

# THE LAZY PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE TRIP TO EUROPE 2015 (ITALY, CROATIA, MONTENEGRO, GERMANY, FRANCE) SEPTEMBER 4 TO 27, 2015

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Kindle e-book: Jo Nesbø, *The Devil's Star*; old-fashioned books: Richard Ford, *The Sportswriter*; Kurt Vonnegut, *Wampeters, Foma & Granfalloon*; Stephen Hawking, *A Brief History of Time*  
Magazines: many issues of *TIME*, *The New Yorker*, *The Progressive*, and *Yale Alumni Magazine*