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*Casa Angelina*



One can exist without art, but one cannot live without it

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## LIVE THE CASA ANGELINA LIFESTYLE

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Embrace luxe living at Casa Angelina, where relaxation is effortless, design is a given, and style and elegance are omnipresent. Whimsical and eye-catching pieces of modern art are displayed in the sleek guest rooms and public areas, while the immaculate whiter-than-white décor offsets the cerulean sea, visible from almost everywhere on the property. Furnishings are eclectic and design-forward, while inconspicuous hi-tech elements enhance the quality of your stay.

Casa Angelina's charming staff answer to your every need, so you can unwind, serene and sun-kissed, reveling in the luxury of downtime. A dedicated team of Personal Concierge Assistants, who are experts on all things, can point you to restaurants, hikes, beaches and boutiques to suit your particular style. They can also look after the logistics, securing hard-to-get reservations and arranging transfers and guides on your behalf.

The team can also plan one-off, bespoke experiences, whether that be a one-of-a-kind romantic night under the Amalfi Coast stars, exclusive visits to Capri's most renowned boutiques with a personal shopper or having your very own made-to-order pair of sandals produced on the property before your very eyes. They've also been known to make the seemingly impossible happen, snaring front-row tickets to sold-out shows and landing guests' coveted spots at in-demand dining and nightlife venues. Whatever you have in mind, our team of Personal Concierge Assistants will make it a reality.

Whether you've got your heart set on something special, or simply want to bounce around ideas, our Concierge Team can help. Get in touch today by emailing [concierge@casangelina.com](mailto:concierge@casangelina.com).

# HOW TO REACH US

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## BY CAR

From Naples (65 km): Highway A3 Salerno/Reggio Calabria - Exit Castellammare di Stabia - SS145 to Sorrento, then SS163 Amalfi Coast.

From Salerno (34 km): Salerno, then direction SS163 Amalfi Coast.

## BY FERRY

From Naples, Salerno and Sorrento daily runs to Amalfi, Positano and Capri.

## BY PLANE

The handiest airport for the Amalfi Coast is Naples Capodichino, connected by public buses to the center of Naples, Sorrento and from Sorrento to Amalfi Coast.



# COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM POSITANO

Casa Angelina offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from Positano.

The journey takes approximately 15 minutes.

Please find details of our shuttle timetable.

Reservation is mandatory, please reach out to our Concierge Desk to book your seat!



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## PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR SERVICES AND EXCURSIONS

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Enjoy a comfortable and stress-free journey to Casa Angelina by having our Concierge Team arrange a private luxury transfer by Mercedes sedan or minivan with an English-speaking driver.

In addition to transfers, we can also arrange excursions to local attractions, including the archaeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and other Amalfi Coast villages.

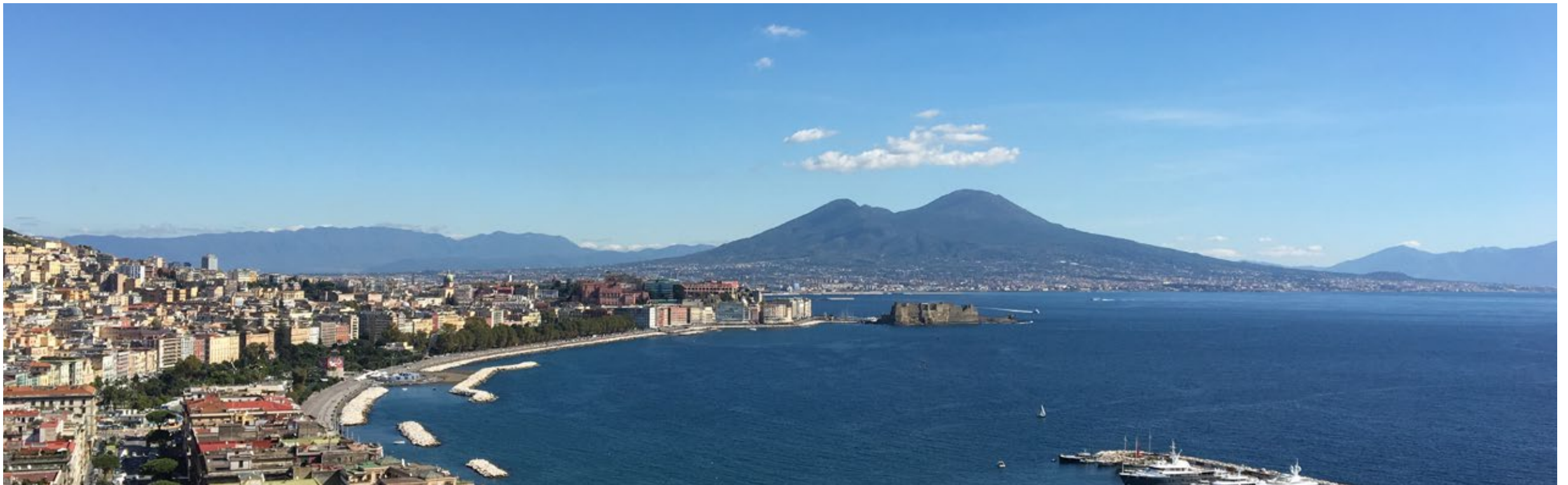




## NAPLES

Sunny, sprawling, scooter-filled and history-soaked, Naples is a city like no other. This seductive Southern Italian charmer vibrates with action and offers a bounty of sensory thrills: striking Vesuvius vistas and shouting market sellers, the scent of freshly brewed espresso and the smoky taste of a lightly charred Neapolitan pizza crust. Stroll around the city's ancient streets and discover the hidden wonders of this exuberant Italian metropolis.

Visit the National Archaeological Museum, the most famous museum of its kind in Europe. It hosts a trove of precious Greco-Roman artifacts. Continue discovering some of the city's captivating attractions. Il Maschio Angioino (also known as Castel Nuovo), Galleria Umberto I, San Carlo Opera House, the Royal Palace, San Severo Chapel and the stunning Mergellina Bay are just some of the unforgettable sights you may encounter.





## POMPEII, HERCULANEUM AND MOUNT VESUVIUS

Turn back the centuries to a time when the ancient Romans reigned at the captivating archaeological sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum, both of which were buried beneath layers of ash during a catastrophic volcanic eruption in 79 A.D. While you are in the area, you may also want to peer into the steaming, sulfur-emitting crater of the volcano behind the disaster.

Excavation work on the buried neighboring cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum first began in the 18th century, gradually bringing the beautiful ancient villas and buried frescoes to light.

The excavations allow visitors to explore and examine the ancient cities, viewing lavish villas, a magnificent baths complex, a palestra (gymnasium) and monumental basilica. Protected by meters of volcanic ash, many wood elements, bronze artifacts and house facades, remain remarkably intact, and offer a well-preserved slice of Roman life and culture.

Today, excavations at the sites are still ongoing in an effort to ensure modern civilizations can appreciate the treasures of antiquity.

In 1997 the ancient archaeological sites at Pompeii,

along with Herculaneum and Oplontis, were declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The UNESCO committee acknowledged the unique value of the sites, which not only provide unprecedented and extremely detailed insight into life in the area at the time of the eruption, but have also yielded some astonishing ancient works of art. Some 2 million people visit the archaeological site of Pompeii every year – a testament to its enduring appeal.

