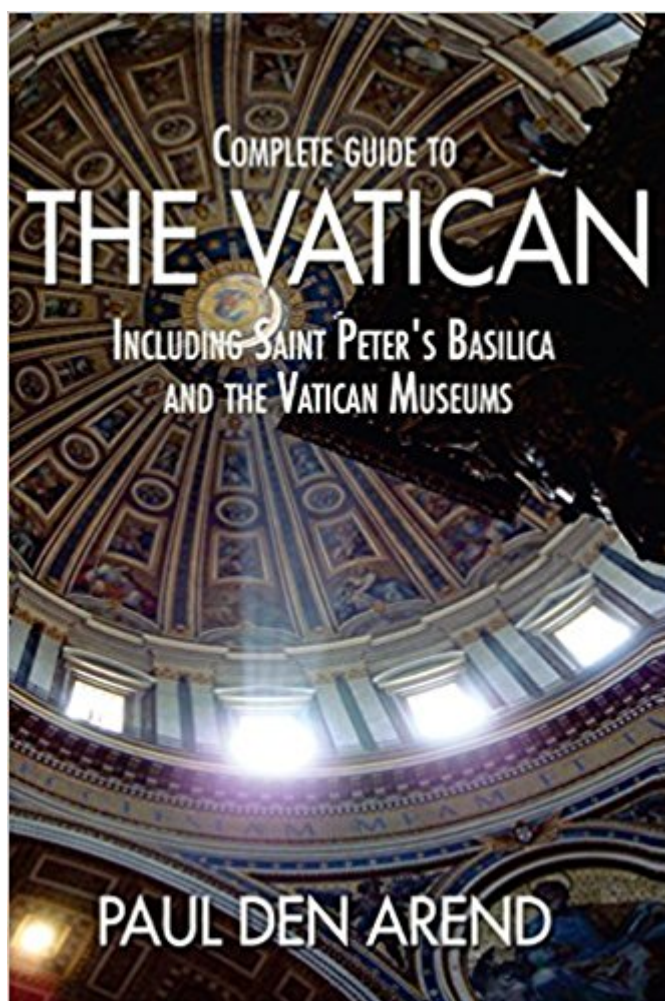


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This book will help you if you plan on visiting the Vatican or want to know more about it. The Vatican is an enormous place, full of artwork and history. It can even be a bit overwhelming when you visit it. Saint Peter's Basilica is filled with baroque sculptures, the Vatican Museums have art from all time periods and the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms have the most beautiful Fresco's in the world. Visiting such a place can be an amazing, once in a lifetime experience. You can make the most out of your visit by preparing it a bit. Believe me, the Vatican will make so much more sense to you if you know some of the best stories about the art and the people that created it. If you don't know what to look at, it can be really too much. In my Vatican guide book, I will show you exactly what to pay attention to. You will know exactly which artworks are considered the most important and you will know the often amazing stories behind their creation. I also included a lot of must-know tips for visitors, which will make your stay a pleasant one. Maybe you have heard of the long lines and the hours people have to wait before entering Saint Peter's or the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel? I will give you some tips on how to avoid these lines, and much more. I wrote this book as a complete guide to the Vatican. It describes the most important artworks you can find inside the Vatican. I am a tour guide in the Vatican Museums and the city of Rome itself. Besides this I also work all over Italy as a tour guide. I found that most guidebooks people have only provide very general information. Just a few hotel and restaurant recommendations and descriptions of the monuments with lots of pictures. This guidebook is completely different. It is for those people that want to have a much more profound knowledge about the Vatican and its monuments. In it, you will find detailed descriptions and maps of the Vatican museums, Saint Peter's Basilica and Vatican City. I use this book as a reference for my work as a tour guide. I hope it will give you a deep understanding of all the beautiful statues, frescoes, tapestries and paintings in this amazing place.

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A great book for those looking to see the Vatican from a tour guides point of view, the word Complete in the title is too strong, it covers only the highlights of a visit to the Vatican and given the repetitious and typo filled nature of the book it is clearly not written by an author or historian, but a witty tour guide.

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