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Embrace La Dolce Vita in Italy's 6 Most Gorgeous Towns

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These are the Italian seaside and countryside towns that should be on your travel list.

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Praiano

Praiano is the new Positano—pass it on. This beautiful town, along the Amalfi Coast, is an idyllic fishing village with the classic Mediterrean white-washed buildings but a smaller tourist population than Amalfi. In fact, with a resident population of 2,000, Praiano has a much more relaxed feel, but is still rich in Italian history. It was once a coastal escape for southern Italian medieval dukes and was known for producing silk. And it's not exactly difficult to see why Italian royalty flocked to Praiano. Stay at the exclusive, 39-room Casa Angelina, an American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts Property, while in Praiano, a boutique property that embodies both the old and new in Praiano. The bones of the hotel design are old-world luxury, contrasted with new-age art pieces featured in the common areas.