



EXPERIENCES ON THE AMALFI COAST



WELCOME TO THE AMALFI COAST

While it may be tempting to simply sit and gaze at the jaw-dropping vistas, there is much to explore in and around Ravello. Hike through a subtropical valley, tour a fragrant lemon grove or embrace la dolce vita on a Fiat 500 shopping tour. Discover the astounding history of Pompeii, plunge into underground Naples, or set sail on enchanting cruises to Capri and Ischia. Or simply luxuriate at the hotel, enjoying tours with our gardener or lessons in authentic pizza making with our chefs. The Amalfi Coast awaits: simply ask our Concierge and it is yours.

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Within our walls



GARDEN TOUR

Discover our glorious grounds with Head Gardener, Gaetano. Explore terraces of olives, lemons and vines, strawberry trees and pomegranates. He will point out scented plants and flowers, the wisteria framing a breathtaking vista and the landscaped herb garden full of enticing flavours. All the while, he will regale you with stories and anecdotes about the flourishing features.

The gardens offer year-round interest, from flourishing roses in the spring to a bounty of grapes, chestnuts, olives and mushrooms being ripe or ready to pick in the autumn.

Gaetano recommends a tour after breakfast, when the scent of the flowers is most intense and the sun rising over the Amalfi Coast creates an almost surreal atmosphere. After the tour, sit on a bench and lose yourself in the scent of an orange tree or have an open-air massage among the jasmine flowers.



The tour lasts between 1 and 2 hours.



PIZZA LESSON

Gather at our Poolside Bar, beside the beautiful Infinity pool, for an authentic Neapolitan pizza-making lesson with our chef. Prepare the dough, learn how to stretch it and dress it with delicious local ingredients before baking. Then all that is left is to indulge in your masterpiece.



The class starts at 4.30pm. Fun for adults and children alike.

MAKING MOVIES

Under guidance of a professional filmmaker, children are invited to create their own vacation movie. They will choose the location and soundtrack, learn how to plan the scene and enact it, and ensure they capture it to their exacting standards.



The session lasts 3 hours, beginning at the hotel before moving further afield.



Embrace the
Amalfi Coast



AMALFI COAST TOUR

Embark on a wonderful 7-hour tour of the region to visit the historic fishing village of Atrani, the picturesque bay of Conca dei Marini leading to the Emerald Grotto, the majestic Furore fjord and the vibrant towns of Amalfi and Positano.



Depart from the hotel at around 9.30am-10am and enjoy a stop for lunch in a charming trattoria (not included). A private guide is available.

AMALFI BY NIGHT

Amalfi's abundant hidden gems are revealed on this rewarding stroll, led by a true Amalfitan tour guide. Revel in the quieter ambience as evening descends.



The walking tour takes approx 2 hours. Depart from Ravello on our complimentary shuttle bus at 6pm. Return by private transfer.



AMALFI BY VESPA

Hop on an iconic scooter to explore out-of-the-way enclaves of the Amalfi Coast. Glide along narrow roads to Furore, a tranquil village stretched across a hillside above the Mediterranean Sea, where you can lose yourself in a landscape of verdant terraces, bowers of lemons and majolica pottery. Explore the vineyards of Marisa Cuomo, 500m above sea level, and learn about the art of viniculture on the steepest of slopes and the passion behind her acclaimed Costa d'Amalfi DOC wines. Afterwards you may wish to ride down to Furore's picturesque fjord, whose small beach starred in the famous dolce vita film L'Amore. Relax by the emerald waters before embarking on your exhilarating Vespa ride home.



The tour lasts approx 3 hours.



ALL ABOUT LEMONS

Enjoy an unforgettable morning or afternoon venturing through fragrant lemon groves and learning about the juicy citrus fruit's long history of cultivation in the area.

The Amalfi Coast is home to its own lemon variety, the Sfusato Amalfitano, whose sweeter, richer flavour is far superior to its smaller, sourer cousins. Learn all about it in the company of expert farmer Salvatore Aceto, whose family have been cultivating the fruit since the early 1800s. Salvatore will take you on an engaging and informative tour of his farm, which includes beautiful views and a delicious tasting experience.



The classic lemon tour takes approx 2 hours and you can either join a group tour or arrange an exclusive excursion. Salvatore will collect you from the centre of Amalfi and drive you by golf buggy to his lemon grove.





WALK AND DRAW

Add an artistic element to your walking tour of Ravello. After strolling round the glorious sights, finish in the main square, where a local artist will give you a drawing lesson. Finally, reward your endeavours with a sweet gelato.



The total experience lasts 3 hours.

STEP UP THE PACE

Discover Ravello's gorgeous surroundings while keeping fit in our exclusive 'sightsee-jogging' tour. A personal trainer acts as your tour guide, meeting you at the hotel before escorting you on a personalised sightseeing jog through the town.



