

Thank You to Our Public Television Programmers!

Since 1990, we've partnered with APT and programmers like you to distribute more than 150 travel shows to public television. All our shows are free through APT Exchange. Together, we share a common mission to help educate and inspire Americans to broaden their perspectives through travel—and to share lots of happy travels.

In the last year or so, we've shot and produced (or are producing) an 11-episode new season of *Rick Steves' Europe*, four one-hour specials (London, Paris, Rome, and Istanbul), and several exciting membership specials.

We hope this annual Gazette helps you keep track of all our shows and better understand our newest programming and what we're excited to bring your way in the coming year.

Below: Cameraman Karel Bauer and Producer Josh Springer join Rick happily at work in London.



COMING SOON

Rick Steves Best of Paris (1 X 60 MIN, April 2026)

In this one-hour celebration of the “City of Light” we’ll cruise the Seine, marvel at the stained-glass glory of Sainte-Chapelle, dance on the riverbanks, and groove to cool jazz in a medieval cellar. We’ll eat unforgettably French, enjoy perhaps Europe’s finest art in the Louvre, admire the palace of palaces at Versailles, climb the Eiffel Tower, and embrace that fabled *joie de vivre* in its hometown.

Rick Steves Best of London (1 X 60 MIN, June 2026)

Kings, Queens, Beefeaters, black cabs, and Big Ben, London honors its proud traditions. And, with nine million citizens, it’s also a cutting-edge capital. We’ll cruise the Thames, get fancy at an afternoon tea, jog with the locals, then drink with the locals. We’ll ogle street art...celebrate London’s diversity on a food tour...remember Britain’s heroes from the first Elizabeth to the last, and enjoy how its industrial past has become a foundation for a promising future.

Rick Steves Best of Rome (1 X 60 MIN, October 2026)

Conquering the Eternal City in one hour, we’ll see the biggies — from the Colosseum and the Pantheon to St. Peter’s Basilica and Michelangelo’s Sistine Ceiling at the Vatican. We’ll enjoy a bike ride on ancient cobbles and dramatic ruins. We’ll meet the gang: from Michelangelo and Raphael to Bernini and Caravaggio. We’ll join the pilgrims in an ancient ritual, feast like a Roman of course, and more.

Rick Steves Best of Istanbul (1 X 60 MIN, January 2027)

Istanbul is one of the great cities on earth, period. For thousands of years, this point, where East meets West, has been a crossroads of civilizations and a mighty capital. In a fascinating hour, we’ll explore an Ottoman palace complete with sultans’ treasures, marvel at Byzantine domes and sacred mosques, and be wowed by classic carpets and artisans at work in the Grand Bazaar. Collecting experiences, we’ll eat fish fresh off the boat, learn why the dervish whirls, get an old-fashioned shave, and luxuriate in an Ottoman bath. Losing ourselves in a sea of its people, we’ll celebrate this vast and complex city.

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STILL FRESH FOR 2026

Rick Steves' Europe: Season 13

(11 X 30 MIN, October 2025)

Season 13 has eleven new episodes—each packed with travel thrills made accessible: local culture, tasty cuisine, and lots of fun. There are two episodes each on Iceland, Poland, London, and Istanbul and three more exciting shows: “Paris of the Parisians,” “Italy’s Highlights,” and “Burgundy: Gourmet Barge Cruise” (Rick’s most decadent and hedonistic show yet).



Rick Steves One-Hour Specials from 2025

Rick and his crew produced four exciting hour-long specials in the last year or so that are near and dear to their traveling hearts. Keep these shows in mind: **Iceland** (Reykjavík and Europe’s ultimate 800-mile road trip), **Poland** (introducing you to perhaps Europe’s most underrated country via Kraków, Warsaw, and Gdańsk), **Experiencing Europe** (a whirlwind tour of Rick’s most important lessons from a lifetime of travel), and **Europe: A Symphonic Journey** (for a musical tour by the Cincinnati Pops with Rick as your guide stopping down in seven European countries with stirring Romantic Era classics).

23-Week Scheduling Strategy

With the launch of so many new one-hour specials, you now have a primetime-ready travel-dream-come-true of relevant and timely one-hour programs in rights. Choose from these 17 hours: *Iceland*, *Poland*, *Best of the Alps*, *Egypt*, *Cruising the Mediterranean*, *Andalucía*, *Luther and the Reformation*, *Iran*, *Hunger and Hope*, *The Holy Land*, *Rome*, *Fascism in Europe*, *Experiencing Europe*, *Europe: A Symphonic Journey*, *European Christmas*, *European Easter*, and *European Festivals*. (Note that with the six *Art of Europe* hours, you can run a 23-week series with the Easter and Christmas specials scheduled just right. And this doesn’t even include the London, Paris, Rome, and Istanbul specials coming up in 2026.