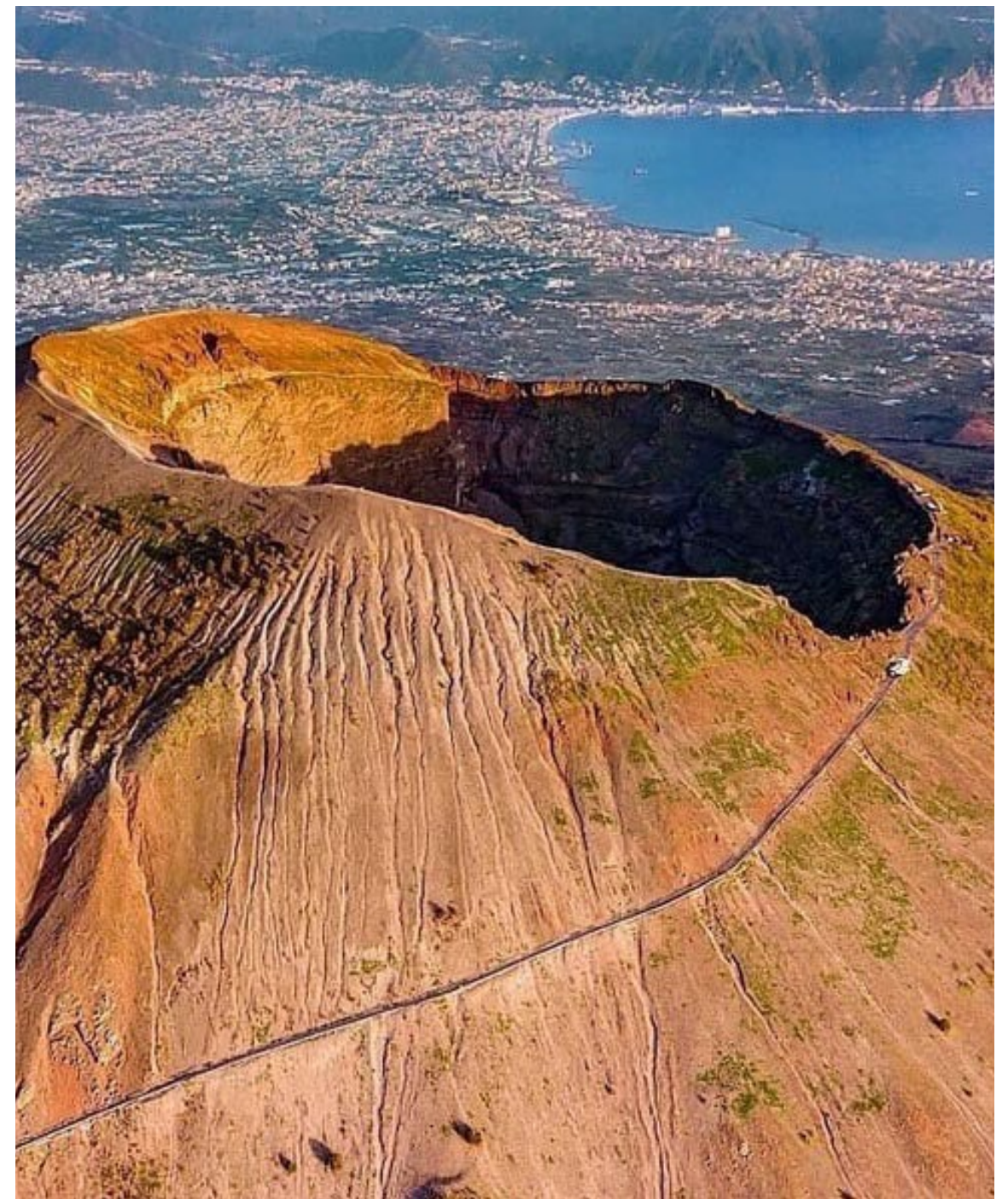




Just 6 miles (9.6 kilometers) from Naples sits Mount Vesuvius, the volcano responsible for the devastating damage inflicted upon Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A.D. Because of its proximity to Pompeii and Herculaneum, many travelers choose to visit one of the archaeological sites and the volcano in the one day.

Intimidating as it may sound, the Vesuvius Crater Trek is not so much a climb as a relatively easy walk up to the top. Nevertheless, the view from the smoldering crater rim is nothing short of spectacular. Trekkers are driven to an elevation of 3,280 feet (1,000 meters) and from there, they continue on foot, ascending a further 495 feet (150 meters) to the crater. During clear weather, the views of the crater are mesmerizing, though overcast days often create more dramatic vistas, when the vapor emitted from the crater blends with the low-lying clouds, making Vesuvius appear more menacing than ever.

Allow for around 3 hours to properly explore the crater on Mount Vesuvius (including the hour or so it takes just to walk up from the entrance to the park). Exploring Pompeii will take at least 2 hours, while Herculaneum can be seen in about 1 hour.





## SORRENTO

Just a short hop from the Amalfi Coast lies Sorrento, a stunning and sophisticated cliffside town that is best explored at a leisurely pace. Amble along the narrow streets of the historic center, sip a frothy cappuccino in the lively Piazza Tasso and stick around until evening to witness the sun sinking into the Gulf of Naples from the scenic overlook at the Villa Comunale public park.

Sorrento is a prime shopping spot. While you won't find the same number of fashionable designer stores you might find in the likes of Milan, you will discover lots of high-quality Sorrento specialties that can't be bought anywhere else, whether limoncello made from sweet Amalfi lemons or hand-crafted leather goods. Head for Corso Italia for fashion boutiques and the steep lanes of the historic center (such as Via San Cesareo) for workshops offering intricate inlaid wood objects and gourmet goods.

Besides browsing small independent shops and artisan workshops, you can also tour the town's monumental churches (including the cathedral and the 11th-century Basilica di Sant'Antonino), people-watch on its medieval palazzos, and follow the ancient defensive walls, which once warded off attackers.





## POSITANO

Positano is one of the few towns on this planet that is as striking in person as it appears on postcards. Tumbling down a steep hillside below the woodland-carpeted peaks of Monti Lattari, Positano comprises an assortment of precariously perched white, pink and yellow houses that extend all the way down to the bluer-than-blue sea. The town also has several beaches, chief among them being the Spiaggia Grande and Fornillo. Both are accessible via the town's ubiquitous flights of stairs, which locals refer to as scalinate.

Hidden among the steep stepped alleys of the town is the Church of Santa Maria Assunta, a fabled structure with an intriguing history. According to local legend, a Turkish crew carrying a painting of the Virgin Mary found themselves in trouble in the waters off the coast. The boat's captain is said to have heard the painting whisper "posa, posa" ("set me down, set me down"). Fearful of the holy instruction, he obediently threw the image into the sea, before miraculously, the ailing ship began to float.

The locals interpreted the incident to mean that the Virgin had chosen their town as her resting place and

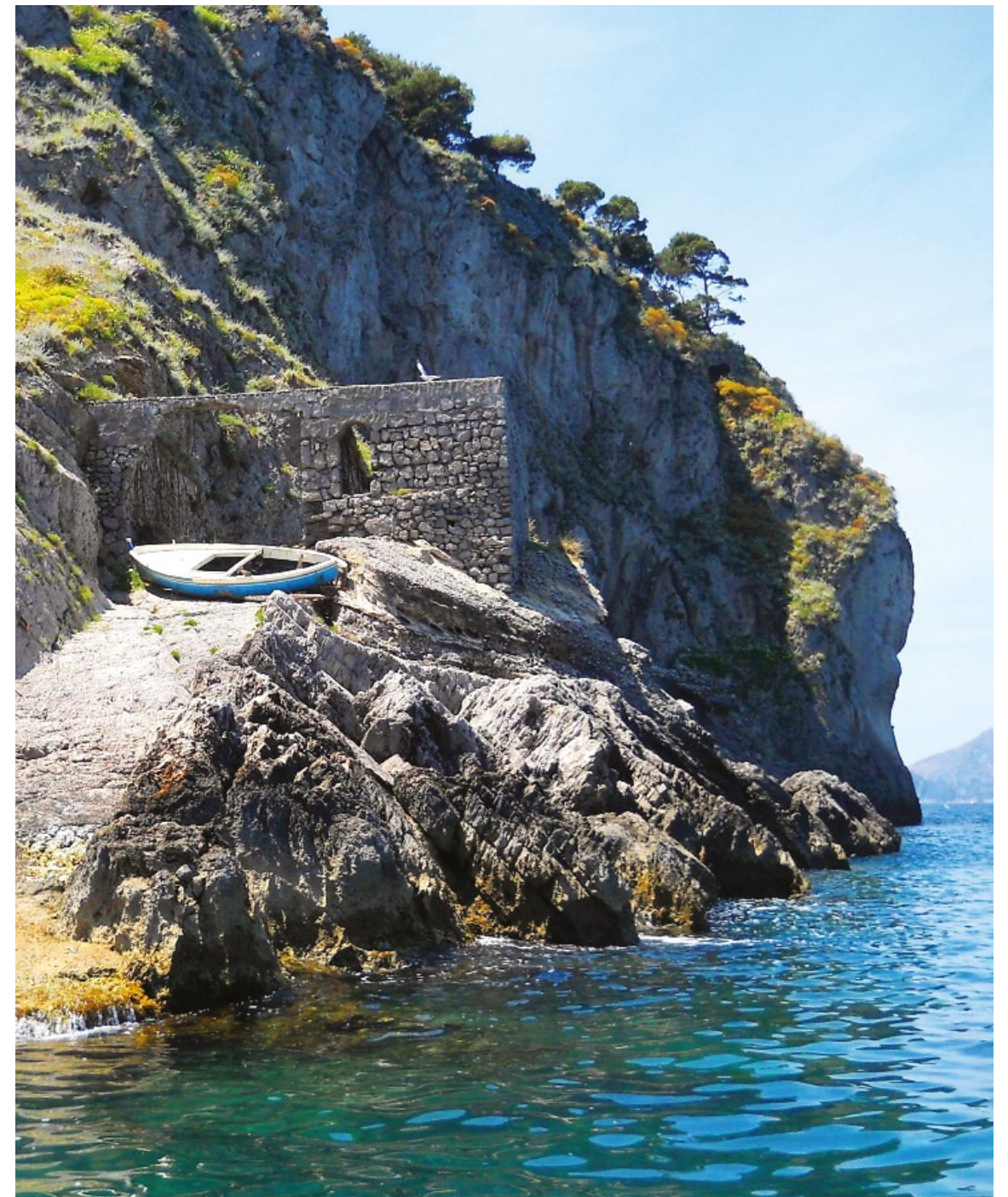
thus, they decided to mark the spot where the painting washed ashore by building a church. The Church of Santa Maria Assunta still stands here today.





