

# 7 -10 Day Amalfi Coast Escape Positano – Ravello - Capri



# CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-10 DAY ITINERARY

Renowned for its rugged terrain, scenic beauty, picturesque towns and diversity, Italy's Amalfi Coast is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. A perfect escape for couples.



Visit the site of Pompeii, which was lost for nearly 1700 years before its accidental rediscovery in 1748. Since then, its excavation has provided an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of a city at the height of the Roman Empire.



Overlook the bay of Naples in Sorrento. Many viewpoints in the city allow sight of Naples itself (visible across the bay), Vesuvius and the island of Capri.





Tour nearby villages and enjoy the scenic Amalfi Drive at your own pace with your private car and driver.



Dine in Italy's finest restaurants, including an unforgettable experience at Mamma Agatha's in the heart of Ravello

Inclusions: 3 nights in Deluxe Panoramic View Room at the Hotel Villa Franca including breakfast, service and taxes; 3 nights in King Double Sea View Room at the Hotel Palazzo Sasso including breakfast, service and taxes; 2 nights in Double king room with Sea View at the Capri Palace Hotel including breakfast, service and taxes; private car and driver per itinerary; private transfers per itinerary including yacht transfer to Capri and

hydrofoil to Naples.

**Exclusions:** International Air; Meals besides breakfast; gratuities; items of a personal nature

# Day 1 Naples: USA - Naples- Positano

**Arrival into Naples Airport** – Enjoy private leisurely transfer from the Airport to Positano stopping en-route to take in the highlights of Pompeii with local expert guide.

Pompeii, which was buried under cinder from 79 A.D. in of the most disastrous volcanic eruptions today, provides us with first class evidence of the way of life in a Roman city during the time of the Roman Empire. Your guide will help the site come alive to you and help you understand how life over the centuries has actually changed very little, and the rhythms of humanity are timeless.

**Upon arrival in Positano,** you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Positano's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.



Overnight Hotel Villa Franca.

Day 2 Positano: Positano

## Breakfast in the hotel

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy and explore Positano

**Dinner at leisure** at the beautiful La Sponda Restaurant

We highly recommend this elegant restaurant with a wonderful terrace from where you can see the entire Positano coast and the small Mermaid Isle. The restaurant is located within the grounds of the Hotel Le Sirenuse, a noble villa, now considered to be one of the most beautiful hotels on the Amalfi Coast.

Overnight Hotel Villa Franca.

Day 3 Positano: Sorrento - Positano

# **Breakfast in the Hotel**

**After breakfast,** you will meet your private English-speaking driver for a morning tour to enjoy the nearby town of Sorrento followed by lunch at the famous Ristorante Don Alonso in the hills above Sorrento before returning to Positano.

This morning, enjoy a leisurely drive along the coast to the beautiful town of Sorrento, famous for its artisans who you will see practising their craft in their local workshops, from inlaid woodwork to limoncello liquor, a famous craft. You may wish to save Sorrento for the afternoon so that you can enjoy your time strolling through the small streets and of this charming town.

Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Ristorante Don Alonso before returning to Positano.

Dinner at leisure at Ristorante Don Alfonso

This has to be one of Italy's best restaurants – if not the best. The food and service are exceptional. Remember to ask about their extensive, very famous wine cellar...there are over 25,000 bottles of wines from many countries in the world. Your visit to the cellar will be assisted by one of the restaurants' premier sommeliers. This is a fabulous overall food and wine experience.

Overnight Hotel Villa Franca.



# Day 4 Positano: Positano - Ravello

# Breakfast in the hotel

**After breakfast,** you will check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver int eh lobby of the hotel for your transfer to Ravello.

Day with Driver to enjoy the Amalfi Coast before transferring to the beautiful Palazzo Sasso in Ravello your home for the next 3 nights.

One of the most scenic drives you will ever take, this will make you never want to say goodbye to the Amalfi Coast!

We stop at Amalfi, one of the most famous towns along this coastline and conveniently located only 30 minutes drive from Positano.

