

The Tastemakers of Positano & the Isle of Capri

Amalfi Coast Culinary Walking Adventure



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Food & Wine of Southern Italy

Our friend Sergio, is passionate about food. (And anyone who's traveled with him as a guide on our Amalfi Coast tour will chuckle at that understatement.) So when we set out to plan a special itinerary that combines beautiful walks with an emphasis on cooking and culinary traditions, whom did we ask to join us as we sampled our way through the kitchens, gardens and vineyards of the fabled Amalfi Coast? Imagine it: There you are, settled into a lovely hotel in a fishing village on the steep and sunny coastline. You take walks that reveal Positano, Ravello, the Isle of Capri, and even Pompeii with an archaeologist friend of ours. And oh the seafood, the lemons that grow on trees lining the streets, the cheese. We've arranged informal cooking sessions in a charming setting with one of our favorite cooks as well as some hands-on tutoring with professional chefs. Like a great Italian meal, this week is a long, happy, satisfying event that you'll wish would never end.

DAY 1

POMPEII

- Explore Pompeii with an expert archaeologist guide
- Toast the week ahead over a festive welcome dinner

Meet in Naples at your hotel overlooking the bay and the fortress. Your afternoon is dedicated to perhaps the greatest treasure of Roman antiquity: Pompeii. You know the story of how it was buried by an eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD and of the centuries-long process of excavating the ruins – a process that's still yielding remarkable discoveries. That story comes to vivid life as you explore with your own expert archeologist. You'll see the details and nuances of the city as your guide takes you to a favorite villa and hidden parts of the site.

Late afternoon, you return to Naples. Your hotel is located right on the waterfront, is an ideal location for a leisurely walk on your own, before or after a festive welcome dinner.

Overnight: Naples

Meals: D

DAY 2

CAPRI

- Hydrofoil across the Bay of Naples to Capri
- Settle into the renowned Grand Hotel Quisisana
- Cooking Instruction

After breakfast, you board a hydrofoil for a brief skim across the bay to the Isle of Capri, where you'll have the incomparable luxury of calling it your home away from home for the next two nights. From the dock, convertible taxis whisk you up to the piazzetta, the little square that is the heart of Capri's pedestrian village and just a few steps from the Grand Hotel Quisisana. The Quisi is the island's most iconic hotel, where "grand" takes on a whole new meaning.

In the days ahead, you'll have plenty of time to explore and shop in the charming, boutique-lined streets. (Any designer label that comes to mind when you think of haute couture has a boutique on Capri). You walk to one of Capri's hidden gems, a family-run restaurant secluded amongst the trees where we have our first cooking experience of the week. After enjoying our lunch, we stretch our legs on a footpath that follows along the coast. Our walk includes jaw-dropping views of the faraglioni, three enormous rocks that emerge dramatically from the deep blue sea, the highest one of which was used as the base for a lighthouse hundreds of years ago. After returning to the hotel, you have time to relax or shop, and enjoy the quaint atmosphere of Capri at night.

Overnight: Capri

Meals: B, L

DAY 3

CAPRI

- Marvel at the views from the top of Monte Solaro
- Back at sea level, lunch at an elegant marina
- Stroll the quiet streets after the day-trippers leave

One of the most unexpected and unforgettable experiences on Capri is making the ascent to Monte Solaro. From Anacapri, the island's other main village, a chairlift takes you up to the terrace on the mountaintop. On the chairlift you're close to nature and culture - your feet almost graze the small fruit trees in the gardens of the homes we glide over. Once at the top, remarkable views come into focus. You can see the arc of the bay and Naples at its edge with the inevitable profile of Vesuvius. There's also a view to the Amalfi Peninsula where you're headed in the coming days and the blue-as-blue-can-be Tyrrhenian Sea.

The way down is on a nature trail path that wanders through meadows and past a 14th century monastery. The walk and the amazing air are ideal appetite stimulants, which is a lucky thing as your next destination is the beach, for lunch, if you wish, at Marina Piccola. From Jackie O to Julia Roberts, it's been a magnet for the isle's celebrated visitors, and it's a perfect expression of Capri style.

Back in the village of Capri, sip a Negroni on the hotel's elegant front terrace, take advantage of the many different amenities of the hotel. And, by all means, do some shopping in the elegant shops that stay open late into the evening. The day-trippers

are gone, and this peaceful face of Capri is a wonderful way to bring your day to a long, lingering end. Dinner tonight is at the exclusive restaurant of the Quisisana hotel.

Overnight: Capri

Meals: B, D

DAY 4

SORRENTO HILLS / POSITANO

- **Cooking instruction on a charming organic farm**
- **Enjoy a lunch of Mediterranean specialties**
- **Explore and have dinner in Positano**

After a sumptuous breakfast wave goodbye to the Quisisana and Capri to return to the mainland. Tracing the perimeter of the bay, arrive in Sorrento. From here, driving up the rolling hills, you head towards our hosts' organic farm, located in the countryside of a town called Sant'Agata sui due Golfi, for a delicious and truly southern Italian hands-on cooking class. Immerse yourself in the experience of learning how to prepare the iconic dishes that have made this area famous worldwide. Prepare, course after course, and with the friendly help of a member of the family that welcomes us, our Mediterranean farm lunch.

From the farm, the sinuous Amalfi Drive traces the peninsula's edge. A remarkable work of engineering, it is carved out of the side of a mountain, with views down to the Tyrrhenian Sea and up to the cliffs above. At the farthest point, you can see back to Capri. In the afternoon, you arrive in the seaside village of Positano. When John Steinbeck lived here, he wrote that "Positano is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you've gone." But don't worry. Your guide will see to it that you have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the reality of Positano during your visit. And that starts with the pinch-yourself views from your cliffside hotel. The town stretches from your window and the pastel-colored villas cling almost to the steep slopes down to the sea.