## LI GALLI

From the hotel pier, you can rent a boat and explore the coastal caves and the rocky isles of Li Galli, just opposite Positano. These three outcroppings are said to have been the home of the mythical sirens, made famous by Homer's *The Odyssey*. In more recent (and real) times, the largest island in the archipelago housed the summer residence of the celebrated Russian ballet dancer, Rudolf Nureyev, and was purchased by a hotelier after Nureyev's death. With no development and barely a flat surface between them, the other two rocky islands remain undeveloped.





## AMALFI

Amalfi had its heyday back in the 11th century, when it was the rich center of a powerful maritime empire. Unfortunately, a period of decline soon followed, culminating in a devastating seaquake in 1343, during which a big chunk of the city crumbled into the Mediterranean. Nowadays, a much smaller though undoubtedly pretty town remains, attracting visitors with its atmospheric piazzas and sea-facing seafood restaurants.

Amalfi is a town seemingly tailor-made for aimless wandering. Stroll without purpose through the attractive townscape, which comprises a cluster of little white houses, arm's-width alleyways and shady porticoes, and you'll soon encounter some notable sights. Look out for the old Torre Saracena watchtower, once part of the Amalfi Republic's coastal defensive system, close to the Convent of San Francesco. You'll also see the landmark Duomo, or cathedral, which – though initiated in the 9th century – has been altered and renovated several times since. The Duomo, identifiable by its multicolored façade, is accessible via a flight of 62 steps and overlooks Amalfi's main piazza. Venture inside to discover a

magnificent display of Italian Baroque art. Among the highlights of the interior is a bronze depicting Saint Andrew, which dominates the altar. Also of note is the adjacent Moorish-style Chiostro del Paradiso, which date back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.





## RAVELLO

Unlike most of its neighbors, Ravello is not located by the sea. But don't let that put you off. This tiny hilltop town, set high above the sparkling Bay of Maiori, is absolutely gorgeous. It has managed to win over the hearts of some of the world's greatest artists, writers and musicians, including Wagner and Virginia Woolf, and is packed with stately villas and cliffside gardens.

First on your Ravello agenda should be Villa Rufolo, the former residence of the once-powerful Rufolo family. The magnificent gardens bloom from May to October and afford panoramic views of the coast, are dreamy. The magnificent cliff-edge terrace which is set directly above the sea is the venue for Ravello's annual Wagner Festival.

Wagner has ties to the Villa Rufolo, having stayed there in 1880 while composing his acclaimed opera *Parsifal*. So smitten was he with the place that he declared "the magic garden of Klingsor has been found."

Don't leave Ravello without seeing Villa Cimbrone, the brainchild of Lord William Beckett who purchased in 1904, what was then a crumbling farmhouse and

transformed it into a splendid residence, using an eclectic mix of architectural cast-offs, archaeological relics and souvenirs he had picked up during his travels. Not only do several rare botanic species flourish here, but the gardens are also peppered with statues and fountains, temples and artificial grottos designed to resemble ancient classical structures.





## TREKKING TRIPS

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Leave the car behind – One of the best ways to explore the Amalfi Coast is to hit the scenic clifftop walking trails that, before the Amalfi Drive (SS163) was built, were the only means of getting from town to town here.

### IL SENTIERO DEGLI DEI - THE PATH OF GODS

The name of this popular walking trail says it all – the scenery on this route is truly divine. Linking the tiny communes of Agerola (above Amalfi) and Nocelle (near Positano), this footpath is one of the finest on the coast. You'll want to start at Agerola, as the route runs gently downhill from here; see if you can spot the island of Capri as you make your way downward.

Alternatively, you can get started nearer to Casa Angelina in Praiano, though be warned: this route requires you to ascend a long series of steps to reach Colle Serra Pass, some 1,900 feet (580 meters) above sea level. From Colle Serra, continue downhill until you encounter a fountain, then follow the old mule path branching off to the left. There is little chance of getting lost along the way, with red and white "02" signs indicating the way.





As the road swerves to the right, look for the Convent of San Domenico, which can be spied at the foot of Mount St Angelo. From here on out, the scenery shifts. You'll leave the shrub-scattered hills behind and will encounter a more verdant Mediterranean landscape, complete with holm oaks, heather and the odd lost-looking sheep or goat. Things become a touch more challenging as the path rises and dips through the Vallone Grarelle, though the superb views should spur you onwards.

Finally, you'll encounter the mountain village of Nocelle where you'll face a choice: either slog on down the 1,500 steps or – if your legs are feeling the burn – take the bus instead. The steps will lead you to Arienzo, from where you can follow the Amalfi Drive (SS163 – a.k.a. the Amalfi Coast Road) for about 0.6 miles (1 kilometer) before winding up in the center of Positano.





## LA VALLE DELLE FERRIERE

Set off on this route at the Monti Latteri, from where it snakes downhill through woods toward Amalfi, providing views of the medieval ruin-dotted Vallone dei Mulini valley. Near the end of the walk, hikers will find themselves passing several water-powered mills, which were once used to produce Amalfi's artisan paper.

The route starts at 738 feet (225 meters) above sea level in Pontone, a district of Scala. If you need some assistance getting to the start point, simply ask our concierge; they will be more than happy to help you get there. Alternatively, you could take the Sita bus, which runs between Amalfi, Ravello and Scala. Not all buses stop at Pontone, but you can easily reach Pontone on foot from Ravello or from Scala by way of a pleasant little lane.

From the main piazza in Pontone, follow the path that passes in front of Trattoria Antico Borgo. After passing under an archway, veer left at the next junction. You'll see a series of steps that (luckily), you won't have to tackle in full. Instead, just take a few steps down toward the valley, before swerving onto the short uphill path that leads through lemon trees and vines.