**Upon arrival in Ravello at your hotel,** you will be welcomed with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Ravello's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

Overnight Hotel Palazzo Sasso.

# Day 5 Ravello: Ravello

# Breakfast in the hotel

**After breakfast,** you will have the whole day at leisure to explore on your own this wonderful area. See below for some recommended experiences in Ravello and the surrounding area.

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# **Top Sites in Ravello:**



Sitting high atop a promontory that offers stunning views of the Mediterranean and the dramatic coastline below, the Villa Cimbrone is the crown laurel of Ravello.

Its origins date back to the 11th century, but the villa and the gardens were extensively renovated by a British nobleman, Lord Grimthorpe, in the early 20th century. With its expansive gardens and dramatic views, the villa is a popular place for weddings, honeymoons, and receptions. The villa is a private five-star hotel – Hotel Villa Cimbrone, but the gardens are open to the public and it ranks, perhaps, as the most memorable sight on the Amalfi Coast.

# Villa Rufolo, Ravello

The Villa Rufolo, which overlooks the Piazza Vescovado, is the historical and cultural center of Ravello. Built by a wealthy merchant family in the 13th century, the villa has a rich and storied past. Boccaccio, one of the earliest authors of the Italian renaissance, wrote a story about the villa and its owner in his Decameron, which was published in 1353.

# The Duomo (Cathedral)

The Duomo, which faces the main square (Piazza Vescovado), is the spiritual and social center of Ravello. Built in the 11th century with support from the Rufolo family, the Duomo is a combination of Baroque and Romanesque styles. Dedicated to St. Pantaleone, the church has undergone extensive modifications and restorations over the past 900 years. The Duomo's shining white façade dates back to the last major restoration in 1931. The Duomo's bell tower, which dates back to the 13th century, shows Moorish and Byzantine influence.

**Dinner** This evening enjoy a very special dinner at Mamma Agatha's in the heart of Ravello.

The cooking career of Mamma Agata started at the age of thirteen, when she went to work in the kitchen of an American lady who owned a summer villa in Ravello. Within a few months she proved to be a natural, and began producing the regional specialties of the Amalfi, and has been ever since.

Overnight Hotel Palazzo Sasso.

# Day 6 Ravello: Ravello

### **Breakfast in the Hotel**

Day at Leisure to enjoy Ravello on your own.

Ravello, a resort town set 365 meters above the Tyrrhenian Sea by Italy's Amalfi Coast, is home to iconic cliffside gardens. The 13th-century, Moorish-style Villa Rufolo offers far-reaching views from its terraced gardens, and hosts indoor and outdoor concerts during the popular



summertime Ravello Festival. Villa Cimbrone, a medieval-style estate perched on a steep outcrop, is surrounded by another celebrated garden.

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# Day 7 Ravello: Ravello - Capri

### Breakfast in the hotel

**After breakfast,** check out of the hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Amalfi port.

Private Sedan Transfer from Palazzo Sasso Hotel in Ravello to Amalfi Port

Enjoy a very special day transferring to Capri by Private yacht enjoying the Amalfi Coast, Li Galli Islands and Island of Capri from the best possible place – the sea itself.

**Upon arrival in Capri on your private yacht,** you will meet your private English-Ospeaking driver at the port and enjoy a convenient sedan transfer from the Port to the beautiful Capri Palace Hotel.

**Upon arrival at the hotel,** You will be welcomed with a private VIP check-in experiences. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore on your own.

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Capri, an island in Italy's Bay of Naples, is famed for its rugged landscape, upscale hotels and shopping, from designer fashions to limoncello and handmade leather sandals. One of its best-known natural sites is the Blue Grotto, a dark cavern where the sea glows electric blue, the result of sunlight passing through an underwater cave. In summer, Capri's dramatic, cove-studded coastline draws many yachts.



# **Top Sites in Capri:**

#### A Boat Tour Around the Island

Discover Capri from the sea, then lie back in a wooden rowboat to enter the magical Blue Grotto.