Travel with Rick Steves: Over 800 Shows on Public Radio

When *Travel with Rick Steves* won the Lowell Thomas Award Gold Prize for radio, the judges called it “a deceptively simple program with sophisticated production values. Rick draws listeners into animated conversations with inspirational people

who have taken extraordinary journeys.” The show, free to any public radio station, airs weekly on more than 170 stations. For more information, contact Tim Tattan at tim@ricksteves.com.

A Cornerstone of Create

As the public media lifestyle channel enters its second decade, *Rick Steves’ Europe* will continue to be there, providing quality travel programming and pledge specials for multi-cast channels and Create.

Rick Steves’ Europe Streaming on PBS.org and the PBS App with Passport

Anyone can stream *Rick Steves’ Europe* episodes, specials, and shorts on-demand on PBS.org and in the PBS app. Station members receive extra content through PBS Passport!

Rick Steves Classroom Europe—A Gift from Public TV to Teachers

Rick Steves’ Europe and *Rick Steves Art of Europe* are a hit in classrooms. As a gift to teachers (and anyone who enjoys the road as school), we’ve made a free, searchable video

library of about 700 three-to-five-minute teachable clips excerpted from these shows. On behalf of PTV, we’re proud to support our teachers with this powerful teaching tool at classroom.ricksteves.com — and we encourage stations to utilize this resource in any creative way they like.

Mind the Gap with Travel and Art Bites Interstitials

In October 2024, we added 96 new “Art Bites” showcasing Europe’s great art and architecture to our collection of two-to-seven-minute “Travel Bites,” giving you hundreds of entertaining morsels to fill your programming gaps. With topics ranging from Monet’s water lilies to eating barnacles in Portugal, the entire library of 300 “Travel Bite” interstitials are available for easy download from sIX and/or at APTonline.org.

Web Support: ricksteves.com/tv-programmers

To help stations promote *Rick Steves’ Europe*, Rick offers an easy-to-use toolkit at ricksteves.com/tv-programmers. For publicity support, contact media@ricksteves.com or hope@hennesseymarketing.com.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS



Rick Steves European Christmas

(90 MIN, November 2025)

Rick Steves European Christmas is as timeless as the traditions it celebrates. Long a wintertime pledge hit, it's rereleased with delightful new membership breaks sure to inspire holiday giving. From candlelit carols in Salzburg to festive feasts in Tuscany and Midnight Mass at St. Peter's, from humble English village choirs to elves and Santa Lucias in Norway, it brings an intimate wonder to the holidays. Viewers see how Christmas in Europe is less about glitz and more about family, faith, and community—an unforgettable celebration of peace and joy.



More Productive Rick Steves Membership Specials Worth Considering:

Experiencing Europe (90 MIN); Fascism in Europe (90 MIN), Why We Travel (30 and 60 MIN), Island Hopping Europe (30 MIN), Mighty Alps (30 and 90 MIN). For a complete list of other pledge events, see the back page.

Rick Steves Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet Pledge Event

(1 X 120, November 2025)

This gorgeous special is a greatest hits party celebrating European art and creative genius from Leonardo to Van Gogh. It features three episodes from *Rick Steves' Europe* Season 12 (Art of the Florentine Renaissance, Baroque Art, and Art of the Impressionists and Beyond).



Rick Steves' Europe Season 12—Mix & Match Pledge Breaks

(3 X 14 MIN, create countless pledge specials from 30 minutes to an 8-hour marathon, February 2026, KVIE-produced)

Here's a chance to build your own membership special featuring the greatest art of Europe, served up Rick Steves' style. Rick's providing three all-new generic 14-minute pledge breaks featuring inspiring insights and mission pitches, along with new gifts curated just for this use. Then, just add your choice from 12 half-hour episodes on European art from Season 12 of *Rick Steves' Europe* (about 25 minutes each with end matter trimmed out) and perhaps some Rick Steves Art Bites fillers to get your "bespoke special" to time, and you've got a winning new pledge program completely customized by you.

