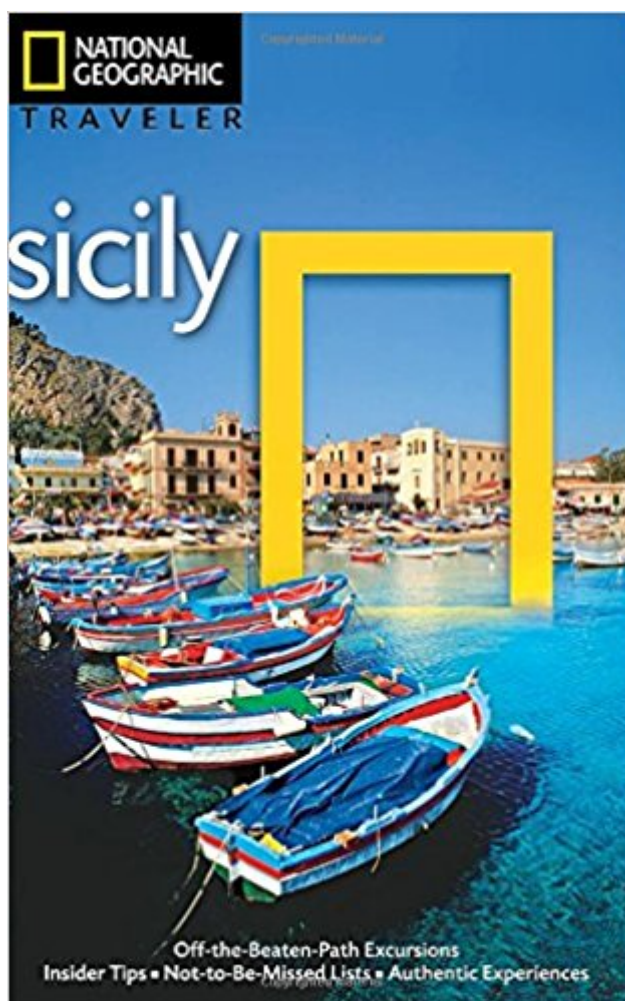


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National Geographic Traveler: Sicily, 3rd Ed.



Synopsis

Washed by three different seas, its history more than 2,000 years old, the beautiful island of Sicily beckons with archaeological ruins, magnificent architecture, including two of the world's best preserved Greek temples and baroque palaces, marvelous sea and landscapes, artworks spanning multiple civilizations, and the dominating presence of Mount Etna. Guided by Sicily expert Tim Jepson, this guidebook presents the best of Sicily, taking you first to Palermo, Sicily's teeming capital, with its fabulous Regional Archaeological Museum. Then you explore Northwestern Sicily, influenced by a mix of colonizing civilizations, including the Phoenicians, Greeks, and Arabs, whose cultures still thrive. Highlights here include the ruins of Segesta, Selinunte, Solunto, and Mozia, as well as the medieval towns of Cefalu and Erice. In Southwestern Sicily, near North Africa, rugged cliffs and barren plateaus set the scene for Greek temples and Roman villas. Mount Etna dominates Southern Sicily, where towns built by ancient Greeks, including Syracuse, live on. In Northeastern Sicily lava flows have shaped the land, and you can visit the volcano's very edge. Here, too, Catania thrives as Sicily's second largest city, while beautifully sited Taormina is Sicily's most famous tourist resort, and little fishing villages such as Aci Trezza and beaches in the Aeolian Islands also provide a respite from sightseeing. Special features include driving and walking tours; detailed features on history, culture, and contemporary life; and 3-D illustrations. The guide also includes an in-depth chapter describing Sicily's history and culture, and a detailed section of practical information, including how to get around Sicily, an extensive listing of handpicked hotels and restaurants, and select activities and entertainment options. The 2012 edition has been completely revised and updated, with new features including experiential sidebars, insider tips, and an overview of how best to plan a visit.

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A passionate, lifelong devotee of Italy, and fluent Italian speaker, TIM JEPSON has written 16 books on the country, including this one and National Geographic Traveler: Florence & Tuscany, as well as numerous articles for such publications as Vogue, and Conde Nast Traveler. Now based in London with the Daily Telegraph, Tim continues to visit Italy regularly. An Oxford University graduate, he has also worked on Italian programs for the BBC and other television channels.

National Geographic Sicily stunningly depicts various regions/villages/towns/historic ruins in such a beautiful and simplistic way. After reading this book...the only question you ask yourself is when can I go! I appreciate the maps, the not to be missed in each section and the overall good writing/information. This book does not supply you with best public transportation routes hence should you not have a car and it does not provide you with long lists of places to stay. But that is the beauty of this book, it gives you plenty of absolutely incredible knowledge of Sicily and the magic it beholds!!! It is definitely one of the best books out there on Sicily and it stands on its own...no comparison. Thank you!!!

Our trip was enhanced through the book. Easy to access information. Although we carry a tablet, we use free wifi. The book is always with us. We probably would have missed the Archeological Museum in Agrigento if we didn't have the book. It was a real highlight of the day enjoyed by us and many others sharing our tour when we shared the information in the book. Sicily is fabulous and the book adds to the experience..

great read, you get detailed info on just about every town and how to get there, plus all attractions and where to eat, sleep and what areas to avoid.

If you are traveling to Sicily this is a great little book to easily carry with you. Lots of facts and interesting tid-bits.

not worth the money, but okay

Having read most of this guide (but not yet travelled to Sicily), here are my pro/con observations:1) The print is tiny and the font is grey. I can't remember having so much trouble reading anything printed.2) While there are good regional maps, there are NO city maps other than Palermo. Based on my own experience traveling elsewhere, this will be a problem finding out where you are when you travel through towns and cities. There are several good suggested itineraries with detailed driving routes, which looks very helpful.3) The advice appears to be objective and unsentimental, which is important. The authors make it clear what areas of Sicily one might find less than attractive.4) There are reviews of hotels and restaurants, but some towns might not be covered very well (Cefalu only one hotel??).Suggest this be used in conjunction with a good map and another guide. I will be doing so and will review accordingly before June 2015.

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