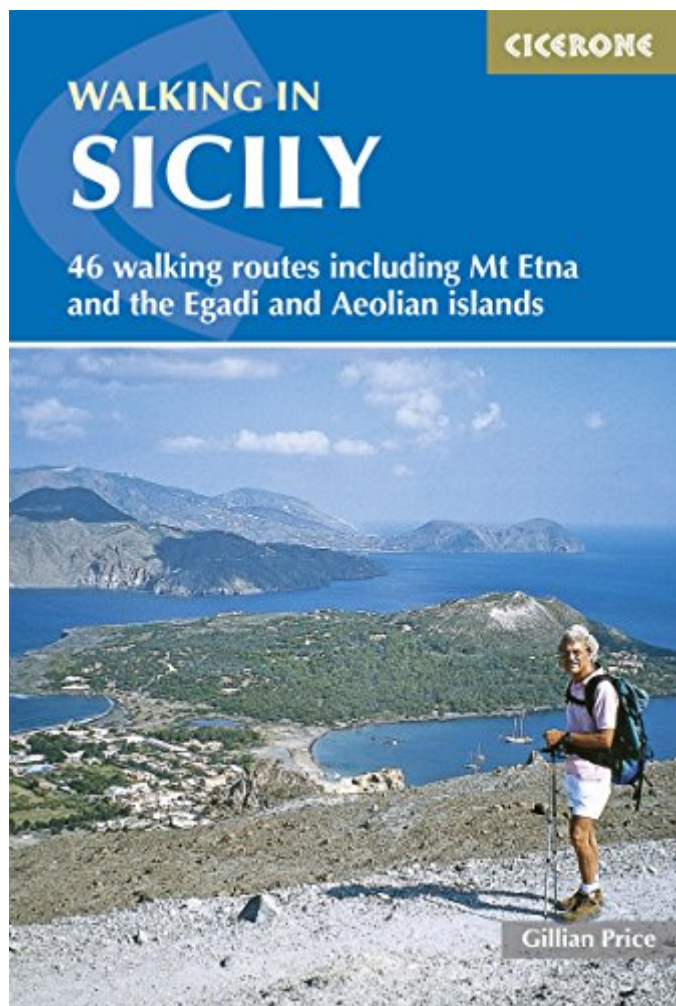


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Synopsis

This guidebook includes 46 walks throughout Sicily and the adjoining Aeolian and Egadi Islands. Particular highlights include walks on Mount Etna, and through the Madonie and Nebrodi mountains. Walks range from 2 to 23km long, and are graded according to difficulty and terrain, so the right walk can be easily found, whether for a short family stroll around Medieval Erice, or the challenging trail that traverses the lava and ash-covered Mount Etna. This guidebook combines detailed route description and mapping with fascinating insight into the history and geology of Sicily and the many points of interest along the way. Whether the active volcanic rumblings of Stromboli, or elaborate coastal forts, to prehistoric cave paintings; Sicily is home to some of Europe's greatest natural and historical wonders. The guidebook also includes practical information on travel to and around Sicily, the best time to go, as well as accommodation advice, information on facilities along the way, and a useful Italian-English glossary. The result is an ideal companion to explore all that Sicily has to offer the walker.

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Customer Reviews

We have used this book extensively on three visits to Sicily and it really has added a considerable

amount to our travels. The walks often take you over less visited, but excellent, archaeological sites and gets you off the beaten path. Sicily has a tremendous amount to offer and this book will help you get the most out of your visit. One suggestion is to take a GPS with you, as discussed below. Another suggestion is to visit outside the summer when the heat can be brutal for walking. Overall, the good points about this book are:

1. Compact, with a good cover. Stands up to a lot of use. Easy to take with you.
2. Walks are excellent, covering a lot of places where few tourists go.
3. The walk length of the walks is good.
3. Great to find so much information in a single book.

The book has some potential issues:

1. Finding the start points of the trails can be a pain, so a GPS is advised, either Garmin (or similar) or Google Maps (or other maps) on a smartphone. For Garmin, you can enter the GPS coordinates of the starting points for the walks to allow you to drive to the start point. You can get the coordinates from Google Maps. You will need GPS in Sicily anyway, so you can do a bit of preparation to identify the start points before you go. Personally I found Garmin to be inferior to Google Maps on Android since it will tend to take you down narrow winding tracks when a nice highway is available. In addition, we found Garmin tends to lose its signal in towns where the narrow roads and stone buildings prevent satellite signals getting through. We had taken a Garmin GPS on prior visits, but the last time we went to Sicily we used Google Maps and we found it to be superior. You may need a data plan to make it work, though, or else download the Sicily map to use offline.
2. The maps on the book are sketches only. However I found them entirely adequate when combined with the more detailed trail instructions in the text.

This book made my trip. Don't forget to download Sicily to your offline google maps and star every location in this book for easy navigation while offline. Some of these spots are off the beaten path and your phone will find them much more easily if they are starred. Pantalica pantalica pantalica.

Small and compact so easy to travel with. Good details.

This book appears to be trying to fill a book with imaginary hikes. Bought it for hiking in Sicily but decided not to take it with us on our trip.

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