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Secrets Of The Seven Smallest States Of Europe: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, San Marino And Vatican City



Synopsis

This unique book examines the history, culture, and inner workings of the seven smallest independent countries in Europe. These are among the oldest states on the continent and, despite their diversity, they have much in common. Most have relatively high per capita incomes and life expectancies, and relatively low unemployment. This narrative presents the unique issues that confront small countries, including maintaining their independence, economic viability, preserving their native languages, and sustaining their governments. The second part of the book describes each microstate in turn, showing how each one has met these challenges and adapted over time. These concise and engaging chapters contain cultural information on subjects including the arts, gastronomy, and popular tourist sites.

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Customer Reviews

Often overlooked, these small states have some interesting history and a few lessons for other, larger states. The author has good basic knowledge of all of them, and although brief in history and sights, this book is a good introduction to all of them with a useful, if now somewhat dated bibliography for further reading. Good read!

insightful, well written, and on point

Excellent! I recommended to my friend. This is a mixed between trip guide and history handbook.

Had great information on counties that do not have a lot of published information about them.

Excellent and well researched book that deals with the history and geography of the seven smallest states of Europe. Easy to read and really engaging. I honestly recommend this book to whoever wishes to learn about these real but not very well known independent states. Extremely interesting.

I liked the book, thematic interesting and easy to understand. It was what I expected, excellent publication. Publication recommended with very good content and consistent.

As advertised

I planned a trip to several of these "nations" for next summer and bought this book for background. Not really a tourist guidebook, it's more of a history and culture guide. Probably in line with CIA factbooks. Author also tended to repeat information in several sections so the book became increasingly boring.

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