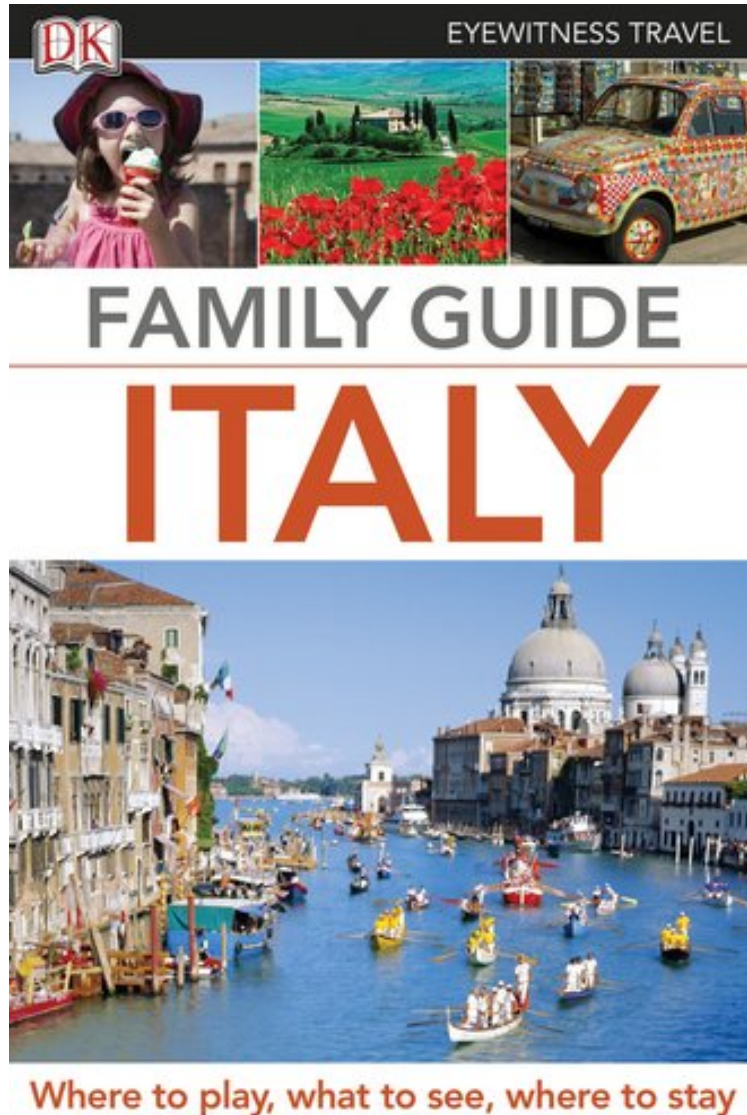


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**Dorling Kindersley : Family Guide Italy (Eyewitness Travel Family Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Family Guide Italy (Eyewitness Travel Family Guide):

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Super Family Resource By mkDK Eyewitness Travel always offers great photos in their travel guides. This one is no different except its point of view focuses on pleasing and accommodating the kids. They do a great job breaking down every region of Italy with first a sightseeing key, listing the main cities and areas and then off you go to explore those areas. It's very entertaining, full diagrams, gorgeous shots,

and maps. In the back of the book is further maps with a listing of selected towns, Rome maps (fairly detailed), and basic language needs. Just about every page has Kids Corner with things to do; the Lowdown on how to get around, the cost and kid appropriateness. Indeed, the perspective is geared to what you'll face with family in tow. When we were B.C., before children, my wife and I travelled every Spring to Europe. It was easy to get around and do whatever, whenever, wherever we wanted, and on our time schedule and desires. That was ten years ago, and now with two youngsters, ages 5 & 8, we're longing to return. We've always loved Italy with their yummy food, great historic sites, romantic settings, beaches and mountains and rolling hills, and friendly, hospitable people. Give us great food and a few sites and we're happy! Having children changes the ballgame. Their sensibilities don't always match ours. Having travelled throughout the U.S. as a family, we've learned a few things: Keep the transfers limited, i.e., try to stay put at only a few "basecamps" and go out for short daytrips- ideally one basecamp per week and limit the time in cars; our kids prefer a stopover rather than direct flights on long flights, so they can get out and run about the airport and shops for an hour or two; research the kid friendly activities- usually after a long flight or car trip they need a pool, a beach, animals or other kids or children type museum; we prefer self-catering- kitchen and private laundry facilities are a godsend! Food: pizza, pasta, fruit, and dessert will work. For Italy, I researched the web immensely. I decided on Umbria for our excursion having never been there before, and it's fairly close to Rome for daytrips and a major airport. The agriturismos are a wonderful idea for families, and we chose one (after reviewing hundreds) which offered self-catering, but will provide food if you want, has animals, open space to run, will help with local arrangements, and it is absolutely gorgeously romantically situated- something for my wife and I, too. And that's the key. Keeping the kiddos happy is top priority, but if we work our cards right, we also can put in a bit of romantic stuff for wife and I to enjoy. I cross referenced everything through Tripadvisor, some Italian sites like agriturismo.it, VRBO and others. The place we chose to stay just happened to be one of the places listed in this book, which I bought later. Made me feel that I made the right decision. Unlike Frommers and Fodors, which I like and use, and Rick Steves, for the nitty gritty basics (and yes, pack light -carry-on only!), Eyewitness Travel's lodging and eating is more succinct, less descriptive, and with less offerings. This is a colorful, beautiful guide. I think overall the best for families headed to Italia. And it's dense, and I'll probably photocopy the sections I need for the trip. I love flipping through it; there are a lot of neat places out there, might as well take the kids and enjoy them. Just do your research, eat, rest, play and spend a lot of quality time with the loved ones, Buon Viaggio! Addendum: Completed our trip to Italy: Umbria and Rome, unbelievably great time!; now, planning the next trip as soon as I can save up enough miles and moolah. Book very helpful for planning. It's not 100 percent extensive, but it gives one focused ideas on where to take the kiddoes and the pictures are beautiful. It gives me direction when there is so many possibilities, and it's fun to read. More later, Ciao! Addendum 2: We have our miles saved up and now are planning our next trip- 2015! I love this book- it's the things dreams are made of. I flip through it all year long and research off of it depending on the region we're interested in. Next trip: perhaps the Veneto/ Venice- stay on an agriturismo outside of Venice; maybe more of Umbria; maybe Ischia and more Rome. They now have a newer edition.

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By Donna Thompson Was okay gives you a lot of information, but not as good as Rick Steves ITALY. Rick Steves book is going with us on our trip, has much more and easier to follow ideas. Used Rick Steves before always worth getting, I just wanted to see what some other guides had, this one is okay if you want a heavier book to tote.  
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