Shortly after arriving in Positano, we will have time to feel the local flavor of the famed Amalfi Coast. Join your guide for an exploration of Positano, where you have time to soak in the unique atmosphere while walking down the colorful and meandering little streets at sunset, before reuniting with your travel companions again for dinner in town.

Overnight: Positano

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

RAVELLO / AMALFI

- **Wander in the sky-high gardens of Ravello**
- **Cooking instruction in Ravello**
- **Explore the beauty of Amalfi**

Your morning opens with a scenic drive (there is no other kind of drive in Amalfi) to Ravello. Perched high on a ridge, the town has a lovely historic center with colorful ceramic shops and bustling sidewalk cafes. All sidewalks end at the literal edge of gardens where you can see miles and miles of coastline from a single spot. Upon arrival in Ravello, we are welcomed into a local kitchen for another unforgettable cooking experience.

In the early afternoon, we drive down to Amalfi, Italy's oldest maritime republic. Here we walk through its streets and squares, passing by the cathedral with its golden façade. The area owes its renown to the many foreign writers and artists who depicted the wild beauty of the town and the surrounding valley, made even more charming by the presence of medieval buildings and visible traces of a glorious past of seafaring and trade, which made the Amalphytani some of the most successful merchants around the Mediterranean.

Overnight: Positano

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

POSITANO / SORRENTO

- **Walk through pine and chestnut trees**
- **Make your own pizza in a real wood-burning oven**
- **Taste the freshest mozzarella and drink the original limoncello**

This morning we say "arrivederci" to the Amalfi Coast, and drive up the rolling hills to the countryside. We follow a path that meanders through chestnut trees and a pinewood forest, passing by the local's homes and gardens where all sorts of delicious seasonal fruits and vegetables are grown. You head towards your destination where your hosts await you on the hills above

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Sorrento for a delicious and truly Neapolitan hands-on pizza making experience. Watch and discover (and try it yourself!) how to make the freshest-ever mozzarella. Then toss pizza dough, dollop on your favorite toppings, and tend to the perfect baking of your own masterpiece, in an original wood fired oven.

To cap the experience, join our hosts and visit the farm's very own small factory that creates some of the region's finest limoncello. You'll see how the giant local lemons are condensed down to the gold liqueur and then sip an icy, citrus-y toast to your time on the Amalfi Coast.

In the afternoon we head to Sorrento, the town that has enchanted generations of travelers, starting from the wealthy Roman Senators to the artists of the Grand Tour. While strolling through the bustling little streets, why not indulge and try one of Italy's best gelatos, an invigorating espresso, or a smooth cappuccino, before returning to Naples to part company?

Meals: B, L



Tour Hotels



Grand Hotel Vesuvio

Built in 1882, the Grand Hotel Vesuvio is centrally located on the waterfront, overlooking Santa Lucia Harbor and the Bay of Naples. The atmosphere of an old-world hotel gracefully combines with all the modern comforts and personalized services.

OVERNIGHT: Naples | **NIGHTS:** 1



Grand Hotel Quisisana

The 'Quisi' is THE hotel in Capri. Grand and gracious, it's been named one of the World's Top 100 Hotels by both Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure. Its staid façade on the town square gives way to a hugely glamorous pool overlooking the sea.

OVERNIGHT: Capri | **NIGHTS:** 2



Villa Franca

From one of the best settings on the hillsides of Positano, you'll enjoy million-dollar views of the sea and the pastel town. Gleaming rooms capture the lovely Amalfi light. The property also boasts a sea-view pool, as well as a fitness center and spa.

OVERNIGHT: Positano | **NIGHTS:** 2

Tour Dates & Prices

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH 6 Days, 5 Nights

START lobby of Grand Hotel Vesuvio, Naples, Italy

END Train Station, Naples, Italy

TERRAIN Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths. On average, a couple of hours of walking per day.

What's Included

- Award-winning boutique hotels that provide you unlimited access to the people and places, culture and history you came to experience
- All breakfasts, 4 lunches (cooking instructions), 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
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- All land transportation during the trip

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That's what motivates me and our team — in our La Jolla HQ and around the world — every day. Join Us!

Franklin
President & Founder



You can expect the highest standards:



Luxurious Lodgings:

Ours include coveted properties that appear in "World's Best" and "Gold List" rankings.



Included Activities:

You'll never be surprised with add-on fees on your activities that include snorkeling to cooking lessons.



Local Guides:

Your guides are locals who are always at your side like well-connected friends.



Small Group Travel:

With an average of just 10-12 guests, it's a small footprint that guarantees you access that's off-limits to larger groups.



Amazing Cuisine:

From Michelin-starred restaurants to lunch in a farmhouse kitchen, you'll have a seat for the region's signature dishes.



Unmatched Value:

"Excellent value" and "unbeatable access" are two of the reasons that Travel + Leisure has consistently voted us a World's Best Tour Operator.

You'll enjoy these handcrafted travel experiences in Amalfi Coast...

- Participating in a hands-on cooking instruction in a cliffside kitchen and with one of Positano's top chefs
- Touring Pompeii with an archeologist guide, who happens to be your new friend
- Walking the glorious coastal trails in and around Positano, Ravello and the isle of Capri
- Luxuriating in knockout hotels like the Quisisana, one of The Leading Hotels of the World
- Gaining exposure to the local food and wine through local guides who love food as much as life itself

"That phone call to Classic Journeys provided me with a great vacation, new friends, good food, fantastic memories and many possibilities of future travel."

-Melinda S., Tampa, FL