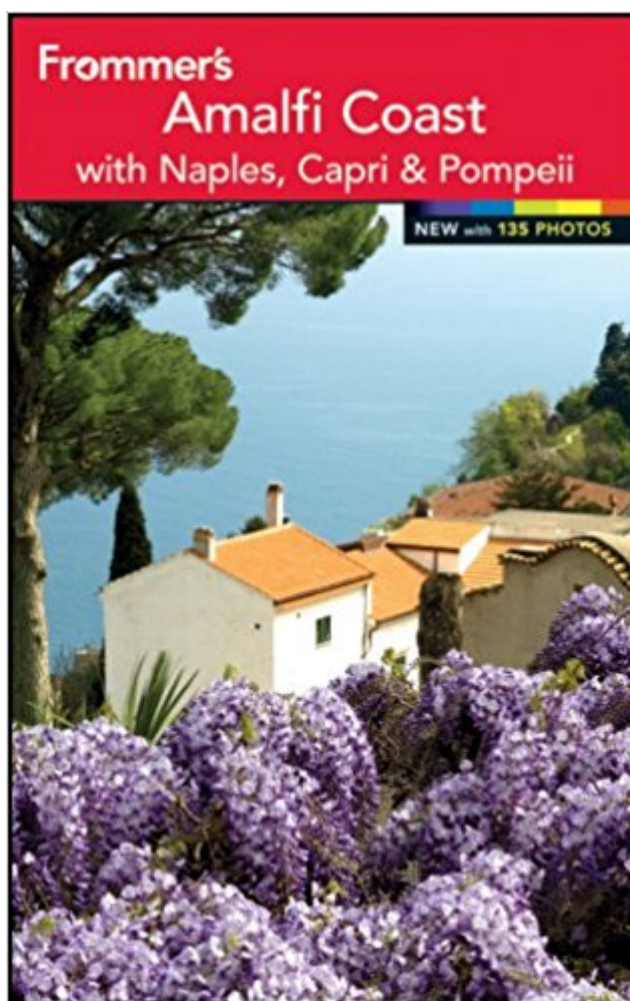


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Nicky Swallow was born in London but has lived in Florence since the early 1980s when she spent several years playing the viola in the opera house there. She started writing about her travel experiences in Florence and Tuscany in the mid '90s and since then has traveled extensively throughout Italy, but she has always had a soft spot for the south, especially Campania. She wrote the Day by Day guide to Naples and the Amalfi Coast for Frommer's in 2010 and writes regularly for magazines and websites about Italy and all things Italian. Downtime is spent with her photographer partner Gianluca Moggi (who shot the photos for this guide) in their olive grove just outside Florence.

Provided the info we needed and small enough to tuck in our backpack

This is a very helpful and practical book. It has definitely helped plan my trip! Not too many hotel reviews though.

Like most of Frommer's newer books, they've really stepped up in adding a lot of color photographs in their guides. The Amalfi Coast guide is no different from that. The book did cover Naples and Pompeii in depth enough to plan your trip, but for something like Pompeii, which is a jaw-dropping sight, but for something of that historic significance, it's worth getting an additional resource. Overall the book is good - there's a good amount of coverage of food (arguably one of the best reasons to go to Italy) and basics to Italy. Most of the cities are given a thorough explanation, including what to do/see/avoid. Depending on whether or not you're going anywhere in Italy, it might just be worth it to buy *Frommer's Italy 2012 (Frommer's Color Complete)* instead of this book. Granted, it's not as pocketable as this book is, but for less than \$2 more, it's more in depth. The book's layout is typical Frommer's and is easy to find what you need. I'd be ok with using this as a primary resource for a trip down the Amalfi Coast, but I felt the historical details were a little light for my tastes. As with anything, the more research you do on a trip, the better.

I am a fan of the Frommer guide books, and generally prefer a book over using another form of media. You know with the series produced by Frommer's that are updated regularly. There are numerous maps and plenty of photos. The books normally are divided into topic/areas and there is good colour coding to help navigate through the plethora of information. The optional structured itineraries are

very useful. Unfortunately there are problems with this edition. After looking at some the reviews here I was concerned about the lack of information/background regarding Pompeii. Of 376 pages in this guide book only 6 pages deal with Pompeii. 1. There is not enough detail on street by street coverage of the various houses, stadium and places of interest. 2. One would have expected more photographs of what is in Pompeii. 3. The coverage of Pompeii is very cursory in this guide. I do not believe I am being overly critical as this type of coverage, as the book says in the title and expressly includes the word Pompeii. On the more positive side the other areas such as Naples, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Capri, this Frommer's book covers them fairly well. With over 40 to 60 pages dedicated for each area covered, and these parts of the book good and seem thorough. This Frommer's gives detail regarding attractions, restaurants, and lodging that you'd expect from this range. However, the superficial coverage of Pompeii really drags down my overall rating; I give this book 3 Stars.

Much of this book is nicely done. But I give it a low rating because the title of the book is "Amalfi Coast with Naples, Capri & Pompeii". You'd expect a book with this title to include detailed coverage of Pompeii. That's the reason I got the book. But out of 376 pages, only 6 deal with Pompeii. I would have expected a much more detailed map, and street by street coverage of the various houses, stadium and places of interest. I would have expected more photographs of what is in Pompeii. Instead the coverage of Pompeii is very cursory. I would expect this type of coverage if the book were entitled "Italy". But it expressly includes Pompeii in the TITLE. To be fair, when you get to some of the other topics like Naples, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Capri, the book covers them fairly well with 40 to 60 pages for each covering the detail regarding attractions, restaurants, and lodging that you'd expect from Frommer. But with the shallow coverage of Pompeii, I give this book 2 Stars.

I've been blessed to spend time with host families in Napoli, and I recently returned for a visit. I would even consider moving there. I love this city. I like this book. It's a good book. But it's not perfect. And I think I prefer the Lonely Planet guide. Simply put this guide needs more pictures. And there's no tear out map like in the Lonely Planet guide. On the positive side, it does have colored side tabs to help you find individual chapters (chapters are organized geographically) and (like most guides) gives you options for a variety of budgets. Overall, I recommend the Lonely Planet guide instead. **Lonely Planet Naples and the Amalfi Coast (Regional Travel Guide). BUT DON'T MISS NAPLES!**

The Amalfi Coast just sounds more attractive than the most popular regions of Central Italy and Venice - because it's surprisingly not as crowded and primarily because of SEAFOOD. For someone like me who has to create precis from guidebooks, this guide IS the precis. There's no need to rip out pages with background history about the feud with some ancient powerful family who built most of this or that city. Everything in the book is useful because even if you are a traveler with unlimited funds, you don't want to waste time and money going to the wrong place. The Amalfi Coast seems like the perfect place for a small concentrated cruise - there would be no risking driving amidst the locals or finding a hotel. If I had not gotten this book through the Vine program, I would never have bought it. I would have tried to buy the most encyclopedic guide I could find. I already own the now defunct Great Sleeps and Great Eats guides by Sandra Gustafson which encourages the reader to give small businesses a shot and I also own Time Out's Florence which made the city seem tedious to me. Seafood and the fact that Italian Americans are from the South including Naples makes the Amalfi Coast more attractive to me: the FOOD.

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