MIX & MATCH PLEDGE EVENT SAMPLES:

(120 MIN, see above) Europe's Oldest Art (120 MIN, see below)

RKSE 1201 "Rick Steves' Europe: Art of Prehistoric Europe" (25 MIN)	+	Mix & Match Break 1 (14 MIN)	+
RKSE 1202 "Rick Steves' Europe: Art of Ancient Greece" (25 MIN)	+	Mix & Match Break 2 (14 MIN)	+
RKSE 1203 "Rick Steves' Europe: Ancient Roman Art" (25 MIN)	+	Mix & Match Break 3 (14 MIN)	=

117 MINUTES

Over 160 Episodes, One-Hour Specials, and Pledge Events

We offer an integrated family of programs covering all of Europe, updated to keep all programs in rights, accurate, and current. Outdated and redundant shows are retired as new episodes replace them.

Season 1 — 2000

The shows in Season 1 were retired as we continually strive to keep our portfolio of programming fresh and relevant.

Season 2 — 2002

- 208 Dublin and Mystical Side Trips
- 209 South Ireland: Waterford to the Ring of Kerry
- 210 The Best of West Ireland: Dingle, Galway, and the Aran Islands
- 212 Germany's Romantic Rhine and Rothenburg
- 213 Munich and the Foothills of the Alps
- 214 Switzerland's Jungfrau Region: Best of the Alps

Season 3 — 2004

- 301 The Majesty of Madrid
- 302 Highlights of Castile: Toledo and Salamanca
- 303 Normandy: War-Torn Yet Full of Life
- 304 Belfast and the Best of Northern Ireland
- 307 Belgium: Bruges and Brussels
- 308 Provence: Legendary Light, Wind, and Wine
- 309 French Riviera: Uniquely Chic
- 311 Budapest: The Best of Hungary
- 312 Lisbon and the Algarve
- 313 Sevilla

Season 4 — 2006

- 401 England's Bath and York
- 402 North Wales: Feisty and Poetic
- 403 Edinburgh
- 404 Naples and Pompeii
- 405 Italy's Amalfi Coast
- 406 Milan and Lake Como
- 407 Tuscany's Dolce Vita
- 408 Italy's Great Hill Towns
- 409 Vienna
- 410 Salzburg and Surroundings
- 411 Rick Steves' Europe: The Making Of

Season 5 — 2008

- 501 Burgundy: Profoundly French
- 502 France's Dordogne
- 503 Barcelona and Catalunya
- 504 Little Europe: Five Micro-Countries
- 505 Switzerland's Great Cities
- 506 Vienna and the Danube
- 507 The Czech Republic Beyond Prague
- 508 Athens and Side Trips

- 509 Greece's Peloponnese
- 510 Copenhagen
- 511 Denmark Beyond Copenhagen
- 513 Iran: Tehran and Side Trips
- 514 Iran: Historic Capitals

Season 6 — 2010

- 602 Croatia: Adriatic Delights
- 603 Dubrovnik and Balkan Side Trips
- 604 The Best of Slovenia
- 605 Granada, Córdoba, and Spain's Costa del Sol
- 606 Andalucía, Gibraltar, and Tangier
- 607 Oslo
- 608 Norway's West: Fjords, Mountains, and Bergen
- 609 Stockholm
- 610 Helsinki and Tallinn: Baltic Sisters
- 611 Northern Spain and the Camino de Santiago
- 612 Basque Country

Season 7 — 2012

- 701 Rome: Ancient Glory
- 702 Rome: Baroque Brilliance
- 703 Rome: Back-Street Riches
- 704 Florence: Heart of the Renaissance
- 705 Florentine Delights and Tuscan Side Trips
- 706 Paris: Regal and Intimate
- 707 Paris: Embracing Life and Art
- 709 North England's Lake District and Durham
- 710 Venice: City of Dreams
- 711 Venice and Its Lagoon
- 712 European Travel Skills Part I
- 713 European Travel Skills Part II
- 714 European Travel Skills Part III

Season 8 — 2014

- 801 Western Turkey
- 802 Central Turkey
- 803 France's Loire: Château Country
- 804 Paris Side Trips
- 805 The Best of Israel
- 806 Palestine
- 807 Italy's Riviera: Cinque Terre
- 808 Italy's Verona, Padova, and Ravenna
- 809 Amsterdam
- 810 The Netherlands: Beyond Amsterdam
- 811 Prague
- 812 Berlin

Season 9 — 2016

- 901 Germany's Hamburg and the Luther Trail
- 902 Germany's Dresden and Leipzig
- 903 Germany's Frankfurt and Nürnberg
- 904 Bulgaria
- 905 Romania
- 906 Assisi and Italian Country Charm
- 907 Siena and Tuscany's Wine Country
- 908 West England
- 909 Southeast England
- 910 England's Cornwall

