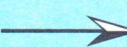




Golfo di Napoli

Napoli (Naples)

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Naples, Italy

City Introduction

Nothing prepares you for the breathtaking beauty of the bay of Naples on the sail in. The city itself is something else. Its traffic-clogged streets are an all-day rush hour. Colourful street markets spring up where you least expect them, selling everything from fruit and veg to leather goods and designer label clothes... Though it's unlikely the designer ever set eyes on these! Cafés and pizza parlours spill out onto the pavements, animated conversation mingling with the enticing scents of coffee and warm bread. And yet, amid all this are glorious piazzas of grand historic buildings, a feast of medieval and Renaissance churches, elegant palaces and ancient arcades, museums and galleries with magnificent collections of art and artifacts, and pockets of peace, like the charming Piazza Dante, where café tables are strategically placed for people-watching interludes. As if all this were not enough, this exciting and exhilarating city looks onto a port that's among the world's busiest, a constant melee of ferries, cargo and cruise ships and is overlooked by the bare volcanic cone of Vesuvius, as dramatic a backdrop as you could imagine. Naples has it all.

Port Information

Language: The official language is Italian. English is not widely spoken but is often understood.

Currency: Euro. Foreign exchange is available with cash only from the Exchange Desk on deck 5. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants. Bank and ATM machines are available in the town centre.

'Arrival' & 'All aboard' times: Please check on your Island Chat

Transportation

The cruise terminal known as Stazione Marittima is quite an elaborate building with lots of facilities. The city itself is only a short walk from the terminal, although taxis are available if you prefer.

Walking: A walk into the city centre will take you approximately 15 minutes. This will be the easiest way as most of the city centre is pedestrianised. Walk through the terminal and straight ahead.

Taxis: Taxis can be found on the quayside as you exit the terminal. All taxis are metered but agree a price before making your journey. Remember a 10 minute journey cost approximately €10 per taxi.

Buses: Local buses can be found outside the port area on the main road. Most lines are circular. Naples suffers from a serious problem of traffic jams and usually buses are overcrowded, so if you can, try to avoid them. You will also find the 'hop on-hop off' bus which circulates the city with three different routes, on the main road - tickets cost approximately €22.

Trains: The train station offers services to most local areas including Pompeii and Sorrento

Ferries/Hydrofoils: There are several ferry/hydrofoil services that connect Naples and local ports/islands. Ferry and hydrofoils are an approx 10 minute walk from the ships berth.

Local Services

Shopping: The main shopping area is in the city centre.

Galleria Umberto I is a public gallery which combines businesses, shops and cafes. It is an active centre of Neapolitan civic life.

Banks: There are many ATM's in the city

Places of Interest

Castel Nuovo: It was built in 1279 by order of Charles I of Anjou to house the court when the capital moved to Naples. Translated as 'New Castle' it was last restored in 1823. Open from

09:00-13:00. Entrance fee is €10 and it is located opposite the harbour.

Duomo: Located on Via del Duomo, it is open from 09:00-13:00 and 16:30-19:00. It was built between 1272 and 1315 and is dedicated to the city's patron St. Januarius.

San Francesco di Paola: It is the main church in Naples. It is located at the west side of Piazza del Plebiscito, the city's main square and mass is usually held at 10:00.

The Funiculare Centrale: Taking you to the city's highest point to see the views from the 17th century Castel Sant'Elmo and visit the monastery of San Martino for its cloisters and museum.

The National Museum: For Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine relics - including fine mosaics from Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Beaches: there is a small black volcanic beach 10 mins taxi drive away, there is a 10.00 euro entrance fee to use this beach you can also head to the beaches on Capri which is reachable by hydrofoil.

Shore Excursions: Visit the team at the Shore Excursions desk, Deck 5, if you prefer to let us organise a trip for you.

Safety Notices

Unfortunately the city's reputation for pickpockets is not undeserved. Keep your wallet and purchases safe.

Don't tempt thieves to take your jewellery - leave it on board with other valuables. When paying by credit card, keep the card in view at all times. **Do not buy cameras & cell phones from street vendors as this is a well known scam and you will not get the item you pay for.**

Please take care when crossing the main road in front of the port. Naples is notorious for its heavy traffic.