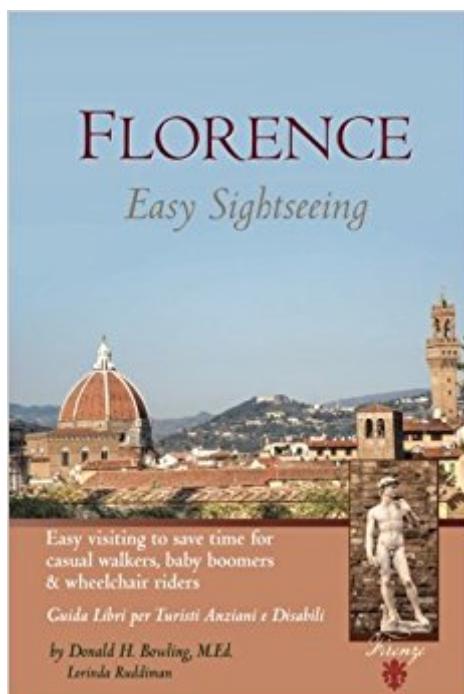


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Florence: Easy Sightseeing: Easy Visiting For Casual Walkers Seniors & Wheelchair Riders



Synopsis

Florence, Italy has more Renaissance art per square foot than any city on earth. \tilde{A} \tilde{A} Anna Maria Medici, the Electress Palatine declared at her death in 1743 that the art gathered by the three hundred years of Medici rule was owned by all the people of Florence forever. \tilde{A} \tilde{A} No one could sell the glorious Davids, strip the Chapel of the Magi, empty the Accademia Galleria, Laurentian Library, Bargello Museum, \tilde{A} \tilde{A} Medici Chapels of the Princes or contents of the gigantic Uffizi Museum. Florence has thousands of well-cared for famous pieces of art and tourist sights that are conveniently clustered by the author into six easy-to-reach neighborhoods. "Florence Easy Sightseeing" was written by a 78 year old special educator to help travelers spend as little time as possible getting from one place to another. Glance at how the sights are organized within those neighborhoods to only require a few minutes walk or wheelchair ride from one to another. As a participant in the development of handicapping design standards of buildings in California the author suggests the easiest ways to get around the buildings constructed in the 12-16th century. Florence provides the conveniences of a modern city protective of its remarkable past.

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Mr. Bowling has exhaustively researched the nooks and crannies of one of the world's most enriching and remarkable cities. The result makes Florence obtainable to nearly everyone. He discusses the complex history of Florence in a charming and logical manner. His approach is one of a knowledgeable tour guide, friend and city "insider" whose clear understanding of the needs of visitors is complemented by his thoughtful and informative reviews of the city's delights and potential

challenges. -À ª Anna and Mark Pope, Bounty Hunter Wine.com

I admire the Italians for their compulsion to recycle old buildings. ª ª An example is the Chapel for Embarrassed Poor People. One of the Medicis invented the "property tax" in the 15th Century and took away the wealth of 20 of the richest families because they could not pay it. When he was approached by the families accusing ª ª him of starving them he said, "get in line at the church."They all said, "we are embarrassed to do that...we were famous."ª ª ª This famous politician ª ª went to the church and asked the local Bishop to develop the special Church Order for Embarrassed Poor People. ª ª When these people died the City Council met and used the Chapel contributions to build special schools for handicapped children. ª ª Such were he people of this remarkable city. ª ª ª ª

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