travels in Europe, Asia, and Africa, in the Seventeenth Century (Complete)

How to Travel Safely (and Sanely) in Europe with Your Children

Gateways to the Book

A Comparative Introduction to East European Travel Writing on Europe

Truth, Lies and the End of Europe

Travel Writing from Southeastern Europe

Shortlisted for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year Award 'A gem of a book, informative, companionable, sometimes funny, and wholly original. MacLean must surely be the outstanding, and most indefatigable, traveller-writer of our time' John le Carré In 1989 the Berlin Wall fell. In that euphoric year Rory MacLean travelled from Berlin to Moscow, exploring lands that were - for most Brits and Americans - part of the forgotten half of Europe. Thirty years on, MacLean traces his original journey backwards, across countries confronting old ghosts and new fears: from revanchist Russia, through Ukraine's bloodlands, into illiberal Hungary, and then Poland, Germany and the UK. Along the way he shoulders an AK-47 to go hunting with Moscow's chicken Tsar, plays video games in St Petersburg with a cyber-hacker who cracked the US election, drops by the Che Guevara High School of Political Leadership in a non-existent nowhereland and meets the Warsaw doctor who tried to stop a march of 70,000 nationalists. Finally, on the shores of Lake Geneva, he waits patiently to chat with Mikhail Gorbachev. As Europe sleepwalks into a perilous new age, MacLean explores how opportunists - both within and outside of Russia, from Putin to Home Counties populists - have made a joke of truth, exploiting refugees and the dispossessed, and examines the veracity of historical narrative from reportage to fiction and fake news. He asks what happened to the optimism of 1989 and, in the shadow of Brexit, chronicles the collapse of the European dream.

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By the end of World War II much of Western Europe was in chaos. The future of our world had been contested here, in the hinterlands of France and across the German plains. But what's become of the battlefields now? Or the people that lived on them? And is there any trace of the 2.7 million Americans who smashed their way into the Reich (or the 12 million that followed)? With questions like these, the award-winning travel writer John Gimlette, guided by WWII veteran Putnam Flint, sets off on an astonishing journey into the past.

Excerpt from Travels Through the Interior Provinces of Columbia, Vol. 2 of 2 La Plata were very snug, and we were quite charmed with the beauty and variety of the flowers which were cultivated in the gardens orange-trees were in great abundance, some in flower and others bearing fruit; the former extremely fragrant. We rose early on Saturday morning, the 3rd of October, and bathed in the river of La Plata, which we found almost too cold, but exceedingly refreshing. This was a change, after having been baked for near ly a month in the plains and villages on the banks of the river Magdalena. At La Plata they cultivate rice, maize, cocoa not of the best description, plan tain, &c.; and in the adjacent mountains, wheat, barley, potatoes, greens, and other European vegeta bles. The Indians are very numerous in this range of Cordilleras. The Doctor sent them to fish, in the night, for the pisco negro, a black fish, which is considered here like our trout in Europe. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Semester Abroad

A Journey to the Edge of Europe

DK Eyewitness Europe

Rick Steves Eastern Europe

Neither Here Nor There:

The Idea of Europe in British Travel Narratives, 1789-1914

Travels Through the Twentieth Century

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling through Europe, including how to: Plan your itinerary and maximize your time Pack light-and right Find good-value hotels and restaurants Travel smoothly by train, bus, car, and plane Avoid crowds and tourist scams Hurdle the language barrier Understand cultural differences and connect with locals Save money while enjoying the trip of a lifetime After 30 years of exploring Europe, Rick considers this travel skills handbook his life's work. He shares his favorite off-the-beaten-path towns, trails, and natural wonders. With this guidebook, you'll experience the culture like a local, spend less money, and have more fun.

Looking for a sustainable and stress-free way to explore Europe? Hop on board the continent’s railway network with this ultimate guide to train travel. Whether you want to take it slow on the scenic route or make the most of the newest high-speed services to get straight to your destination, Lonely Planet’s experts show you how to plan your journey. Packed with detailed gatefold route maps and insider tips, we cover everything from how to piece together a long-distance trip to the must-see stops and best ways to book value-for-money tickets. As airlines cut back flights and airfares rise, now is the perfect time to take advantage of the increasing overnight services and flexible fares being offered. We also reveal the quirks of different operators and countries, such as luggage allowances, rules and regulations, and what facilities are on board. If you’re looking for a more eco-friendly, convenient - and sometimes quicker - way to get from A to B as you travel throughout the continent, Lonely Planet’s Guide to Train Travel in Europe will equip you to make the most of your time and budget. high-speed services in France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Spain scenic local routes in key countries including the UK and Scandinavia sleeper and long-distance services across the continent About Lonely Planet: Lonely Planet is a leading travel media company and the world's number one travel guidebook brand, providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every kind of traveller since 1973. Over the past four decades, we’ve printed over 145 million guidebooks and grown a dedicated, passionate global community of travellers. You'll also find our content online, on mobile, video and in 14 languages, armchair and lifestyle books, eBooks, and more.

