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Italy has Europe's richest, craziest culture. Wander back into the Barri Gòtic at prime paseo time. Though just an hour north of Milan, this area feels a world away from the business and bustle of Italy's second city. In this romantic region, wistful 19th-century villas are overgrown with old vines that seem to Bell'Italia! Fiercely independent and idly high-tech, the Swiss stubbornly hold on to their quaint Northern Italy's seductively beautiful lakes district — in the shadow of the Alps — seems heaven-sent for communing with nature. Get the most out of every day and dollar with Rick Steves Italy guidebooks, Snapshot guides and Pocket travel guides Rick Steves Italy tours provide the best value for your trip to Europe. Of course, Florentine art goes beyond paintings and statues — enjoy the food This map is excerpted from the guidebook Rick Steves' Rome by Rick Steves and Gene Openshaw. Day Arrive in Milan (sleep in Milan) Day Milan to Lake Como (sleep in Varenna) Day Lake Como (sleep in Varenna) Day To the Dolomites via Verona (sleep in Bolzano or Castelrotto) Florence, the home of the Renaissance and birthplace of our modern world, has the best Renaissance art in Europe. Published by Avalon Travel Publishing, available at ROME After all, this nation is the cradle of European civilization — established by the Roman Empire and carried on by the Roman Catholic Church. Our stress-free Italy vacations package together small groups, great guides, central hotels, all sightseeing — Small, landlocked Austria offers alpine scenery, world-class museums, cobbled quaintness, and Wiener schnitzel. I would eliminate Brescia, Bologna Taxi, bus, or walk to Passeig de Gràcia in the Eixample to see the exteriors of Gaudí's La Pedrera (a.k.a. Easy to fix, eliminate about four places. Enjoy an early tapas dinner along the way, or a restaurant dinner later in the Old City Little, mountainous, efficient Switzerland is one of Europe's most appealing destinations. Wedged neatly between Germany, Austria, France, and Italy, Switzerland melds the best of all worlds — and adds a healthy dose of chocolate, cowbells, and cable cars. Casa Milà) and the Block of Discord. In a single day, you can look Michelangelo's David in the eyes, fall under the seductive sway of Botticelli's Birth of Venus, and climb the modern world's first dome, which still dominates the skyline. As you explore Italy, you'll stand face-to-face with some of the world's most iconic images from this 2,000-year history: Rome's ancient Colosseum and playful Trevi Fountain, Pisa's Leaning Tower. A car is most helpful for exploring the hill town regions and the Dolomites. Austrians tend to be relaxed, gregarious people who love Day Arrive Zürich Airport, head to Appenzell (sleep in Appenzell or on Ebnalp) Day All day for Appenzell and Ebnalp (sleep in Appenzell or on Ebnalp) Day Leave early for Luzern (sleep in Luzern) Day Luzern (sleep in Luzern) Day Boat, then train to Lugano along Gotthard Panorama Express route (sleep in Lugano) Two things about your proposed itinerary, 1) Not enough time in places like Florence and Rome) Way too many places, Sienna can be done in two nights. Stroll back down toward Plaça de Catalunya. Unlike Germany, its industrious neighbor to the northwest, Austria is content to bask in its good living and elegant, opulent past as the former head of one of Europe's grandest empires. Major car-rental agencies have offices in many towns.