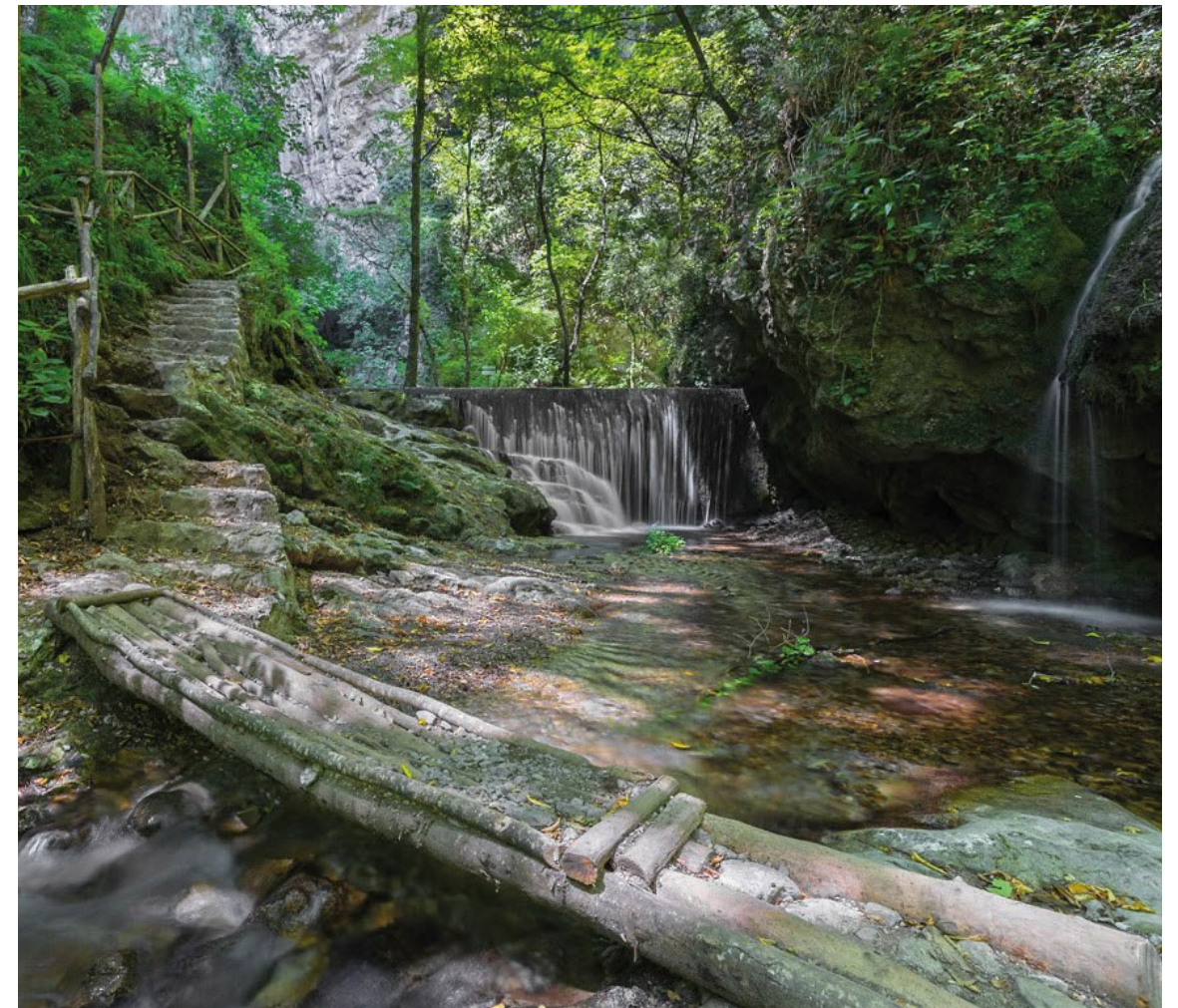
At the top of the hill, continue on the path until you reach an aqueduct, beyond which, after a few meters, you can take the sloping path to the left. You'll soon come to the first (of many) foundry ruins to be seen in this area and the Canneto stream, which the path tracks all the way down to Amalfi.

Before making the descent, you can take a detour to the Riserva Integrale, a habitat for rare fauna and flora, and home to the only remaining examples of Woodwardia Radicans, a rare fern which dates back to before the Ice Age, and survives here thanks to the area's unique microclimate.

Reaching the Reserve is easy, though you will have to cross the stream via a tree trunk "bridge" and follow the little uphill trail leading to the fences around the Reserve. When you are ready to depart, simply turn back and take the no.25 route which hugs the left bank of the river. You'll be in the center of Amalfi in just 45 minutes.

Not a confident navigator? Scared of veering off path? Don't let that stop you. If you do not feel safe walking

solo or you simply want someone to tell you more about your surrounds as you stroll, you can always contact our Casa Angelina Concierge Team, who will be delighted to arrange for you to go hiking with a local guide.



## PRIVATE BOAT SERVICES AND TOURS

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You haven't really seen the Amalfi Coast until you've seen it from the sea. From the water, the pastel-toned fishing villages that cascade down the steep slopes toward the shore appear particularly picturesque, while the rugged coastline is unforgettably dramatic.

Take a boat trip along the Amalfi Coast and admire the thousand shades of blue and turquoise of the Mediterranean. Stop for a swim in a hard-to-access cove or set sail for the idyllic island of Capri.

Our Concierge Team will help you choose the right boat for you, whether that be a gozzo (a traditional wooden boat) or a swanky motorboat. Boats come equipped with all the necessary comforts for a fantastic daytrip.

With a knowledgeable captain at helm, cruise along the coast, taking pit stops at scenic locales and enjoying drinks on board.

The boat has room for up to 10 passengers and departs from La Gavitella beach just beneath the hotel, which is accessible via an elevator plus approximately 250 steps.

Please find a list below of possible itineraries.

CAPRI

AMALFI COAST

LI GALLI ISLAND AND NERANO

CAPRI BY NIGHT





## CAPRI

- Suggested start time: Between 9am and 11am
- Departure point: La Gavitella

Take a journey out to the spectacularly scenic island of Capri, known for being the hangout for the wealthy, powerful and glamorous, from Roman Empires to Hollywood bigwigs. On the way out, you might find yourself mesmerized by the natural beauty of the azure waters. In that case, the Captain will stop at one of the secluded inlets to let you dive and have a swim. Once we dock on the island, why not treat yourself to lunch in one of the hidden seaside restaurants. Ride the cable car from the harbour up to the Piazzetta, the hangout of Capri's cool crowd, the window-shop your way down the designer brand-lined Via Camerelle. After gorging on the glamour and glitz of Capri, the more mellow and laid-back Anacapri may be the perfect antidote. Our skipper will wait for you at the port until you are ready to return.





## AMALFI COAST

- Suggested start time: Between 9am and 3pm
- Departure point: La Cavitella

Spend a half-day (4 hours) skirting around the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Marvel at picturesque Positano, see the Furore fjord and the small town of Conca dei Marini, which enjoys a jaw-dropping cliff-edge setting.

Visit the Emerald Grotto, a cave famed for its luminous and iridescent blue and green water, before venturing to shore at Amalfi, the former capital of the ancient maritime republic. If you get the urge to dive on in, just let your captain know; he will stop at the quiet stony strands of Duoglio or Santa Croce, before slowly steering you back to Praiano.





