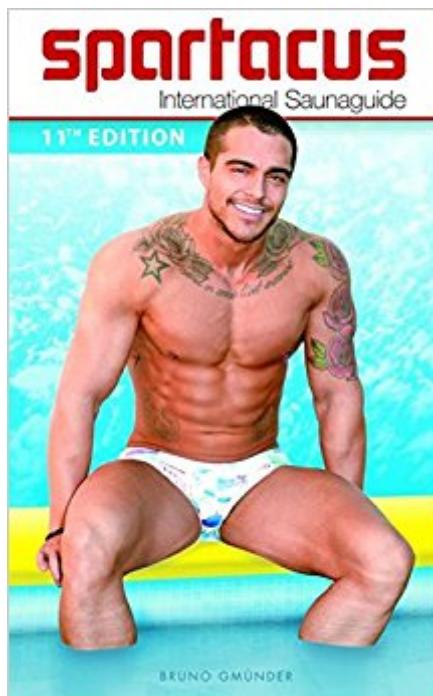


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Spartacus International Sauna Guide: 11th Edition



Synopsis

In the 11th edition facts like size, entrance prices and opening times as well as the audience, the services offered and important details on site are available. Thanks to an easy-to-use pictogram system this information can be easily found. The editorial team has updated 650 saunas in 215 cities from 63 countries in a guide with approximately 180 pages.

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Customer Reviews

Briand Bedford grew up in South Africa and traveled extensively before becoming the editor-in-chief of the Spartacus International Gay Guide in 2000. His studies and career in the field of International Hotel Management were helpful in the creation of the Spartacus International Hotel Guide. He is an expert in the field of gay travel and knows everyone who is anyone in the gay world. His publications are well known in the international gay community and include not only the Spartacus International Gay Guide, of which over 9.5 million copies have been produced since 2000!

Disappointing on so many levels. First: all the ads. every 3-5 pages, there's a half page ad plugging their other products (Spartacus website or their app or other Spartacus books). Feels more like a magazine than a "book." Next time charge an extra buck or 2 and spare me the non-stop self-promotion. Second: there are many listings with absolutely NO description at all (example Tenerife's Stonewall). Third: the descriptions are randomly disparate. Some are descriptive and helpful (example: Banos las Termas in Puebla Mexico), others are one-liners that convey nothing (example: South Factory Club in Catina, Italy says simply, "new sauna and cruising bar in Catina",

or Atrium Sauna in Strasborg says only, "Mixed on Tue & Wed"--whatever that means!). Feels very much like no one edited this (and the typos are so bad, i'm wondering if anyone even READ it before printing whatever the sauna sent them as a description). Fourth, the icons that describe sauna features are microscopic--i measured them, they are less than 1/10 of an inch square, so it's very difficult to differentiate the more than 2 dozen different icons. Fifth, they are missing saunas (i was in Florence 2 months ago and went to one, they have zero listings for that city). Sixth, the maps are misleading... on Italy's map, they include the city of Florence (even though there's no listing for it), on USA map, they have no city in Ohio present, despite listings in Cleveland and Columbus (and even Akron!). Seventh, clearly some saunas have purchased ads that look like Spartacus is raving about them (like the full page "write up" for Mann o Mann in Geneva), but dont disclose this is a paid-for ad with several pictures and a full paragraph (instead of the usual no pic, and sentence or 2 at most). And i'm not talking about the "real" full page ads that are also scattered about. Redeeming value? i guess it's nice to have a quick reference if my wifi is down--although i'd feel compelled to check accuracy of whatever is in this book with web sources. Really let me down, Spartacus. I'm a new travel agent and hoped this would help me guide some of my clients, but now i know it wont.

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