Traveling with the Atom is a historical travel guide to the development of one of the most significant and enduring ideas in the history of humankind: the atomic concept. This history covers the notable places and landmarks commemorating this achievement, visiting homesteads, graveyards, laboratories, apartments, abbeys and castles, through picturesque rural villages and working class municipalities. From Montreal to Manchester, via some of the most elegant and romantic cities in Europe, Traveling with the Atom guides the reader on a trip through the lives and minds of the great thinkers who collectively unveiled the mystery of the atom. Fully illustrated and interspersed with intriguing and insightful notes throughout, this book is an ideal companion for the wandering scientist, their students, friends and companions or quintessential fireside reading for lovers of science and travel.

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The Dream of Europe

TRAVELS THROUGH EUROPE, ASIA, AND INTO PARTS OF AFRICA.

The Vanished Kingdom

War in Eastern Europe

Mother Tongues

Travels Through the Interior Provinces of Columbia, Vol. 2 of 2 (Classic Reprint)

Panther Soup

The 1930s were one of the most important decades in defining the history of the twentieth century. It saw the rise of right-wing nationalism, the challenge to established democracies and the full force of imperialist aggression. Cultural Encounters makes an important contribution to our understanding of the ideological and cultural forces which were active in defining notions of national identity in the 1930s. By examining the work of writers and journalists from a range of European countries who used the medium of travel writing to articulate perceptions of their own and other cultures, the book gives a comprehensive account of the complex intellectual climate of the 1930s.

From the First World War to the waning days of the Cold War, a poignant exploration on what it means to be European at the end of the twentieth-century. Geert Mak crisscrosses Europe from Verdun to Berlin, Saint Petersburg to Srebrenica in search of evidence and witnesses of the last hundred years of Europe. Using his skills as an acclaimed journalist, Mak locates the smaller, personal stories within the epic arc of history-talking to a former ticket-taker at the gates of the Birkenau concentration camp or noting the neat rows of tiny shoes in the abandoned nursery school in the shadow of Chernobyl. His unique approach makes the reader an eyewitness to a half-forgotten past, full of unknown peculiarities, sudden insights and touching encounters. Sweeping in scale, but intimate in detail In Europe is a masterpiece.

"In 1784, travel wrenched Thomas Jefferson out of the darkest period of his life. He sailed to France a broken man, but on the road, he rediscovered a world of hidden beauty and penned a guide he called Hints for Americans Traveling in Europe. During a crisis of his own, Derek Baxter dares himself to follow Jefferson's route. On a series of journeys (piloting a Dutch canal boat, hiking the French Alps, and fishing in the Atlantic), Baxter follows the obscure guide across six countries. But not all of his insights into the life of the complex founding father are pleasant. In Pursuit of Jefferson is the surprising story of one man's travels through Europe, led by Thomas Jefferson, and the lessons he learns about history-and himself-along the way"--

In Postcards from Europe, Rick Steves takes you on a private tour through the heart of Europe - introducing you to his local friends and sharing his favorite travel moments - from the Netherlands through Germany, Italy, and Switzerland, with a grand Parisian finale. Whether you're dreaming in an armchair, have packed, or are unpacking, Postcards from Europe will inspire a love of travel, of Europe, and of Europeans.

European Travel Writing in the 1930s

Rick Steves' Postcards from Europe

A European Journey in War and Peace

A Journey Through Every Country on the Continent

Lonely Planet's Guide to Train Travel in Europe

Under Eastern Eyes

Travels Through Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and Other Parts of Europe; But Especially Italy

In writings about travel, the Balkans appear most often as a place travelled to. Western accounts of the Balkans revel in the different and the exotic, the violent and the primitive ? traits that serve (according to many commentators) as a foil to self-congratulatory definitions of the West as modern, progressive and rational. However, the Balkans have also long been travelled from. The region's writers have given accounts of their travels in the West and elsewhere, saying something in the process about themselves and their place in the world. The analyses presented here, ranging from those of 16th-century Greek humanists to 19th-century Romanian reformers to 20th-century writers, socialists and 'men-of-the-world', suggest that travellers from the region have also created their own identities through their encounters with Europe. Consequently, this book challenges assumptions of Western discursive hegemony, while at the same time exploring Balkan 'Occidentalisms'.

