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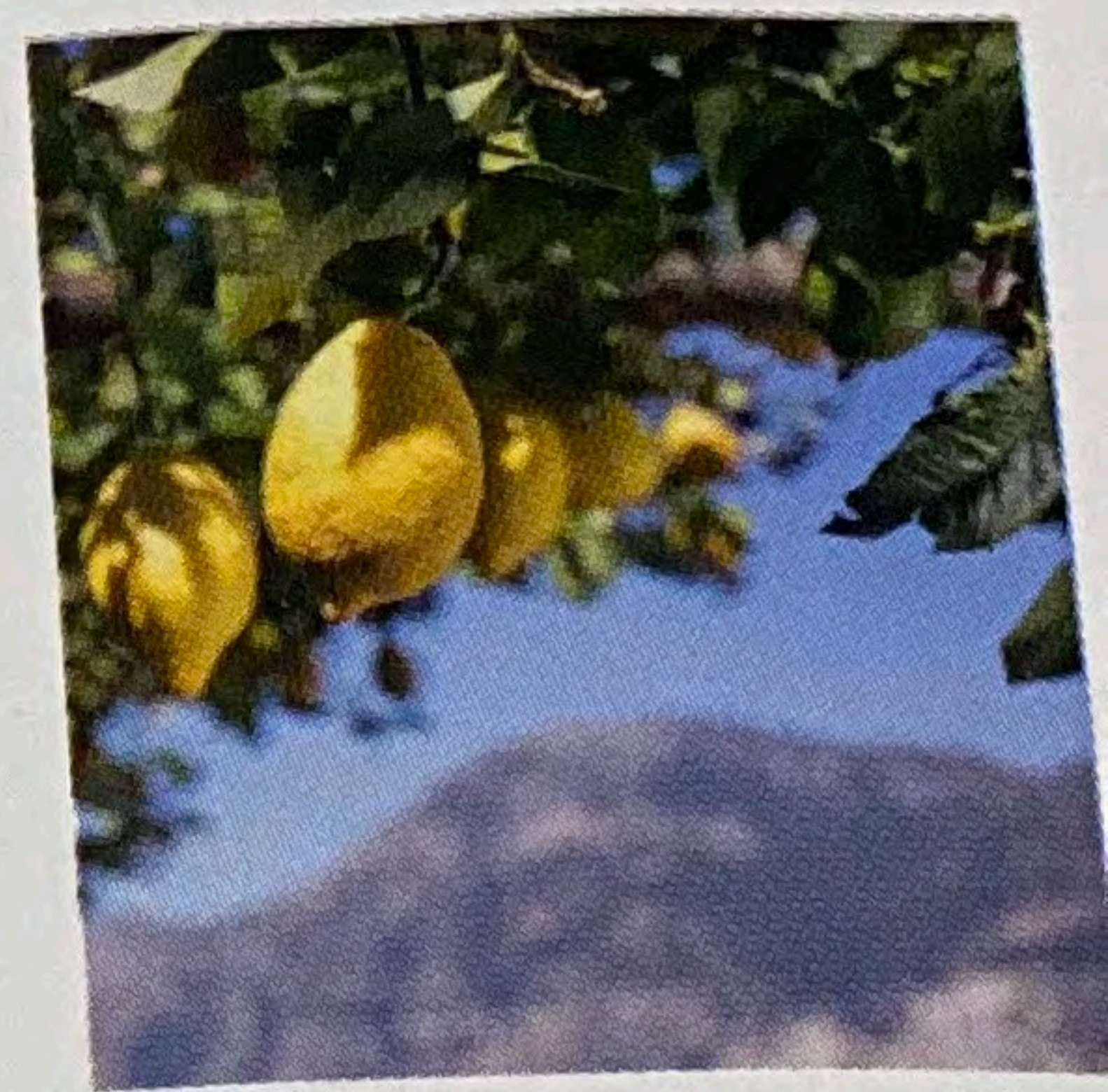
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## CASA ANGELINA, ITALY

**W**hoever first saw the sheer cliff faces that jut up from Italy's Amalfi Coast and thought they would make good places to build some villages clearly had an eye more for the aesthetic than the practical. For the inhabited landscape makes no sense – sheer and unforgiving, houses clinging to rocks in terror, roads in winding tributaries above vertical drops – but it does look sensational. Gardens cascading down dramatic stone, whitewashed houses matching the crests of the waves, trees rich with sunshine-like lemons and the Tyrrhenian Sea glinting sapphire blue. You'll probably have heard of Positano, with an enclave of tourist-pleasing restaurants snuggled into its cove, but drive just one bend further around the mountain and you'll find Praiano. Ninety minutes from Naples airport, just over a two-hour flight from London, Praiano is the ancient holiday home once beloved of first-century Roman emperors, and is now the newest jewel in the Amalfi crown.



*Indulge  
your senses  
on the  
Amalfi  
Coast.*

Praiano is quieter than its neighbour, and smaller, less flashy. With just 2,000 residents, the restaurants seem to have more freshly caught seafood than people, bursting with bowls of linguine with clams that were in the ocean moments before. Streets are narrow and all roads lead – eventually – to the beach and its little sliver of terracotta sand. There isn't much to actually do in Praiano, but that's not exactly the point – it's a place in which relaxation is an art form, where a long lunch becomes a leisurely dinner, punctuated only with naps, books and sun. Nowhere is this more true than at the five-star Casa Angelina, a brilliant-white split-level haven with sun decks and pools looking out to Positano (its whites are so brilliant, in fact, that one employee is hired solely to do the constant touch-ups it requires to look this fresh; there are a dazzling 50 shades). You can lie on the hotel lawn, with its vista of sea and rock, walk five minutes into town to stock up on local ceramics, or just languidly wait for dinner time to roll around at Un Piano Nel Cielo, the hotel's fine dining restaurant. Yacht tours arc around the base of the cliff, and fresh sea air will restore you to your very best. It's that kind of place, Praiano; full of lazy light.

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### TRIP NOTES

Rooms at Casa Angelina start at €825 per night, [casangelina.com](http://casangelina.com)



# Escapes

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## BLUE SKY THINKING

Lockdown has us longing to return to our favourite hotels across Europe. Here are some of our most-loved, which are firmly back at the top of our wish lists...