



AMALFI COAST AND ISLAND OF CAPRI (INCLUDING POMPEII)

Our honeymoon couple requested a luxury, once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Amalfi Coast for a week-long stay in the full bloom of spring. With a comfortable budget we were able plan for them a truly memorable stay in one of Italy's most dreamy and romantic areas (and don't think we weren't envious).

The magnificent Amalfi Coast, the rugged coastline stretching 30 miles from the edge of the Sorrentine peninsula east to Salerno, is nothing short of a dream. Vertical towns, perilously perched along rough mountain cliffs that plunge down to impossibly blue waters, seem unreal in their simple beauty. Picturesque fishing villages draped by backgrounds of sea and cliffs, the charming towns of Positano, Amalfi and Ravello along with islands like Capri forever lure the rich and famous along with the rest of us. For here one can enjoy Italy's *la dolce vita* like nowhere else.

FLIGHT and ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Sunday, May 19

Depart US.

Monday, May 20

Arrive at Rome Fiumicino airport at 7:45 AM on United flight # 40 from Newark.

PRIVATE TRANSFER to POSITANO

Monday, May 20

Driver will pick you up from FCO airport Arrivals Gate and drive you directly to hotel. He will have a sign with your name; if you don't see him right away look for him to left of gate or at the Meeting Point, a brown column located next to exit gate (inside airport). When you exit head to the left side.

English-speaking driver will drive you from **Rome airport** to **Positano hotel**.

Ride takes about 3 - 4 hours total, depending on traffic.

POSITANO HOTEL

Hotel Il San Pietro Positano

Via Laurito, 2

Web: www.ilsanpietro.it

E-mail: reservations@ilsanpietro.it



ANTICO SOLE ITALY

Arrival: May 20

Departure: May 27

7 nights

You are reserved for a suite with sea view terrace. Prices include daily buffet breakfast and VAT.

The Hotel Il San Pietro is a spectacular 5-star property perched on a cliff, just outside the village of Positano. The hotel features a brilliant expansive terrace overlooking the sea as well as an on-site Michelin-starred restaurant. There is a free shuttle to and from town offered 24/7 – from this comfortable base you can easily explore the nooks and crannies of this charming fishing village. Positano is full of steps – everywhere you go! – so be sure to bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes. Enjoy!

Arriving at hotel:

On arrival day the car with drop you off at hotel, which is located just to the east of the village 1.5 km away.

The hotel provides free shuttle to and from downtown Positano, ask for details at check-in.

Once in Positano you can walk to town sites or take minibus – remember to wear comfortable shoes as there are steps throughout the village, impossible to avoid!

Relax and enjoy Positano today as you recover from jetlag and acclimate to the surroundings. Take the complimentary hotel shuttle into town and stroll the charming streets, enjoying endless views across sea and village. You can eat dinner at the hotel's more informal restaurant Carlino tonight (save the hotel's elegant Michelin-starred restaurant for an evening when you are more "awake" and can better savor it), or else grab a bite in town at a casual restaurant off the beach with sea views and fresh local fare:

RESTAURANT

Ristorante La Cambusa (lunch or dinner)

Piazza Vespucci, 4 - Spiaggia Grande

This restaurant is fabulous because it's situated right up off the *spiaggia grande* (big beach) with sweeping views of the beach and the sea (special effects like gently crashing waves and salt seawater scent in air complete the experience). Fresh fish is clearly the specialty. Open daily. Moderate/upper-moderate.

www.lacambusapositano.com

PRIVATE AMALFI COAST DRIVING TOUR

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

English-speaking driver will drive you from Positano to Amalfi Coastal villages like **Ravello** and **Amalfi** for a full-day driving tour of coast. Lunch with a view is a must.

DINNER RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 PM

Restaurant Zass at Hotel Il San Pietro (romantic dinner with view)

Via Laurito, 2

Your hotel's high-end restaurant, overlooking the sea with great views over Praiano and water. The Michelin-starred restaurant offers exquisite cuisine in a refined atmosphere. Memorable experience; expensive.

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CAPRI DAY-TRIP – BOAT to ISLAND of CAPRI

Wednesday, May 22

Take a public hydrofoil, *aliscafo* (faster) or a ferry, (*traghetto*) to Capri from Positano or Sorrento, depending on the water conditions and boat schedules. Confirm updated boat times at hotel the day before; the times below are not necessarily what will be running the week of your stay but should be very similar.

Departing from Positano morning boat times (departing from Positano for Capri)

Select boat timetable and pricing included in itinerary.

Return afternoon boat times (departing from Capri for Positano)

Select boat timetable and pricing included in itinerary.

Your hotel will provide the most up-to-date boat timetables. See Capri section for more information. Be sure to confirm the last boat back before embarking at Capri!

CAPRI FULL DAY-TRIP – ISLAND BOAT and WALKING TOUR

Wednesday, May 22

10:00 AM tour start

**Plan boat from Positano accordingly, to be ready at port by 10:00 AM (see above).*

Full-day tour of Capri description:

Your island tour includes a fabulous private boat tour that circumnavigates the island, visiting the most spectacular grottoes such as the Blue Grotto (entry with tides permitting), Green Grotto, White Grotto, and around the famous Faraglioni Rock formations.

There is time for swimming during our boat tour, as well (shower on board) – if weather allows.

After boat tour we take the funicular from Marina Grande up to Capri and have a walk to the Gardens of Caesar Augustus or to the Punta Tragara, both very easy walks. If you prefer something a little more challenging, we'll head up to the Villa Jovis to visit the ruins of Tiberius' most important imperial villa and then continue our walk to the Natural Arch. Doing this challenging walk will definitely take more time and reduce our time in Anacapri where we would visit the gardens and museum of the Villa San Michele or, if you prefer, take a chair lift ride up to the highest point of the island before calling it a day.

***The tour includes a boat tour in the traditional Caprese "gozzo" boat.*

The itinerary continues as such for the remaining days in Positano and Amalfi Coast; the next 4 days are filled with activities including more private driving tours, private guided tour of ancient excavations at Pompeii, visit to local buffalo mozzarella cheese producer and limoncello producer, classical music concert in Ravello, private cooking class, winery visit, ceramics workshop visit and much more. Don't worry, we never forget to "schedule in" free downtime to relax and enjoy Positano and hotel grounds, pool and private beach – key to living the Italian lifestyle of *la dolce vita*. The couple's travel budget was luxury level.

Lunch and dinner reservations made when requested by clients; some meals were purposely left open for clients to decide spontaneously on trip. The itinerary is completed with a select list of **other interesting sights to see in Amalfi Coast** and area (along with useful information like opening hours, pricing and



websites); suggested **shopping ideas** including stores selling local products; select **restaurant list** and **What do Eat on the Amalfi Coast** regional food list.

The full itinerary includes regional **maps** of select towns with essential sites marked.