Combining armchair travel, stunning photography, and a keen historical sense, James Charles Roy takes us on a moving journey through the tragic past, present, and, very likely, future of Eastern Europe.

Ready, Set ... Go! Jam packed with tips and ideas, this book will help you with every step of a European vacation: designing a kid-friendly itinerary, booking fun and interesting lodging, choosing the best ways to get around, packing light, saving money, enjoying the airplane ride, staying safe, and immersing yourself and your family in the many cultures of Europe. From the National Museum of Underwater Archaeology in Spain to the Hay Festival in Wales; from Eyjafjallajokull to the Jungfraujoch; from musical street buskers to the Mona Lisa; and from cricket to Calcio Storico, this book will help you and your kids find adventure, education, and great food across the European continent. Bonus: we also include tips for the all essential step of coming home again!

The nineteenth century was the heyday of travel, with Britons continually reassessing their own culture in relation to not only the colonized but also other Europeans, especially the ones that they encountered on the southern and eastern peripheries of the continent. Offering illustrative case studies, Katarina Gephardt shows how specific rhetorical strategies used in contemporary travel writing produced popular fictional representations of continental Europe in the works of Ann Radcliffe, Lord Byron, Charles Dickens, and Bram Stoker. She examines a wide range of autobiographical and fictional travel narratives to demonstrate that the imaginative geographies underpinning British ideas of Europe emerged from the spaces between fact and fiction. Adding texture to her study are her analyses of the visual dimensions of cross-cultural representation and of the role of evolving technologies in defining a shared set of rhetorical strategies. Gephardt argues that British writers envisioned their country simultaneously as distinct from the Continent and as a part of Europe, anticipating the contradictory British discourse around European integration that involves both fear that the European super-state will violate British sovereignty and a desire to play a more central role in the European Union.

The Europe Book

Travels in the Other Europe

Traveling with the Atom

The Travel Skills Handbook

Rick Steves Europe Through the Back Door

My Travels Through Europe and My Western Trip

Travels in Europe, Asia Minor and Arabia (Classic Reprint)

After 40+ years of writing about Europe, Rick Steves has gathered 100 of his favorite memories together into one inspiring collection: For the Love of Europe: My Favorite Places, People, and Stories. Join Rick as he's swept away by a fado singer in Lisbon, learns the dangers of falling in love with a gondolier in Venice, and savors a cheese and wine mystery of centuries-old stone circles in England, dangle from a cliff in the Swiss Alps, and hear a French farmer's defense of foie gras. With a brand-new, original introduction from Rick reflecting on his decades of travel, For the Love of Europe features 100 of the best stories published throughout his career. Covering his adventures through Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and more, these are stories only Rick Steves could tell. Wry, personal, and full of Rick's signature humor, For the Love of Europe is a fond and inspirational look at a lifetime of travel.

An investigation of the complex image-text relationships between frontispieces and illustrated title pages with the following texts in European books published between 1500 and 1800.

'Mak is the history teacher everyone should have had' Financial Times How did the great European dream turn sour? And where do we go from here? From the author of the internationally acclaimed In Europe, a stunning history of our present, examining the first two decades of this most fragile and fraught new millennium. The great European desire for peace, prosperity and freedom; a wish for a united Europe striving towards a common goal. The EU was to set an example: an arena for close cooperation, tackling crucial shared concerns from climate change to organized crime, promoting open borders and social security. But the first two turbulent decades of this century have shown us that the dream is far from reality. From the shores of Lampedusa to Putin's Moscow, the continent threatens to tear itself apart. What's happened to Europe's optimism and euphoria? How has it given way to nostalgia, frustration and fear, the fragile European dream in danger of turning into a nightmare? In The Dream of Europe, Geert Mak, one of Europe's best-loved commentators, tells us how we have shaped people's lives over the past twenty years. Mak's monumental book In Europe defined the continent on the verge of a new millennium. The Dream of Europe brings us up to the present day, through the rocky expansion of the EU, the aftermath of 9/11 and terrorist attacks across Europe, the 2008 financial crash and the euro zone crisis. Mediterranean, the rise of right-wing populism and Brexit. Like no other, Mak blends history, politics and culture with the stories and experiences of the many Europeans he meets on his travels. He brings this continent to life, and asks what role does Europe play now, and how might we face our challenges together, in the spirit of solidarity.

