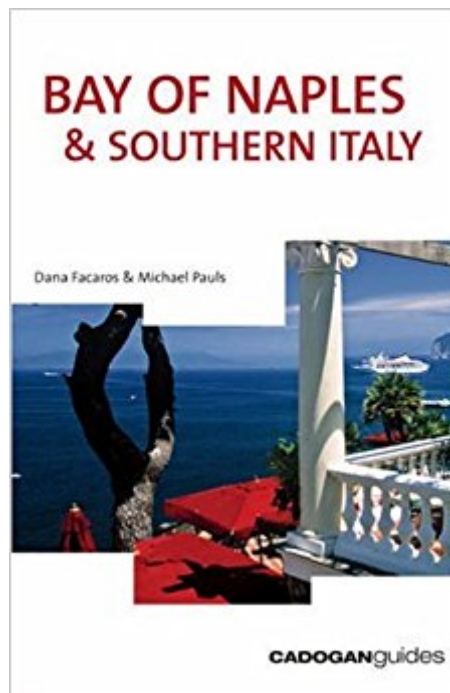




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Synopsis

This guide has it all: Italy's most desirable vacation destination is the subject of one of Cadogan's bestsellers on both sides of the Atlantic. Along with color photographs and maps, this new edition contains the most up-to-the-minute practical information and listings. Cadogan explores the home of pizza, seeking out the pleasures of chic Positano and the Amalfi Coast, where Mount Vesuvius towers over the fantasy garden frescoes of Pompeii; the ravishing landscape of Capri; and vibrant Naples, with its world-famous restaurants and nightlife. Aside from the bright lights of the islands and the coast, the guide covers the inland regions of Southern Italy casual tourists rarely see: the mountain plateaux of rugged Calabria, Puglia, with its flavors of Greece and Africa, and remote Basilicata, the province of Matera, made a World Heritage Site for its astonishing neighborhoods of cave homes.

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The Bay of Naples has been one of the great seats of Mediterranean civilization and a melting pot of culture for over 2,000 years. Discover vibrant, anarchic Naples, one of the most densely populated

cities in Europe, visit the lively resorts of Capri and Sorrento or explore the ancient Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum which lie in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius. Across the Bay are the beautiful islands of Capri and Ischia while further south, stretch the glorious coasts of Amalfi and the Cilento. Whether you're after the ever-changing views across the Bay, the rugged mountains of Calabria, the mysterious cave dwellings of Basilicata, the sleepy, whitewashed villages in Puglia, or the mouth-watering regional cuisine, this completely revised edition of Cadogan's best-selling guide contains all you need to fully experience and enjoy this enchanting corner of the world. Inside you will find:

- * Practical travel advice
- * Over 200 hand-picked places to stay
- * Over 200 restaurants, bars and cafes
- * 27 maps and site plans
- * 8-page color touring atlas
- * 16 pages of stunning color photographs
- * regional specialties, local wines and an Italian menu reader

I'd been to the area several times, but with the Cadogan in tow, I discovered the Bay of Naples' hidden treasures. Wish I'd had it along on all my journeys.

Though Naples and the Amalfi Coast are better treated, the rest of southern Italy typically receives short shrift from the writers of travel guides, probably because this lovely region is less geared toward tourism. This Cadogan guide goes a long way toward ameliorating the problem. While covering the more obvious highlights, the authors also dig and delve into the details that bring interest and a sense of intrigue to almost any given site. Wit and humor further enliven the text, which reads more like story than guide. Where else would the traveller encounter the tale of the ancient witches' sabbath on the banks of the River Sabato, or discover the most beautiful rose window in Italy, at Troia? If you are a serious traveller, don't go to southern Italy without this gem of a resource.

This has got to be the best travel writing team alive. They are highly cultured without the slightest pretention, able to find that wonderful quirky detail or perspective, and include such basics as where the good cheap eats are. We have used this book on several trips to the South of Italy and are always delighted to read what they have to say on this or that art work or hidden piazza. The intelligence in these books is subtle and unusually wide-ranging - you can tell that this couple loves to learn as well as travel. They are truly superlative writers. Warmly recommended.

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