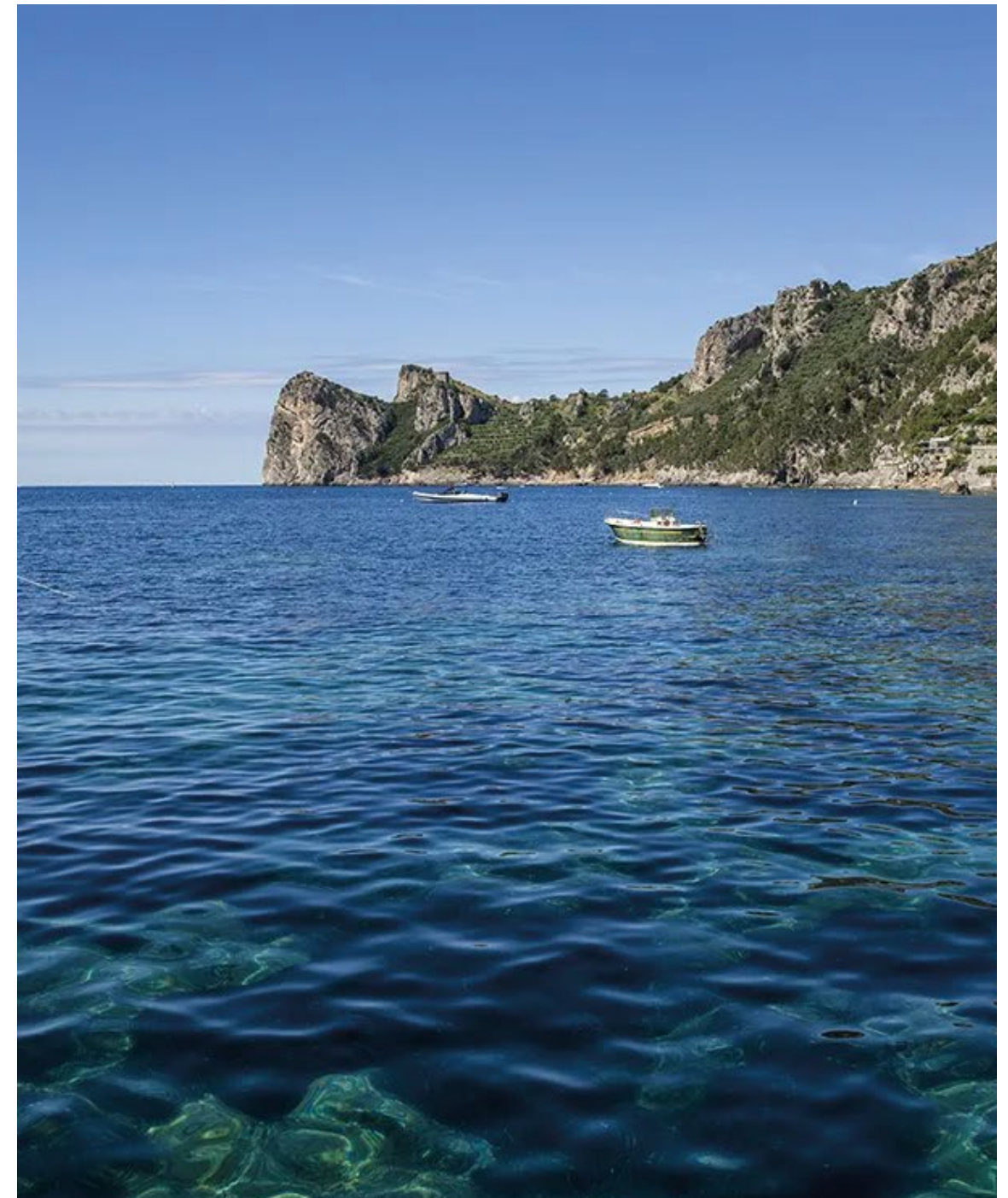
## LI GALLI ISLAND AND NERANO

- Suggested start time: Day or night
- Departure point: La Gavitella

After boarding the boat, our captain will point the prow toward the Li Galli Islands, a trio of rocky, rugged and swooningly gorgeous islets where, according to the verses of Homer's *The Odyssey*, Ulysses somehow managed to resist the song of the sirens. Whether the sirens existed or not, we can understand the temptation to stop here and sunbathe.

Our skipper can take you to the cave of *Madonnina del Mare* where you can swim in waters as translucent as a freshly cleaned pane of glass.

From there, you can continue along the coast to Nerano for lunch in the Michelin-starred *Quattro Passi* or at the famous *Il Cantuccio* restaurant. If you want to up the romance factor, consider taking this tour at night and dine at the famous *La Conca del Sogno* restaurant, whose cove-side setting is so out of this world that calling it idyllic seems an understatement.



## CAPRI BY NIGHT

- Suggested start time: Between 5pm and 7pm
- Departure point: La Gavitella

Few experiences are as utterly unforgettable as sailing across the Gulf of Salerno to Capri at sunset. You might depart for Capri in late afternoon, just as the sun begins to dip in the sky. In summer, the water will still be warm enough for a last-minute dip after which, you can make use of the boat's shower-equipped bathroom and comfortable cabin, where you can get ready for the night ahead. We'll have made dinner reservations on your behalf at a restaurant of your choosing (if you are not sure where to eat, never fear: we can recommend a restaurant to suit you, whether a traditional trattoria or a swanky fine-dining establishment).

After dinner, you'll be driven by a convertible cab to the Piazzetta where the chic Capri crowd gathers after dark. Those who want another taste of the local nightlife scene may want to hit up Anema e Core, a little live music club with a big reputation.

Later in the evening, the captain will steer you back to Praiano. During the journey home, you can take a midnight swim under the stars before toasting the end of the evening with a flute of Champagne.





## AMALFI COAST SCUBA DIVING

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While all visitors to the Amalfi Coast can't help but be wowed by the dramatic scenery above sea level, there is another side to the region that remains woefully underexplored: the one completely submerged, where both hidden wonders and mysteries of unequal beauty await. There are dozens of different scuba diving spots on the Amalfi Coast, suitable for everyone from first-timers to dabblers to fully certified divers. Here are just a few diving options:

### ISCA GROTTA AND THE SAPPHIRE GROTTA

These neighboring diving sites, which are in proximity to each other, allow divers to witness an incredible spectrum of color and light underwater without presenting any big technical challenges. The rocky walls of Isca Grotto are threaded with cracks, which create unusual light patterns.

Not far away lies the equally attractive Sapphire Grotto, which is noted for the saturated blue color of its water. The entrance lies at just under 10 feet (3 meters) below sea level and leads into a narrow rocky passage that reaches depths of 40 feet (12 meters) and leads into the 115-foot (35-meter) wide grotto.



Inside the grotto is adorned with a wonderful assortment of gnarled stalagmites and stalactites that, in some cases, connect, creating columns.

### SECCHETELLA DEI GALLI

This gorgeous underwater site is packed with an extraordinary variety of creatures and coral, and is a must-do immersion for any diving enthusiasts visiting the Amalfi Coast. Located within the Marine National Park of Punta Campanella, between Li Galli and Massalubrense, the site comprises an underwater mountain that reaches up just shy of 20 feet (6 meters) below sea level. Once below, a weird yet wonderful world awaits complete with fish, psychedelic coral and other colorful underwater shrubbery. This dive can be adjusted to suit divers of different experience levels.

### ISCHITELLA

Ischitella is a diving site that can accommodate divers of all skill levels, with its gradual sloping descent allowing even unexperienced divers to easily descend to their chosen depth. Descend just a few meters below sea level and you will already be able to see various sea sponges, sea whips and other colorful organisms.

### SHRIMP GROTTO

Expert divers may want to visit the Shrimp Grotto. Located 130 feet (40 meters) below sea level, the grotto features forests of red coral and gorgonians. It's not just sea flora that thrives here either, with groupers, lobsters and moray eels all to be found in the numerous cracks of the rocky walls.





## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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### WINE TOUR

As soon as you arrive in the Amalfi Coast, you'll see vines clinging to the steep, rocky slopes. What better way to get familiar with the rugged terroir of the region than by sniffing, swirling and sipping your way through the fruits of these vines? Book in for guided wine-focused tour and we'll take you to the vineyards of Cantine Marisa Cuomo, which spread across the "Fiordo di Furore," overlooking the Gulf of Salerno. You'll get to nose around the estate's cellars and vineyards, as well as take part in a tasting of these wines, which perfectly reflect the magical landscape in which they are grown.

Few vineyards can boast of such a striking and dramatic setting as this one, and the extreme location has required the winemakers to take a much more individualized approach. The vines and grapes are cared for entirely by hand and Cantine Marisa Cuomo also make use of techniques that allow them to work in tandem with the natural surroundings: stealing land from the rock, building pergolas to support the vines and strictly selecting the best cultivation methods and only noble grape varieties.

Wine tastings are unavailable between September and December as the winemakers are busy with the harvest and winemaking process. Tours can be arranged however, from January through to August.



## LEMON TOUR

The Amalfi Coast's lemons are the stuff of legends. Much more delicate, juicier and lower in acidity than the kind we normally find in our supermarkets, these lemons are often sweet enough to be enjoyed just as they are. During this tour, you'll spend the day amid the fragrant lemon groves, learning about the cultivation of this prized fruit, an art that can be traced all the way back to ancient times.