Before New York Times bestselling author Bill Bryson wrote The Road to Little Dribbling, he took this delightfully irreverent jaunt around the unparalleled floating nation of Great Britain, which has produced zebra crossings, Shakespeare, Twiggie Winkie's Farm, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Tisbury.

For the Love of Europe

In Europe

The War in Eastern Europe

Notes from a Small Island

Balkan Departures

In Pursuit of Jefferson

Journey to the Center of Prague! "If European cities were a necklace, Prague would be a diamond among the pearls." -Jean-Claude Adéméci And there's no city in the world quite like Prague, Czech Republic! And for a limited time, Passport to European Travel Guides offers this comprehensive, yet quick and concise, 5-day guide to Prague-home to "Fred and Ginger"-among a few other things! 5-Day Travel Guide to Unforgettable Czech Travel Have no idea where to start? Or maybe you have some idea but could use a treasure trove of great insider tips? Well, read on! You see, we know your trip begins long before you even book the flight, so this guide is chock full of dynamite tips on everything you need to know BEFORE you go-and much, much more you'll thank us for! Passport to European Travel Guides Features: * Dynamite Insider Tips-for tourists! We give you the scoop on everything from local etiquette to saving money! * 5-Day Suggested Itinerary-cover the best spots the city has to offer in 5 magical days! * Luxury Sleeps, Luxury Eats-our best recommendations for ultimate luxury in Prague * Budget Sleeps, Budget Eats-best spots for travelers on a budget * Map-of Prague * City Snapshot-language, currency, airports, country code + more! * Before You Go-there are some things you need to know! * Getting in the Mood-with a few great films and books to enjoy before you go! * Local Tourist Information-where to find it once you're on the ground in Prague * Overview-of Prague * Czech Phrases For Emergencies-least you'll know how to holler, "Help!" * Climate + Best Times to Travel-to Prague * All About Tours-By bike, boat, bus or special interest and walking tours + our top recommendations with links and more! * Prague Nightlife-the best bars, clubs, live music, theater and dancing * Lots more-we aim to get you in the know!

From planning and survival tips to youth hostels, restaurants, camping, language, and renting homes, this guide makes it possible to take the kids to Europe safely and, perhaps more importantly, sanely.

What originally started out as a few tips and suggestions for friends traveling abroad, Semester Abroad: A College Students Guide to Europe soon began to take shape. Within two years of returning from Europe, the 21 year old author had completed writing her book. Semester Abroad is not a list of where to stay and what to eat --there are plenty of those on the bookstore shelves written by adults for adults and families. It is more of an overview of traveling through Europe as a young adult. The opening chapters discuss important travel information like what to pack, documents needed and how to make the trip as smooth as possible. Most major countries in Europe are covered in their own chapter in this niche travel guide for the student/backpacking traveler. The country chapters discuss the main places of interest, the easiest way to tour each city as well as a historical overview. Reid believes it is important to have a basic understanding of the culture and history to best enjoy what each town and country has to offer. Along with the typical travel do's and don'ts, is important information such as the major holidays, tipping information and the American Embassy phone number. The book is designed for travelers of all budgets and interests. Semester Abroad is set to be an all-encompassing travel guide for the quick-paced world of study abroad students and backpackers from the perspective of a young college student.

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Frontispieces and Title Pages in Early Modern Europe

A Scientific Guide to Europe and Beyond

On the Road to Babadag

Travels Through The History Of Prussia

Pravda Ha Ha

Prague

Travels in the Twenty-First Century

The author writes about his experience during World War I, and the human beings he encountered in the countries of Eastern Europe from April to October, 1915.

A focused celebration of the world's most culturally influential continent, this indispensable bestseller explores Europe in detail, and includes an evocative and in-depth look at each country.

This highly personal account concentrates upon the national & racial characteristics of war-torn Eastern Europe in 1915.Reed has captured the spirit of the age,reminding us all how deep-seated are the ethnic conflicts in the Balkans.