## A Climb up Mount Solaro with the Chairlift

From Piazza Vittoria in Anacapri, you can can take the chairlift up to the peak of Mount Solaro where you can take in the view from the top, snap pictures, and stop for a drink at the "La Canzone del Cielo" café. Walk back down the mountain slope, following the signs for the **Cetrella hermitage**, a tiny chapel perched on the mountainside which was once a retreat for hermits. If the church is open, take a peek inside; the custodians will be happy to show you the gorgeous terraces over the sea.

# A Walk to Tragara (and Beyond)

From the Piazzetta, walk down towards the Hotel Quisisana, making sure to window shop at the luxury boutiques along the way. Once you turn the corner, you'll find yourself on the bright, silent Via Tragara. This lane skirts the gardens of the most beautiful villas and hotels on Capri, with the sea shimmering beyond the sweet jasmine and colorful bougainvillea, ending at a scenic overlook facing the Faraglioni rock formations.

From here, you can opt to continue your walk towards Pizzolungo.

# A Drink at the Lighthouse

Where can you see the most spectacular sunset on the island of Capri? Definitely from the Punta Carena lighthouse, the only spot on the island where you can **watch the sun sink into the Mediterranean**. Try to arrive at the lighthouse in the afternoon, take a dip in the sea, sunbathe for a bit, then sip a cocktail while you watch the sun set.

## A Day at the Beach

What's better than relaxing on a sun lounger, drink in hand, and gazing out over the crystalline waters of the Mediterranean? Capri's beaches are few and small, carved into the rocky coast by wind and water and devoid of sand. The beach establishments, however, are like seaside salons, with excellent seafood and fish restaurants where you can relax all day long.

## A Walk in the Center of Anacapri

This village at the highest point on the island is much quieter and more peaceful than the bustle of the center of Capri town. It's a pleasure to wander the lanes lined by artisan workshops, the tiny squares with their majolica benches, and the alleys through houses with traditional barrel-shaped roofs.

### **How to Dress for an Evening Out on Capri**

Capri is an informal island, and visitors can dress as they please. In a few of the more formal restaurants (those, for example, in luxury hotels), long pants are required for men. Women are advised to leave their high heels at home, as the steep lanes on Capri are difficult to navigate in heels. You are much better off following in the footsteps of Brigitte Bardot and Jackie Kennedy, who made flat "Capri sandals" famous.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Capri's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.



Overnight Hotel Capri Palace

Day 8 Capri: Capri

#### **Breakfast in the Hotel**

Day completely at leisure to enjoy Capri on own.

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Day 9 Capri: Capri – Naples – US & Home

# Breakfast in the hotel.

**After breakfast,** check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the port.

Private Sedan Transfer from Capri Palace to Capri Port

Board the Hydrofoil Ferry from Capri to Naples –

Upon arrival in Naples, you will be met by your private English-speaking driver and private sedan transfer from Naples Port to Naples Airport – the most leisurely way to transfer from Capri.

**Upon arrival at the Naples airport,** you will meet your international flight to return to the US and forward to Home.

Depart for your international flight.



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# Hotel Villa Franca



One of the most pleasant hotels in Positano the Villa Franca is located in a commanding position over the white landscape, the hotel offers a magical vision of the breathtaking nature of the coast. This family owned hotel offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere of the old seigneurial villa: tiled floors, stone from Vesuvius, lacquered terracotta vases, typify the surroundingsand blend in with the original architecture.

# Hotel Palazzo Sasso



A stunning new five star deluxe hotel on Italy's famous Amalfi coast. The hotel is a 12th century Italian villa tucked away in the hill top village of Ravello perched high on the cliffs, 350 meters (1,000 ft.) above the sparkling Mediterraneanand overlooking some of the coast's most picturesque fishing villages. Opened in 1997, it has already been rated as one of the finest hotels and restaurants in the World.



# Capri Palace



To say that the Capri Palace knows the true meaning of service and hospitality is an understatement. From the moment that you arrive to the minute you leave, you are sure to experience a very special stay enjoying the luxurious accommodations, exquisite service, food, and relaxing spa treatments.

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