About BLUE GUIDE SOUTHERN ITALY

Southern Italy is becoming a major holiday destination, not surprising given what it has to offer: the ruins of Pompeii, the island of Capri, the wild scenery of the Abruzzo, beautiful villages of the Ionian coast, Romanesque architecture in Puglia, and vibrant Naples itself.

Written by long-term Blue Guides author and resident in Italy Paul Blanchard, an experienced tour guide, who reveals not only the major attractions, explained and set in context, but also lesser-known sights. He has been supported by the classicists and art historians on the Blue Guides’ editorial board, with the result that Blue Guide Southern Italy, with its wealth of cultural detail and useful “Blue Guides recommended” advice on hotels and restaurants, provides all the information that the independent traveller needs.

ABOUT NEW BLUE GUIDES
Somerset Books, following the acquisition of the Blue Guides in May 2004, is investing heavily in the series:

- re-editing to improve access to information and navigability
- strong focus on maintaining Blue Guides as the leading, most comprehensive cultural guides in the English language covering art, history and architecture
- full colour throughout: diagrams, clear maps and beautiful photographs

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The Times

cover page of the Blue Guide Southern Italy
The highly regarded Blue Guides are for serious travellers who like to know every cough and spit of a country's history. The tenth edition of The Blue Guide to Southern Italy is no exception. It is a complete cultural guide to the area south of Rome to the tip of Calabria, including the islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida, detailing places of archaeological, historical and artistic interest. Author Paul Blanchard, who has lived in the country for more than 20 years, knows his subject well. There are maps and plans to major cities and historical sites and a big section on where to stay.

I visited Southern Italy in September. Highly recommend visiting during this time of the year: it was still very warm and sunny, but there were few tourists (and the flights were cheap, too)! I was there for 10 days, which is just about enough time to gain a solid 10 lbs if you REALLY try. Southern Italy is home to some of the bluest water I’ve ever seen. Clockwise from top: the coastline of Tropea dotted with beach clubs and umbrellas; a medieval town perched high on a hill; and me chillin’ in front of a cliff face in Taormina, Sicily. About Driving in Italy. In this CONCISE GUIDE the Blue Guides’ Italy authors and editorial team provide a distillation of the BEST OF ITALY in one handy volume: what to see; what it means; who painted, sculpted or built it for whom and why; what to eat and where; where to stay; how to get around. Reviewed on Amazon? Blue guide northern Italy. Blue guide southern Italy. The author, supported by the classicists and art historians on the Blue Guides editorial board, has updated this new edition with a wealth of detail. Now with useful Blue Guide Recommended advice on hotels and restaurants.