



## Palaces of Naples

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- Donatella Mazzoleni Photography by Mark E. Smith
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**Stretching across** the Bay of Naples and at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, Naples is home to numerous palaces, estates and grand residences. Though some palaces have been abandoned or damaged, many have been restored to their historical glory. In the midst of this modern, vibrant, multicultural city, these remnants of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century Italian aristocracy remain.

Through glorious colour photography and illuminating text, *Palaces of Naples* tells the stories behind these fascinating and fabulous homes. Thirty estates and palaces are featured here, each with their own style and story. From the famous portico of the Palazzo Filomarino to the mirrored walls and inlay figures of the eighteenth-century duke's study in the Palazzo Corigliano, the architectural details of the palaces are examined. In addition, the intriguing stories and rumours behind the homes are retold - such as the reported ghost sightings, mysterious wails and blue lights emanating from the Palazzo Donn-Anna, left half-built by Anna Carafa, wife of the Duke of Medina, when her husband fell from favour.

With hundreds of colour photographs of facades and interiors, *Palaces of Naples* brings the reader inside these estates and palaces, many of which are partially or completely closed to the public.

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