

Where is the Bay of Naples?

Living in the shadow of Italy's volcanoes

The Bay (Gulf) of Naples is located on the west coast of southern Italy (Figure 1). The regional capital is the city of Naples, which has a population of just below one million people.

Towering over the bay is the dormant volcano Mount Vesuvius (Figure 2). When it erupted in AD 79 it buried the settlements of Herculaneum and Pompeii. Today they are popular archaeological sites.

The bay opens out into the Tyrrhenian Sea, part of the Mediterranean Sea. On either side, headlands jut into the sea enclosing the bay. Stretching along the southern side of the Sorrentine Peninsula is the spectacular Amalfi Coast. Just offshore are the popular island destinations of Ischia and Capri.

Figure 1

The location of the Bay of Naples in Italy



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Figure 2

The Bay of Naples



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