Season 10 — 2018

- 1001 The Heart of England
- 1002 Lisbon
- 1003 Portugal's Heartland
- 1004 Travel Skills: Cruising
- 1005 Greek Islands: Santorini, Mykonos, and Rhodes
- 1006 European Festivals I
- 1007 European Festivals II
- 1008 The Best of Sicily
- 1009 Sicilian Delights
- 1010 Scotland's Highlands
- 1011 Scotland's Islands
- 1012 Glasgow and Scottish Passions

Season 11 — 2020

- 1101 Austrian and Italian Alps
- 1102 Swiss Alps
- 1103 French Alps and Lyon
- 1104 Germany's Fascist Story
- 1105 Egypt's Cairo
- 1106 Egypt's Nile, Alexandria, and Luxor
- 1107 Ethiopia: A Development Story
- 1108 Why We Travel

Season 12 — 2023

- 1201 Art of Prehistoric Europe
- 1202 Art of Ancient Greece
- 1203 Ancient Roman Art
- 1204 Art of the Roman Empire
- 1205 Art of the Early Middle Ages
- 1206 Art of the High Middle Ages
- 1207 Art of the Florentine Renaissance
- 1208 Art of the Renaissance Beyond Florence
- 1209 Baroque Art
- 1210 Art of the Neoclassical and Romantic Ages
- 1211 Art of the Impressionists and Beyond
- 1212 Art of the 20th Century

Season 13 — 2025

- 1301 Iceland's Reykjavik and the Golden Circle
- 1302 Iceland's Ring Road
- 1303 Kraków: Poland's Historic Capital
- 1304 Poland's Warsaw and Gdańsk
- 1305 Italy's Highlights
- 1306 Burgundy: Gourmet Barge Cruise
- 1307 Paris of the Parisians
- 1308 Istanbul: Capital of Emperors and Sultans
- 1309 Istanbul: Turkish Delights
- 1310 London: A Royal Tour
- 1311 London: Yesterday and Today

One-Hour Specials

- RSRO Rick Steves Rome
- RSHP Rick Steves Holy Land: Israelis and Palestinians Today
- RSRN Rick Steves Iran
- RSAS Rick Steves Andalucía: The Best of Southern Spain
- RSMS Rick Steves European Christmas
- RSEA Rick Steves European Easter
- RSLR Rick Steves Luther and the Reformation
- RSFV Rick Steves European Festivals
- RSFP Rick Steves Fascism in Europe
- RSMD Rick Steves Cruising the Mediterranean
- RSEG Rick Steves Hunger and Hope: Lessons from Ethiopia and Guatemala
- RSYT Rick Steves Egypt: Yesterday & Today
- RSAP Rick Steves Best of the Alps
- RSPH Rick Steves Art: Prehistoric and Ancient
- RSAA Rick Steves Art of Ancient Rome
- RSMA Rick Steves Art of the Middle Ages
- RSAR Rick Steves Art of the Renaissance
- RSBA Rick Steves Art of the Baroque Age
- RSAM Rick Steves Art of the Modern Age
- RSIC Rick Steves Iceland
- RSEX Rick Steves Experiencing Europe
- RSPD Rick Steves Poland
- RSMJ Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey

Miniseries

- RSOP Rick Steves Art of Europe
- RSOP-101 Rick Steves Art of Europe: Stone Age to Ancient Greece

- RSOP-102 Rick Steves Art of Europe: Ancient Rome
- RSOP-103 Rick Steves Art of Europe: The Middle Ages
- RSOP-104 Rick Steves Art of Europe: The Renaissance
- RSOP-105 Rick Steves Art of Europe: Baroque
- RSOP-106 Rick Steves Art of Europe: The Modern Age

Pledge Events

- Rick Steves Fascism in Europe (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves European Christmas (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves European Easter (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves European Festivals (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves Hunger and Hope: Lessons from Ethiopia and Guatemala (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves Island Hopping Europe (30 MIN)
- Rick Steves Why We Travel (30 and 60 MIN)
- Rick Steves Mighty Alps (30 and 90 MIN)
- Rick Steves Experiencing Europe (90 MIN)
- Rick Steves Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet (120 MIN)
- Rick Steves Art of Europe: Michelangelo to Monet (120 MIN)
- Rick Steves Art of Europe Mix & Match Breaks (4 X 14 MIN)
- Rick Steves Heart of Italy (120 MIN and 60 MIN)
- Rick Steves Tasty Europe (30 MIN)
- Rick Steves' Europe: Great German Cities (120 MIN)
- Rick Steves Festive Europe (30 MIN)
- Rick Steves Holy Land: Israelis and Palestinians Today (90 MIN)

Still in Rights