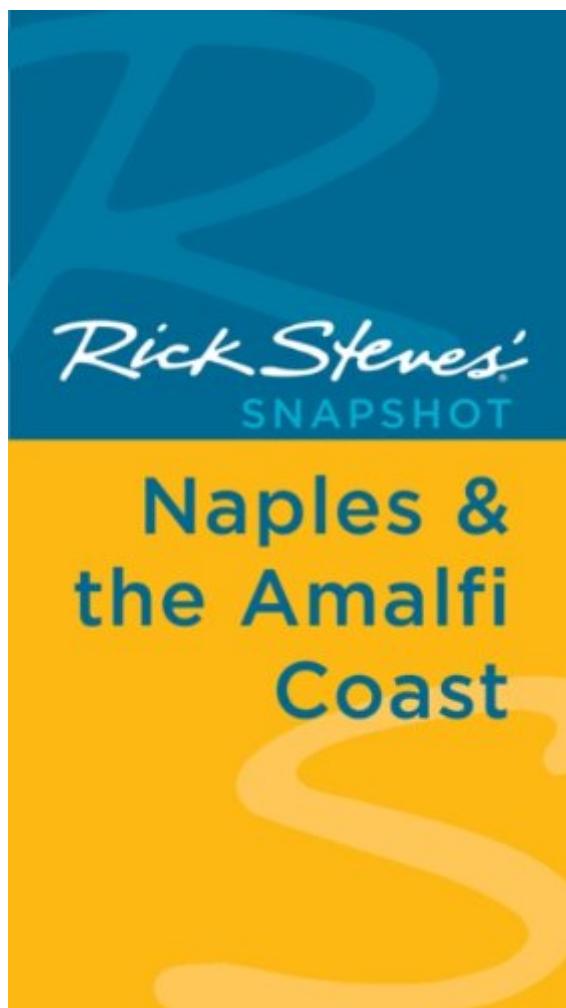


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# Rick Steves' Snapshot Naples & The Amalfi Coast (Rick Steves Snapshot)



## **Synopsis**

In this 100-page compact guide, Rick Steves covers the essentials of Naples and the Amalfi Coast, including Pompeii, Vesuvius, Positano, and Amalfi Town. Visit Naples Archaeological Museum, the Pompeii Forum, or the cathedrals and beaches of the Amalfi coast. You'll get Rick's firsthand advice on the best sights, eating, sleeping, and nightlife, and the maps and self-guided tours will ensure you make the most of your experience. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves Snapshot guide is a tour guide in your pocket.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is the best guidebook I've read yet for my upcoming trip to Sorrento and the surrounding area. I enjoy Mr. Steves clear and concise descriptions of the sights and local businesses. When I return from the trip, I'll be able to say whether his info is accurate. BACK FROM MY TRAVELS: Okay, now I can say with confidence that Mr. Steves guidebook is excellent. We used it extensively and enjoyed his explanation of the various sites and found his recommendations to be "right on". I will be purchasing more of his guidebooks as we continue our travels.

My husband and I are big fans of Rick Steves', not just for his books, but for his TV shows as well.

Rick has great insight into all the places he writes about and he makes it a personal journey for his readers. I bought this book along when we visited Southern Italy last month. We stayed in Sorrento and this book helped us plan our itinerary. The book was relatively light and small (4X8), so it was easy to carry in my bag. What I especially liked about this book was its detailed descriptions of Pompeii. It helped us understand the ruins as we passed each structure. The descriptions were easy to read and easy to follow since he included pictures. (Alternatively, you could rent an audio at the entrance for 5 euros -- and get a comprehensive guidebook as well -- but there's nothing like reading ahead to prepare yourself for the visit. The place is HUGE!) If you are visiting Naples/Pompeii/Sorrento/Capri/Amalfi/Positano/Ravello/Paestrum, I highly recommend this book!

During our recent honeymoon, we exclusively relied on this book to travel the Amalfi coast (Sorrento, Amalfi, Positano). To be frank, if you buy this book, you will actually be MAKING money when you travel. Most of his hotel recommendations (and restaurants too!) offer a discount (or free appetizer) if you show them the physical book when you travel. Hence, we saved over \$100 on hotel fees and got some awesome food on the side just for buying this book. Rick's recs are a must know - read the whole book before you travel so that you understand where to go, what to see, and also what to avoid at all costs. This book made our honeymoon very memorable!

I love to carry a book rather than rely on my phone or pad in foreign countries (too many glitches!). As a guidebook writer myself, I know that the information in the book can sometimes be a little out of date: I expect it. One thing I love about Rick Steves' books is that he ALWAYS has side tips that are incredibly useful--like the 10 euro Curreri Viaggi bus direct from the Naples airport to Sorrento, and which Metro stop is the right one outside the Archeological Museum in Naples. And, I ran into Rick himself updating his Italy guidebook while in Sorrento; so we know that he's working hard to keep his information as current as possible.

Rick Steve covers EVERYTHING, all the questions I could think of were answered in his guides. He thinks and writes as if he was beside you and understands all of your worries, fears, uncertainties, and reassures you with the depth of detail he gives. He tells you for example the Number on the buses which go to the place you want to get to, how to read the info at the bus stop about the route and times, how to return, and the cheapest way to get there. He prepares you for the problems which might come your way and advises on how to get around the potential hassles. I wished I had read his book on Rome before I had made any bookings. I changed my itinerary. I hope he will soon

write similar books on the rest of Italy city by city. Reading his books feels like talking to a trusted friend who has done it all several times and wants you to get maximum enjoyment with the fewest hassles, at the best price. If you are going somewhere , check first to see if Rick Steve has published anything on it. Buy his books before you plan or make a reservation...he even advises on sequencing /prioritising your days visits to save you travel and queue time. Also pair his books with the Rome2Rio App.

As its title suggests, this little book provides a great snapshot of the Naples and Amalfi Coast area. It gives enough description and detail to get you around and give you a bit of a background to what you are seeing. I carried it with me on a self-guided visit to Pompeii and was very glad I did. It doesn't cover everything, but it does cover the basics. It is particularly helpful in telling you how to get around on public transport.

I used this for my recent trip to the Amalfi Coast. It is small, so it's easy to carry with you wherever you go, and it was so useful in deciding where to go when you are in Naples and the Amalfi Coast for only a limited amount of time. He also gives you a great mini-history of various sites, which was very informative. When we were going to the Blue Grotto on the island of Capri, for example, he told about how it was supposedly a nymphaeum in Roman times. This was something that no one else on the boat we had chartered knew and made the site even more interesting. I would recommend this any any other snapshot that Rick Steves has.

I bought the Rick Steves guides for a recent 2 week trip to Italy and they made the trip so easy. The guides are easy to figure out, have great recommendations on places to eat, sleep, see. The walk-through tours of various museums are great (& save you money on an audio guide - especially if you use in combo with his Italy podcasts). The descriptions and maps are easy to follow too. We ate at several of his recommended restaurants and were never disappointed. The guides are also light weight so you can easily carry them around all day for easy reference. I highly recommend these to anyone planning a trip to Italy (we used the Venice, Rome, Cinque Terre & Almafai Coast guide as well as the Italian Phrasebook & the free pod-casts).Be sure to download the podcast for Pompeii if you plan on visiting. It follows this guide book and is very helpful if you are not with a guide.

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