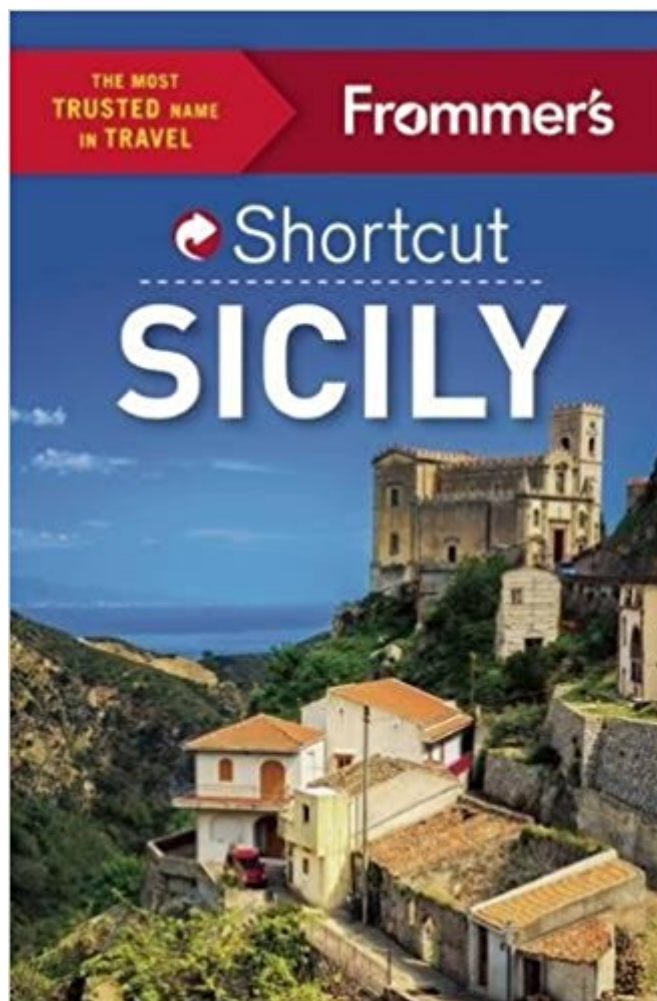


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The current growth of tourism to Sicily is so great, and the need for easily-consulted travel information so acute, that guidebooks to Sicily are presently appearing on numerous lists of travel best-sellers. Frommer's Shortcut Sicily will surely be among the most popular sources of recommendations and advice on this uniquely-Italian experience. From the museums, marketplaces and cathedral churches of Palermo to the mountain-side resorts and nightlife of Taormina, from the ancient Greek temples of Agrigento to the Roman-era culture, statues and streets of Siracusa, our Shortcut Guide covers them all in colorful (and intensely practical) prose.

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Customer Reviews

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They are not joking when they say Shortcut Guide ... this book is really skimming the very surface as a travel guide. As a travel planning resource, this definitely falls short - way too little detail to be of any use. As a backpocket guide while at the destination itself, this book again is too skimpy on details to be of any practical use. So what is the point of this edition? Not much.

Recently used this guide for my past trip to Palermo and Siracusa. The book is formatted fairly well

and is very convenient to carry around in terms of size. As another reviewer mentioned, the book is very, very brief and lacks a lot of practical information that would be necessary in planning your holiday. Thus it's perhaps better to refer to this book when trying to decide where to go in Sicily, but you will definitely need to refer to other sources to make adequate plans. There is some information about alternative transport modes (i.e. buses), which I found to be useful in Siracusa.

Recommendations for restaurants were a bit hit & miss for us, as we found several to be very touristic.

Each time I travel, I purchase this type of travel information as it provides insight into the area you will be visiting. I love it!

Perfect for initial planning. Hits the high points in a clear easy to follow manner. Helps in making decisions on how long to stay, rent a car or go by train/bus, best places to see, etc.

helped me in my recent travel to this wonderful island

1 star for the kindle edition, just because I got zero value from it. You might be luckier IF. Preparing for a cruise, I did not have infinite time to triple check everything. So when /kindle said they had successfully downloaded the book from cloud to device, I believed them. Then in Sicily, I clicked on the book. "Oops. File was corrupted. Why don't you just log in and download again." In Sicily? Zero value.

Excellent. Good coverage.

I am an experienced traveler but a first-timer to Sicily, and this book really helped us sort out what could have been a daunting experience. I liked the author's vivid prose - it really helped paint a picture of the things we were going to see and as it turned out, a very accurate picture at that. We stayed in two hotels - one from the book and one I found on my own - the book's pick was the much nicer of the two. Same for restaurants - while we didn't always go to Frommer's-recommended eateries, the selections from the book always proved reliable and again, accurately depicted. We also read about what to expect in terms of admission fees and hours for archaeological sites and museums, so we made the best use of our time.

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