Here at Casa Angelina, we can arrange for you to take part in a lemon-themed tour. You'll depart from Piazza Duomo in Amalfi at the foot of the stairs of the cathedral at 10.30 am. Your guide will lead you through town, where you will pass along Via Pietro Capuano (the main street), along the old walls and toward the Valley of the Mills, where the ruins of old paper mills can be seen. It's here, near the old Amatruda paper mill, that you will enter the Aceto family's lemon terraces.

Here, you'll get a tour of the gardens, where trees bear the precious Sfusato Amalfitano, the most famous type of lemon in Amalfi.

Today, its superiority has been recognized by the powers

that be, who have awarded it European Protected Geographical Indication.

Next, take a seat in a shaded area complete with tables and chairs and prepare yourself for a lemon-themed feast featuring everything from insalata citrus (citrus salad) to sweet lemon to lemonade.

After feasting on lemony goods, you will continue on to the Museum of Rural Life Arts and Crafts, which features a small collection of historical pieces and documents that tell of the glorious past of the ancient Maritime Republic.

Finally, you will move to the adjacent room where the lemons are processed and you'll learn about how the region's famous tipple, limoncello, is made, before concluding with a tasting of local products.



## COOKING CLASSES

Sun-soaked and fertile the Amalfi Coast is a veritable culinary treasure trove.

Discover the delights of the Mediterranean Cuisine, from homemade pastas and fresh season fruits and vegetables to limoncello liqueur and artisanal cheeses.

## COOKING CLASSES AT CASA ANGELINA

A unique occasion to learn how to prepare our most traditional dishes and at same time enjoy a delicious lunch.

Both our Executive Chef and our Gardener will guide you through our fully organic vegetable garden to harvest the freshest in-season vegetables that will later be used for the preparation of the local culinary specialties.

The Private Cooking Class takes place at the newly enhanced Seascape Restaurant, where a marvelous sage green Molteni stove in an open kitchen will be the perfect setting for a memorable culinary experience.

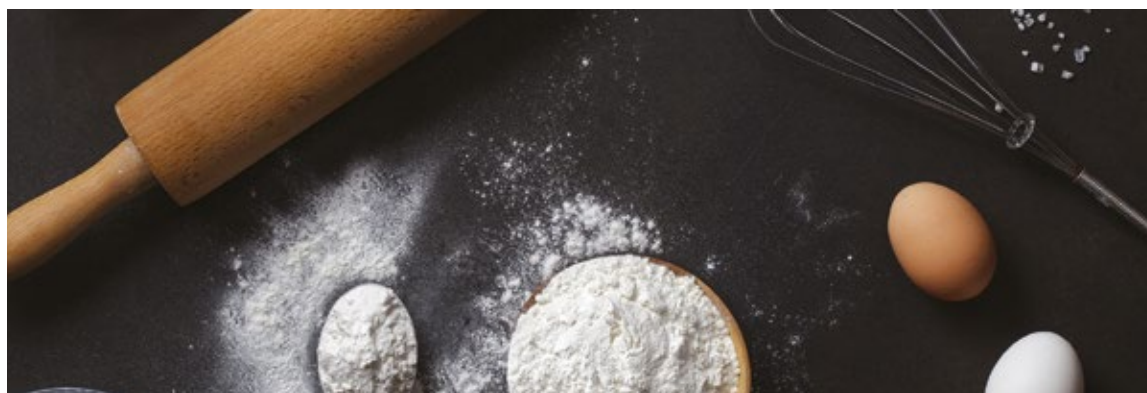
An active personal involvement and an hands-on learning, will involve all your senses. Our most favorite iconic dishes are the Aubergine Parmigiana, Homemade Pasta and the low-temperature cooked local Catch-of-the-Day.





## CASA MELE

Take a private cooking workshop with Chef Raffaele in his very own well-regarded Positano restaurant: Casa Mele. The chef will provide you with a list of around 80 recipes, encompassing appetizers, pasta, pizza, main courses and desserts. It's up to you to choose four particular recipes you want to tackle. You'll chop, stir, knead and sauté your way to the finish line, with Chef Raffaele guiding you. Not only will you learn several Italian classics, but you'll also get some insight into the running of a professional and well-oiled kitchen, where everything from preparation to timing to plating is given the attention it deserves.



## GLAMOUR DRIVING

Live in full the thrill of the Amalfi Coast, immerse yourself in the atmosphere, perfumes, colors but above all become part of a postcard atmosphere... way than driving a modern Fiat 500 cabrio, a car that recalls the lines and the spirit of its homonymous ancestors of the 60s but with a modern and defined mechanics, a perfect combination of the vintage style and modernity.

Ready to hit the road? We will be happy to arrange your DolceVita style ride.





### PRAIANO

#### La Brace

This family run-restaurant and pizzeria, just a 5-minute stroll from the hotel, serves up spectacular views and fabulous fish.

#### La Strada

A casual and informal restaurant and pizzeria, just 5 minutes' walk from the hotel, is known for its toothsome pastas and panoramic terrace.

#### Da Armandino

(La Praia beach) Only 1.2 miles (2 kilometers) from Casa Angelina, this casual and laid-back little restaurant is set right on the beach overlooking La Praia bay and an antique watchtower that is particularly scenic at night when half-lit by the moonglow. The food is simple and tasty, with an emphasis on traditional Neapolitan classics.

#### La Moressa

A friendly and very welcoming atmosphere, characterized by a decor entirely dominated by shades of white. The restaurant has a lovey terrace, where you can dine under the moonlight during the summer season. La Moressa offers bar, restaurant and pizzeria service.





### Zass ✿

A Michelin-star holder, Zass Restaurant is located inside the Hotel Il San Pietro , exudes class and sophistication, with impeccably dishes to match the ambience. Elegant dress code is required.

### La Taverna del Leone

This restaurant, opened in 1965, is located in a strategical position between Praiano and Positano. The cuisine draws on the territory , while the atmosphere focused on the tone of classicism. At dinner also possibility of pizza.

### Chez Black

Set by the beach just underneath the main Piazzetta and within steps of the sand, this laid-back restaurant offers good service, traditional food ad a spacious outdoor area.

### La Sponda

A romantic fine dining restaurant illuminated in the evening by four hundred candles. Here the creative recipes created by Executive Chef Gennaro Russo are presented with a clear imprint on classic French cuisine made with the best Mediterranean raw materials.

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### Da Vincenzo

This family-run restaurant, located on the upper west side of the village, is known for its attentive service and excellent food.

### Da Adolfo

Ride a boat or even swim over to this perennially popular and informal beach restaurant, where you can eat al fresco under a straw canopy on a wooden terrace and dine on fresh seafood accompanied by crisp white wine. Open only for lunch. As this place is very popular, reservation in advance is necessary.

### Casa e Bottega

Entering this intimate pottery-shop-cum-restaurant feels like being welcomed into someone's own private abode. The menu is built around organic produce, with a fine selection of vegan and vegetarian options. Open only for lunch.

### La Tagliata

Meat is the order of the day at this rustic trattoria, situated about 25 minutes' drive from the hotel and 985 feet (300 meters) above sea level.





## WHERE TO EAT

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### AMALFI

#### Marina Grande

Their cuisine is based on dishes created with a careful selection of ingredients. For the Chef, a great meal is a kind of journey that returns you to origins of pleasure you may have forgotten and takes you to places you haven't been before.

#### Glicine ✿

The gastronomic offerings at Glicine reflect the seasonal and Mediterranean flavors of the region, whilst demonstrating the experience and passion you would expect from a Michelin starred restaurant. Guided by the experienced hand of Chef Giuseppe Stanzione, guests can choose from the always changing 'à la Carte' menu or be taken on a fine dining journey with the tasting menu.

#### Sensi ✿

It is located inside the Hotel Residence. Chef Alessandro Tormolino's cuisine is refined and innovative, the techniques are essential and take full advantage of the precious ingredients offered by our region.

