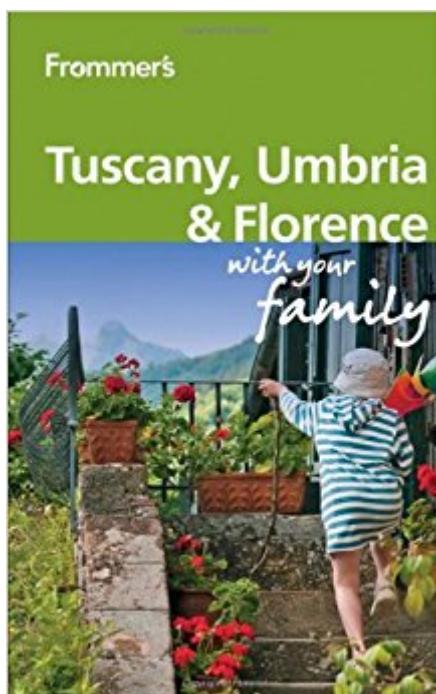


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Frommer's Tuscany, Umbria And Florence With Your Family (Frommers With Your Family Series)



Synopsis

Tuscany & Umbria With Your Family is a full-colour, practical and accessible book for independently minded UK families looking to make the most of their family holiday. The guide highlights the best opportunities for families in the region and offers expert opinion on where to stay, where to eat and where to spend your holiday time enjoyably. Includes: Best Family Experiences, Exploring Together, Just for Children, Art & Architecture, the Best Accommodation The Best Food Details how to plan a trip a family trip to Tuscany & Umbria with all the practical advice you need to know Includes sections on Child-Friendly Events & Festivals, Markets, Getting the Children Interested, Shopping and the Outdoors The guide covers: Florence; Sienna, Arezzo and the Central Hill Towns; Pisa, Lucca & Northern Tuscany; The Tuscan Coast: Livorno to Lazio; The Val d'Orcia. Valdchiana & Pitigliano; Perugia, Assisi & Northern Umbria; Orvieto & Southern Umbria

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A very nice, semi-compact, solid family, travel guide about some of the most beautiful, romantic countryside, fantastic food, welcoming people in the world. Yes, we love Italy and used to travel there every year, mostly Tuscany(Toscana) before kids(bk). Now, with 2 beautiful youngsters, aged 5&7, who have travelled everywhere with us in the U.S., we're itching and longing to return to Europe and most notably Italia. We by no means are experts on Italy- it's far too diverse and so many places to see, so little time and money's always an issue, we sought help through this guide. There are many parts of big Tuscany we want to see like Elba or the coastline; we haven't seen Umbria, and it's gorgeous, rolling countrysides, lakes and a few less tourists, sure seems inviting. This book is well researched, copyright 2011, 240+ pages plus index, colorful with general maps and some photos. It's thorough enough to be one's only needed guide, and compact enough that I, a smart carry-on only packer, would take it with me. It's written by two experienced travelers, one says he's a dad. That's important because the traveling with children is a whole different ballgame than without the little hands, little feet, fussy tummies and all their sensibilities about what makes a fun trip. Can't wait for the teens! As parents, we're agreed to travel as our top priority to first make this as enjoyable for the kiddoes as possible, and then, still have some husband/wife time for romance and sightseeing that we favor. That means limit the amount of time in planes and cars; limit the amount of transfers, stay in maybe 2 or 3 places for our 2-3 week trip, and chose places that our kids will get excited about, i.e., water, beaches, pools, animals, more animals, open space, a few museums to run around in, depending on the type, and food: pasta, pizza, fruit, dessert. The authors list bunches of activities for all age groups, kid friendly room and dining(although I would say most restaurants and lodging in Italy are at least kid sympathetic, one has to be considerate about the dining because it can last through the night). I wish there was more, specifically, on Elba, but there are plenty of resources given. Also, per town they list only a few suggested lodgings. I've scoured the internet. There are literally hundreds of hotels, agriturismos, country houses. Ones that I prefer better then some of their brief suggestions. Search and read the reviews yourself. We're leaning towards an agriturismo- open spaces, more personal and cultural interactions, a farm with horses and animals and local cuisine, and perhaps other kids. Establish a basecamp and take the kids out exploring, see the zoo, see the cozy towns, the waterpark, donkey rides etc. etc. etc. Take a trip into Florence, Assisi or Rome. A very helpful, concise ready to be used resource. Buon Viaggio!

We recently travelled to Tuscany and Umbria with our two boys, aged 12 and 8. Maybe our kids are older than the intended target for this book, but I found it less than useful. My impression is that it's written for a family who base themselves in one location for a time and want to know what to see around them - but the problem I have is that everything gets covered so briefly, that it's not terribly helpful for any one place or attraction. The place where we were staying had a Florence Tuscany Umbria (Frommers Complete Guides) on the shelf, and we ended up using that instead. Unlike the family guide, it had far more maps of individual towns and far more background information about what there was to see. The family guide is essentially a condensed version of that book, with a few more restaurant recommendations thrown in. A lot of the things I liked about this book - eg the ice cream recommendations! - are also in the Frommers guide. I also felt that the photographs were poorly chosen. It would have been good to have more that actually show the attractions it's talking about. Instead, you end up reliant on how many "stars" different attractions are awarded, which sometimes feels a little random (for example, Pisa gets no stars at all, despite having a 3 star attraction in the Leaning Tower, whilst Volterra gets 2 stars despite having no attractions worthy of more than 1). To me, this book tries to cover too many bases whilst remaining small and lightweight, and as a result doesn't do any one thing terribly well.

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