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# Fodor's Italian For Travelers




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## Synopsis

A cross between a mini-language course and a reference book, Italian for Travelers is the perfect accompaniment to a trip to Italy. For tourists and business travelers alike, it is appropriate for total beginners as well as Italian speakers who want to brush up on their skills.Ã Â Italian for Travelers can be used before the trip and on the go. It provides practical and cultural information, as well as useful phrases and common questions. The glossary is a convenient tool to help travelers through any number of situations, from ordering food to booking a room.Over 3,800 words and phrases are grouped thematically in 15 categories, making the book easy to use and simple to follow. Travelers can refer to sections at random and move at their own pace, addressing only those topics that are of interest. Extended realistic examples of Italian in use are included to show how the words are expressed in everyday situations. Grammar and pronunciation guides complement the dialogue sections.Ã Â Clear, well-organized, and easy and fun to use, Italian for Travelers is ideal for travelers who want to enhance their trip and improve their language skills. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Independent travelers who use this product should feel reassured that they can ask for what they need; express proper appreciation for assistance; make better informed menu choices and can even hold a friendly conversation with host country residents. Hearing native speakers repeat sounds, words and dialogs in proper cadence and accent is the key element to making the included phrasebook/dictionary usable in the real world. Although I am not an adept linguist, I have found

Fodor’s and Living Language products to be equally usable and equally comprehensive in meeting these needs on a basic level.I migrated to Fodor’s 2-CD Italian package from the older cassette format for ease and speed in finding and replaying spoken phrases and have been well-pleased with the results. Starting with drills for basic sounds and the alphabet, chapters build skills in vocabulary and forming sentences. Again, user repetition of the spoken models is the key to recognizing what is being said to or asked of you in a variety of standard situations and to building user comfort with reproducing the language. As with previous editions, the set includes a paperback version containing written transcriptions of the recorded passages plus a basic dictionary with phonetic transcriptions showing emphasised syllables. Users can follow along and see what they are learning to say. On tour, the 4x7-inch paperback is tote-able and, as necessary, words can be pointed out to locals. Back at the hotel, I use the paperback to plan conversations dealing with specific situations (illnesses, injuries, medicines, first aid supplies and toiletries)and try to locate some words that might be in the answers I might hear. The food vocabulary is very helpful in reading menus but works best if each traveller has some advance ideas of the names of main ingredients in the dishes and courses that might appeal. The text also contains useful background information on the country and how they handle a variety of issues of daily life. This edition omits the "vest pocket" abbridged booklet that used to come with previous sets. Having the more extensive dictionary along probably justifies this change.

Prior to my trip to Italy I brushed up on some Italian. I learned how to buy a train ticket, locate a bathroom, and even compliment a waiter for his service. But the book does not do a very good job preparing you for conversation. Whenever anyone responded to my requests or comments, I could not understand the words they used because it wasn’t covered in the audio CD’s.For a better crash course in any language, I would suggest Pimsleur audio. I had to learn Russian a few years back so I used that series from a local library. I must say it worked so well, I was having full conversations with Russian-speakers in Ukraine. Check those out first before reaching for a book like this.

As advertised. Thx.

This is a replacement for one that I have had for many years. Excellent resource to brush up on the language. I would recommend this resource also for beginners and or travelers.

My wife made me buy this to help us learn Italian for an upcoming trip. For the price it was ok, but

there are better tools on the market for learning new languages.

This is a good disc and book. I am doing quite well learning Italian. It could use a little update though, as I didn't hear any phrases concerning computers--like "what is the password to link in?"

There are many instances where the Italian phrase is too long and Fodor doesn't break it up to allow a beginner to learn how to say it. I have another language learning CD where single words are broken into syllables, and then phrases are built, which is a much better way to learn a brand new language.

It was a good book to learn various phrases. Even though, my accent was American, the people enjoyed that I at least tried.

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