#### La Caravella ✿

Set in the center of Amalfi, this much-loved establishment has been awarded a Michelin star for its modern take on traditional dishes. Smart dress is required.

#### Da Gemma

Everyone who has ever been to Amalfi knows Da Gemma. This cozy trattoria is famous, and rightly so. The terrace, where diners can dig into tasty traditional regional dishes, overlooks Amalfi's main square.

#### Lido Azzurro

Just a stone's throw from the historical center, this casual restaurant overlooks the picturesque port of Amalfi and offers mainly Amalfi Coast dishes.

#### Terrazza Duomo

This rooftop restaurant is the ideal location in Amalfi for romantic dinners and exclusive events. It offers local cuisine masterfully interpreted.

#### La Libreria

It is the gourmet restaurant of Borgo Santandrea Hotel. Chef Crescenzo Scotti considers each dish as a gastronomical work of art. He takes inspiration from the fresh and abundant produce of the Amalfi region to take you on a culinary journey designed to delight you.

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### RAVELLO & SCALA

#### Rossellini's ✿ & Terrazza Belvedere

Rossellini's restaurant is located inside the Hotel Palazzo Avino.

This highly acclaimed restaurant has earned all kinds of awards, including a much-coveted Michelin-star.

Expect a sophisticated setting and inventive Italian dishes. Elegant dress code is required. Open only for dinner.

Terrazza Belvedere is open for lunch, that serves an array of Mediterranean food: appetizing, small bites, and fresh pasta dishes.

#### Mimì

Every dish at Mimì has its own story made with traditional recipe. Neapolitan Pizza, hand-made pastas, cheeses, and other ingredients abound in the from-scratch kitchen, and guests taste the culinary team's attention to detail in every bite.

#### Gli Ulivi

Located in an 11th century villa, Gli Ulivi restaurant enjoys a great position with a spectacular view surrounded by a Mediterranean garden where you will savor the unique flavors of the culinary tradition of the Amalfi Coast.

#### Da Lorenzo

"Trattoria da Lorenzo" offers its clients simple, high-quality dishes, in a peaceful atmosphere. Lorenzo and his family will welcome you in such a way you will feel like at home.

#### Da Salvatore

Da Salvatore Restaurant is in the historic center of Ravello, only a few meters away from Villa Rufolo. It is family-run and offers delicious regional cuisine with stunning sea views as a backdrop under its lemon pergola terrace. In the evening part of the restaurant is made into an informal Pizzeria with the best wood-oven pizza you can taste in this part of the Amalfi Coast.

#### Flauto di Pan ✿

Refined Mediterranean cuisine is interpreted anew at this Michelin-starred restaurant, which is connected to Hotel Villa Cimbrone.

#### Hotel Caruso - Belvedere

With an atmospheric outdoor terrace and a chic indoor dining room, this upscale favorite delivers a superb fine-dining experience.

#### Cumpa Cosimo

This trattoria, located right in the main square, is a local institution. Simple but tasty dishes are served under the arches of the historic building which the restaurant occupies.



## CAPRI

### Torre Saracena

Amazing panoramic terrace that overlooks the famous Faraglioni, characterize the Torre Saracena restaurant. Here Chef Guarracinno offers typical dishes of the Caprese tradition. The stars of the menu are pezzogna all'acqua pazza and specialties based on shellfish and seafood.

### L'Olivo ❀❀

A charming setting for 2 Michelin Stars mediterranea cuisine. Expect imaginative twists on traditional flavor combinations .

### Il Riccio

This exclusive restaurant built into the cliff, affording stunning views over the Gulf of Naples. Inside reigns a Mediterranean vibe, enhanced by majolica tiles and sea-blue tables.

### Aurora

The restaurant famous all over the world is known for the Pizza all'acqua. Reservation is mandatory.

### Da Paolino "Lemon Trees"

Just 5 minutes away from Capri harbor, this permanently packed trattoria deserves its success. The atmosphere in the dining area, which is surrounded by fragrant lemon trees, is enchanting and the food and wine excellent. Look out for famous faces dining around you. Reservation is mandatory.

### La Fontelina

For lunch with a view, there is no better spot. Tuck into octopus, swordfish and whatever else happens to have been caught that day, while admiring postcard-worthy views of the Faraglioni rock formations. Reservation is mandatory.

## NERANO

### La Conca del Sogno

Stunningly located in a remote little cove, this beloved restaurant can only be reached by sea. From Casa Angelina, the journey by boat takes around 30 minutes. During the day, you can watch the boats bobbing out on the water, while at night the atmosphere is enhanced by small flickering lanterns.

### Maria Grazia

The restaurant Maria Grazia in Nerano, inventor of the famous spaghetti alla Nerano, was founded in 1901, taking its name from the founder. Despite various attempts to imitate it, the recipe remains jealously guarded and is passed down from generation to generation. This restaurant is not only a synonym for spaghetti alla Nerano, but even for first courses with seafood, fried fish, mussel salads and everything could delight your palate.

### Quattro Passi ❀❀

This elegant Michelin-star establishment enjoys a stunning setting in one of the most romantic bays of the Amalfi Coast. The kitchen team here are devoted to sourcing the finest raw ingredients to craft gastronomic masterpieces.

### Lo Scoglio

Lo Scoglio da Tommaso is a world-famous restaurant in the seaside village of Marina del Cantone. It offers the finest example of local cuisine with fresh produce from the sea and the family farm.

### Il Cantuccio

Directly into the crystal-clear sea of the famous Nerano Bay, this place is a very special traditional restaurant. The indispensable ingredients of their cuisine are the sea, the passion of the Chef and his team, the love for good things, the genuine flavors and the importance of our roots.



# WHERE TO EAT

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## SORRENTO

### Tasso

This centrally located Sorrento restaurant boasts a simple and modern Mediterranean design. The menu includes delicious Neapolitan-style pizzas as well as other typical regional dishes, such as pasta with Neapolitan meat sauce, Caprese salad and Mediterranean fish selection.

### Da Filippo

At the Da Filippo restaurant the protagonists are the Pizza, the meat and the traditional Sorrento dishes served in a rustic farm-style trattoria with a large terrace.

### Il Buco ✿

Another proud Michelin-star recipient, Il Buco is located in the cellars of an old monastery building in an ancient corner of Sorrento. The food is simple yet inimitable, while the atmosphere is unpretentious and welcoming.

### L'Antica Trattoria

Just a few steps and you will find yourself in a peaceful heaven of plants and flowers. A dream corner with the vine covered pergola which comprises the terrace. A cuisine based on the traditional flavors, folded into delicious and secret recipes.

### Museo Caruso

In a modern location with an intimate and warm atmosphere you can taste exclusive delicacies and delicious specialties with an extraordinary flavor.

### Bagni Sant'Anna

This restaurant offers a menu mainly based on fish with carefully selected "zero kilometer" produce. Also open in the evening, with the complicity of the lights and scents of the village and Sorrento, the atmosphere will be even more relaxing and suggestive.

# WHERE TO DRINK AND DANCE

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## MUSIC ON THE ROCKS - POSITANO

The Amalfi Coast's nightlife scene centers on the charismatic and chic seaside town of Positano, which is packed with bay-view restaurants, fashionable bars and sophisticated sidewalk cafés.

Evenings out in Positano usually begin with that oh-so-very Italian tradition: an aperitif.

Popular pre-dinner drinks spots include Buca di Bacco. The most in-demand seats here are on the small beach-facing patio, though these tend to fill up quickly. If you find yourself feeling settled here, you may want to stay for dinner, which can be had in the terrace restaurant above the bar.

Party-keen visitors will usually wind up their nights at Positano's most well-known nightlife venue: Music on the Rocks.

This legendary nightclub - the only one in town - is on Spiaggia Grande beach, and has an atmospheric cave-like interior complete with exposed rock walls and sea views.







### Summer - Amalfi Musical

Taking place from Mid-May till October, every Wednesday and Saturday, this nightly action-packed show chronicles the birth, rise and fall of the powerful Amalfi Republic, attracting tourists from all over the Campania area.

