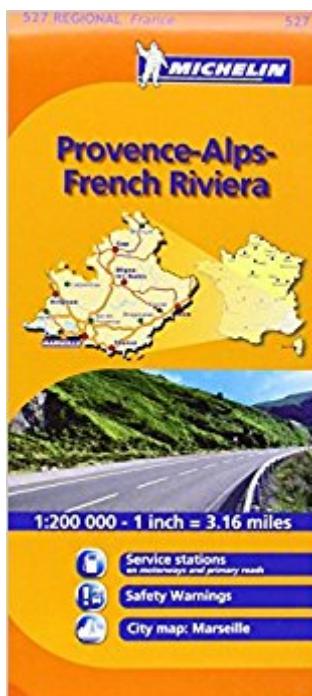


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## Customer Reviews

This is a very helpful map and the price is not bad either. Provence is an easy area to drive around in, but there are many smaller roads and smaller towns with varying levels of signage, so it is very helpful to have an idea of where you're going. I used this map to drive from Nice to the Luberon region of Provence, from the Luberon to Vaison la Romaine, and finally from Vaison to Arles with many stops and day trips in between, so it was nice to have for reference and planning. Also note that Google Maps has nice maps and I believe it even gives driving directions for France now too, which is nice for advance planning. But once you're on the ground, there's still nothing like a good old-fashioned paper map to help get you to where you're headed. Bon voyage!

I purchased this map to plan my trip around Provence. I already had multiple guidebooks with maps, but the maps included in the books did not include small villages where we plan to hike and secondary roads. With the Michelin map, I could easily see the places we will hike and the areas we

plan to drive around. I have used the map to locate Bed and Breakfast in the area for overnight stays. The map will be used for navigating while we drive around Provence. I recommend it for anyone who plans to drive or travel around Provence on their own.

Two years ago, my wife and I purchased the Michelin Atlas of France (<http://smile..com/Atlas-France-Ref-20197XB-Michelin/dp/2067142852/>) and, while bulky, it turned out to be a real godsend on a long driving trip that spanned Nice to the Dordogne. Michelin maps are treasure troves of information, from the obvious (secondary and tertiary roads that lead to adventure) to not-so-obvious (castles, ruins, 3 star tourist attractions rarely noted in guidebooks). On a return trip to just Nice and the Cote d'Azur, I didn't want to take the aforementioned bulky atlas and ordered this accordion map instead. Unfortunately, while the great information is still there, physically it is poorly suited for use on the road or really anywhere except a banquet table. Fully extended, the map is enormous and nearly impossible to refold into convenient glimpses. Despite the standard/classic accordion construction, it just seemed poorly thought out; so much so that I took a razor blade to it and origamied my own version of the panels. It was the only way to even begin using this monster. I'm not sure what the answer is other than create more, smaller scale maps for the area or explore other construction techniques like laminated flip maps or the popular triptych style that AAA does. Whatever the solution, until Michelin improves the product, this will be the last road map I buy. Back to tearing out pages from the spiral atlas, I guess!

There is a reason why Michelin maps are famous. They are models of clarity and function. A GPS is not a substitute for a good road map that will show you the big picture and the little one, the relationship of geographic areas to each other. Last summer we were in Europe when a road was closed due to an accident. The GPS kept trying to get us back to the same road, when what we needed was to plot an alternate route. Thankfully we had our Michelin map and were able to do so.

I was looking for a road map to tell me how to get to places. This is a GIANT map that's not suitable for road trips and it does not show roads clearly. I'll keep it for general information but will get a local map when arriving at the Nice airport.

I bought this map of Provence because it was recommended reading by Road Scholar. I'm soon to take a trip there, and I always like to know the lay of the land, so to speak, of where I'm going. As one might expect with Michelin, the map is beautiful. It's of good quality, easy to unfold and fold

back up (sometimes a rarity with maps), very detailed, and easy to read (the first thing I look for in a map).

I have driven thousands of miles in Europe and won't leave home without these maps. If you are going to be driving then don't even bother looking at any maps other than Michelin, it will be a waste of your money. This map will give you the detail you need to find your way.

This map is very detailed and perhaps a little too big to be useful in a small car. We were upgraded to a car with a GPS when our requested car wasn't available and I don't think we would have arrived at many of our tiny village destinations without it!

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