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Europe will lead you straight to the best attractions this diverse continent has to offer, from the majestic peaks of the Alps to the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. This newly updated guidebook is packed with information on the culture, history, architecture, and art of the continent, in addition to the best of Europe's gardens, beaches, cathedrals, castles, and shopping. DK's insider travel tips and essential local information will help you discover Europe your way, whether you want to explore the luscious green landscape of Ireland, relax on a beach in Greece, or both. Discover DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Europe. Detailed itineraries and "don't-miss" destination highlights at a glance. Illustrated cutaway 3-D drawings of important sights. Floor plans and guided visitor information for major museums. Local drink and dining specialties to try, things to do, and places to eat, drink, and shop by area. Area maps marked with sights. Detailed city maps include street finder indexes for easy navigation. Insights into history and culture to help you understand the stories behind the sights. Hotel and restaurant listings highlight DK Choice special recommendations. With hundreds of full-color photographs, hand-drawn illustrations, and custom maps that illuminate every page, DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Europe truly shows you what others only tell you. Series Overview: For more than two decades, DK Eyewitness Travel Guides have helped travelers experience the world through the history, art, architecture, and culture of their destinations. Expert travel writers and researchers provide independent editorial advice, recommendations, and reviews. With guidebooks to hundreds of places around the globe available in print and digital formats, DK Eyewitness Travel Guides show travelers how they can discover more. DK Eyewitness Travel Guides: the most maps, photographs, and illustrations of any guide.

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A College Students Guide to Europe

Travels in Europe

The Cities Book

Traveling Through Europe with the Most Perplexing Founding Father

Take Your Kids to Europe

Travel Tales from America's Favorite Guidebook Writer

“Remarkable: a book about borders that makes the reader feel sumptuously free.” –Peter Pomerantsev In this extraordinary work of narrative reportage, Kapka Kassabova returns to Bulgaria, from where she emigrated as a girl twenty-five years previously, to explore the border it shares with Turkey and Greece. When she was a child, the border zone was rumored to be an easier crossing point into the West than the Berlin Wall, and it swarmed with soldiers and spies. On holidays in the “Red Riviera” on the Black Sea, she remembers playing on the beach only miles from a bristling electrified fence whose barbs pointed inward toward the enemy: the citizens of the totalitarian regime. Kassabova discovers a place that has been shaped by successive forces of history: the Soviet and Ottoman empires, and, older still, myth and legend. Her exquisite portraits of fire walkers, smugglers, treasure hunters, botanists, and border guards populate the book. There are also the ragged men and women who have walked across Turkey from Syria and Iraq. But there seem to be nonhuman forces at work here too: This densely forested landscape is rich with curative springs and Thracian tombs, and the tug of the ancient world, of circular time and animism, is never far off. Border is a scintillating, immersive travel narrative that is also a shadow history of the Cold War, a sideways look at the migration crisis troubling Europe, and a deep, witchy descent into interior and exterior geographies.

Twelve studies explicitly developed to elaborate on travel writing published in book form by east Europeans travelling in Europe from ca. 1550 to 2000. How did east Europeans have positioned themselves with relation to the notion of Europe, and how has the genre of travel writing served as a means of exploring and disseminating these ideas? A truly comparative and collective work with a substantial introductory study, the book has taken full advantage of the interdisciplinary and comparative potential of the team of project scholars working in the different national literatures, from different disciplinary perspectives

It was first built by Solomon, and has been described by some thousands of historians. The date of its capture is contained in those words of the Korán, “The exalted city” (beldah tayyibeh), and to it some commentators apply the following text: “Have not the Greeks been vanquished in the lowest parts of the earth?” (Kor. xxx. 1.) and “An excellent city, the like of which hath never been created.” All the ancient Greek historians are agreed, that it was first built by Solomon, son of David, 1600 years before the birth of the Prophet; they say he caused a lofty palace to be erected by Genii, on the spot now called Seraglio-Point, in order to please the daughter of Saïdún, sovereign of Ferendún, an island in the Western Ocean (Okiyúnüs). The second builder of it was Rehoboam (Reja’im), son of Solomon; and the third Yánkó, son of Mádiyán, the Amalekite, who reigned 4600 years after Adam was driven from Paradise, and 419 years before the birth of Iskender Rúmí (Alexander the Great), and was the first of the Batálisah (Ptolemies?) of the Greeks. There were four universal monarchs, two of whom were Moslims and two Infidels. The two first were Soleimán (Solomon) and Iskender Zú’l karneïn (the two-horned Alexander), who is also said to have been a prophet; and the two last were Bakhtu-n-nasr, that desolation of the whole face of the earth, and Yánkó ibn Mádiyán, who lived one hundred years in the land of Adím (Edom).

Travels Through the Balkans in 1915

Cultural Encounters

100 Tips for Traveling with Kids in Europe

Neither here nor there

Border