### June 27 and November 30 - Feast of Sant'Andrea

Twice a year, on June 27 and November 30, the town of Amalfi hosts a fabulous festival honoring its patron saint and the protector of fisherman, Sant'Andrea - or as he is more commonly known in English, the apostle St. Andrew. The event commemorates the so-called "miraculous storm" of June 27, 1544. According to local legend, the storm was whipped up by the saint in order to ward off a pirate attack. The festival includes a procession, during which a silver bust of the saint, referred to by the locals as o' viecchio (the Old One), is taken down the steps of the cathedral through the town center all the way to Marina Grande beach, where fishermen welcome their savior. The harbor and the various boats docked there are blessed, then the fishermen carry the statue back to the cathedral. After the procession, the celebrations heat up with a firework display, games, music and dancing. The festival takes place not just once, but a twice a year, with the second annual edition in November coinciding with the anniversary of St. Andrew's death. With less tourists in town to witness it, this event has a real local flavor.



### August 31-September 1 - Byzantine New Year

Held every year in Amalfi and in the quieter yet equally beautiful neighboring town of Atrani, these festivities hark back to the Byzantine era, when these dates would have marked a new fiscal and judicial year.

The festivities kick off with a medieval-themed parade and games in Amalfi, while Atrani commemorates the ordination of a duke at the town's Palatine chapel of the Church of S. Salvatore de Birecto.





### July 22 - Feast of Santa Maria Maddalena

The Feast of Santa Maria Maddalena (a.k.a. St. Mary Magdalene) has its origins in a miracle that was said to have taken place here back in the 13th century. The story goes that the saint saved the town from an attack by Alexandrian pirates - the townspeople show their gratitude during this event. Expect to see a procession, beginning at the Church of Santa Maria Maddalena. This church is a local landmark, identifiable by its ornate white façade and simple yet undoubtedly beautiful bell tower, which dates back to the 16th century. The procession, which transports an image of the saint, moves slowly around the alleys and laneways of the town. The streets are bedecked with multicolored lights in honor of the occasion. A bronze bell signals the start of the parade, with a musical band taking over duties as the processions snakes around town. Later, a fireworks display lights up the skies over the bay and coastal area. Be sure to try some tasty local specialties during the festival; one commonly served festival meal is sarchiapone, which comprises a green squash filled with minced meat, mozzarella and eggs and accompanied by a tomato sauce.



### July 13 - Santa Trofimena (Patrona)

Like many of the festivals in the region, this one has religious roots. A procession carrying a statue of the eponymous saint departs from Santa Trofimena church, and passes through the darkened night streets, which are enchantingly lit by small red candles.

### Last Week of Aug. - First Week of Sep. - Gusta Minori

Gusta Minori, which translates to mean "A Taste of Minori," celebrates all things foodie with a gourmet food-themed street fair. Taste local produce, discover new Italian wines and unique regional delicacies, as well as listening to live music and attending performances.



## CETARA

### First week of August - The Days of the Blue Fish

The village of Cetara is something of a throwback. In fact, it is the only town left on the Amalfi Coast that still has its very own commercial fishing fleet. It is especially famous for its tuna and anchovies, and every year, "Le Giornate del Pesce Azzurro" (The Days of the Blue Fish) - a festival honoring Cetara's fishing traditions - is held during the first week of August.

During the festival, visitors have the rare opportunity to step aboard local fishing boats, where they can learn about the age-old practices and take part in tastings.

In the evening, the sound of traditional music rings through the air, and the town's port transforms into a kind of open-air restaurant complete with lots of tempting food stalls. Fish, naturally, is the star of proceedings. Expect to see tuna and anchovies prepared in numerous ways, as well as booths selling local wine and limoncello.





### CONCA DEI MARINI

**First Week of Aug. - The "Sfogliatella Santa Rosa" Festival**  
A must for Italian pastry aficionados, this festival celebrates sfogliatella, a shell-shaped pastry with a ricotta cheese and candied fruit filling. Though the pastry is popular throughout Italy, it has its origins here in Conca dei Marini, having first been made by the nuns of the nearby Santa Rosa Convent back in the 17th century. Though the nuns managed to keep the recipe secret to begin with, it later got out and it is now one of the most beloved Neapolitan pastries.



### Last Saturday of September - Feast of the Fish

The summer season wraps up with a bang with this lively festival held on Positano's Fornillo beach. Those who attend can expect live music, the chance to taste local fish dishes and lashings of sangria.

### 5, 14 & 15 August - Feast of the Assunta

The Festival of Our Lady of the Assumption is Positano's most important religious celebration. It is held to honor the town's patron saint, the Virgin Mary. Legend has it that back in the 12th century, a ship carrying an icon of the Virgin Mary was beached in the vicinity of Positano. The story goes that foreign sailors were only able to leave after giving the icon - which is still in Positano to this day - to the townspeople.

The celebrations begin on August 5, with the "Exiting of the Madonna," during which an 18th-century statue of Our Lady Saint Mary of the Assumption is taken out of the chapel of St. Stephen, where it is kept alongside the original 12th-century icon.

On August 14, the "Alzata del quadro" ("Lifting of the Painting") take place in front of the Church of Santa Maria Assunta. That evening, a water-based procession comprised of illuminated boats, travels out to the "Mamma e Figlio" rocks by Fornillo beach before traveling back to the main beach, the Spiaggia Grande.

On the night of August 15, the festival finishes on a high with a fantastic fireworks show, which sets the skies above Positano's Fornillo beach alight.



### End of July/Beginning of Aug. - Festival of San Domenico

During the Festival of San Domenico, local residents of the pedestrianized Via Costantinopoli and Via Masa (a small street just below the church of San Gennaro) prepare tastings of popular homemade dishes, which are doled out to passers-by.

### July 31-August 4 - Luminaria di San Domenico

This annual five-day festival has been taking place since 1606, when the first Dominican monks settled in to the convent of Santa Maria a Castro, which is set on a mountain slope overlooking Praiano.

The festival is all about light. In the past, the local residents would have burned dried vines, shrubs and trees in their gardens and lit torches in their homes, to recognize the event. These days, locals tend to use wax and oil candles to light up their terraces, windows and streets. Don't leave without seeing the candle-covered Piazza San Gennaro, which – when lit by the flickering flame of some 3,000 candles – looks truly spectacular. The festival gets underway in Piazza San Gennaro with a performance by fire artists.

### OTHER NOTABLE PRAIANO FESTIVALS

From May to Sep. I Suoni Degli Dei\*

First Sunday of July and 18 October: Festival of St. Luke

First Sunday of May and 19 Sep.: Festival of St. Gennaro

\*a music festival on the "Path of the Gods".





### Summer - The Ravello Summer Music Festival

Originally set up to bolster tourist numbers after World War II, this uber-popular festival was a roaring success from the get-go, and continues to attract music lovers from far and wide. Events in the program run the gamut from photographic exhibits and dance shows to jazz concerts and classical recitals.

### Third Sunday of September - Fire Show

Every year, on the third Sunday in September, the small village of Torello, just outside Ravello, comes ablaze with fireworks in celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The fun in the borgo (hamlet) of Torello gets underway before the fireworks show, with a torch-lit procession carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary weaving its way around town. Post-procession, a trumpet sounds, marking the beginning of a fantastic firework show, with firecrackers, fountains and rockets being set off from the terraces of the town's houses and from the church bell tower.

As the fireworks go off, the lights that adorn the town's buildings change color, creating a riot of bright lights, before three loud shots bring an end to the dramatic ceremony.

The feast is a celebration of a historical battle fought – and ultimately lost – by the people of Ravello, who were at the time part of the Amalfi Maritime Republic, against the invading Pisan troops. The fun continues after the fireworks end, with local revelers staying up late to enjoy live music and delicious food.



## SCALA

### October - Chestnut Festival

The mountain slopes that rise up around the town of Scala (not far from Ravello) are carpeted in chestnut trees, which are harvested annually. To mark the annual harvest season, Scala hosts a weekend-long festival every October (dates vary depending on the annual harvest), in which chestnuts are the star of the show. Celebrants eat chestnut-based dishes and a donkey race takes place on the town's central piazza.