The activity lasts 1 hour; please wear your own fitness clothing.



IN JACKIE KENNEDY'S FOOTSTEPS

Relive the glamour of the former First Lady's time on the Amalfi Coast, when La Dolce Vita was in full swing. Step into a vintage Fiat 500 Jolly Ghia cabriolet with an English-speaking, non-smoking driver, and for seven hours you can visit, at your whim, the most sumptuous and scenic spots from Ravello to Positano. Course along the coastal roads through sundrenched villages and stop for a little Jackie O-inspired shopping, aping the style-setter's relaxed holiday look with exquisite handmade sandals, slim Capri pants or a chic linen shift.



Depart from the hotel at around 10am and return at 5pm. The Fiat 500 can accommodate up to three guests. The itinerary is entirely up to you.



BESPOKE SHOPPING

Enjoy a stroll through the captivating, winding streets of Ravello and Amalfi, discovering enticing boutiques and specialist shops. From hand-carved cameo brooches emblazoned with your initials and tailor-made mother-of-pearl cufflinks to customised sandals decorated with Swarovski crystals, this is shopping to match your mood, your outfit and your individual style.

A highlight of the shopping trip is a visit to Ravello's coral master, Giorgio Filocamo, who has been carving intricate cameos and crafting precious jewellery in a small shop to the left of the Duomo since 1973. Enter the treasure trove to discover exquisite coral works of art in vibrant vermillions and rosy pinks, including bracelets, necklaces and corno portafortuna—good-luck charms in the shape of red chilli peppers. Make sure to visit the delightful museum at the back, home to surprising treasures such as a 17th-century red coral Christ on a crucifix.



Most of Ravello's shops are within walking distance of the hotel. To reach Amalfi you can take advantage of our complimentary shuttle bus. A private guide is also available.



Explore
further afield



VESUVIUS AND THE NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF NAPLES

Learn more about the majestic volcano that rises up over the Bay of Naples, and the dramatic role it has played in the region's history, on a day trip to Vesuvius and the National Archaeological Museum of Naples.



Depart from the hotel at around 9.30am-10am and return 7 hours later. Stop for lunch in a charming trattoria (not included). A private guide is available.

POMPEII & HERCULANEUM

Discover the astounding Roman ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum on a day trip from Ravello. Pompeii was a vast, thriving city before Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD79. Buried beneath ash until the 16th century, it was excavated to reveal streets, houses, shops, baths, theatres, cafes, even a brothel. The smaller town of Herculaneum includes intriguing details such as ancient advertisements, furniture and mosaics.



The 7-hour trip begins at around 9.30am-10am at the hotel with a stop for lunch (not included). Half-day tours to visit Pompeii only are available. A private guide can be hired.

PAESTUM & VANNULO

Three magnificent Greek temples await exploration at Paestum, a tranquil archaeological site close to the Tyrrhenian coast. Discover well-preserved mosaics, friezes, frescoes and tour the fascinating museum. Then visit nearby Vannulo farm, where organic buffalo mozzarella is produced. Tour the stables, factory and agricultural museum and enjoy a delicious tasting.



The 7-hour trip begins at around 9.30am-10am at the hotel with a stop for lunch (not included). A private guide is available.





UNDERGROUND NAPLES

Plunge beneath the ancient streets of Naples to discover a silent, lost world. Your informative guide will reveal a fascinating mixture of catacombs and caves, Roman roads and markets, World War II air-raid shelters, and early Christian burial sites of faded frescoes and mosaics.

Subterranean Naples spans the entire area of the Old Town. When the ancient Greeks excavated the area's porous volcanic rock to construct the city walls, they created vast caverns that were later used as underground tombs. When the Romans took over, they built an elaborate system of tunnels and aqueducts. Early Christians constructed chapels and cemeteries where they would come to worship the dead, and in the Middle Ages some of the deep spaces were used to dispose of plague victims.

The underground city was sealed up after a cholera epidemic in the 1880s, but during the Second World War it was re-opened so that Neapolitans could shelter in safety from the bombs. Expect to be enthralled, moved and impressed by this unexpected side to the vibrant city.



The tour takes approx 90 minutes.





Take to the water



WINE CRUISE

Escorted by our sommelier on the hotel's traditional wooden boat, Ercole, sail along the dramatic coastline on a journey of vinous discovery. "See, swirl, smell, sip" as you pass plunging cliffs and pastel fishermen's cottages, and discover how the grapes—an intrinsic part of the land—are expertly blended to create a harmony of taste, fragrance, tannin and acidity. You will sample between three and six wines, paired with exquisite canapés prepared by our Executive Chef.



This exceptional experience for wine lovers lasts 2 hours.



SUNSET CRUISE

Few experiences can surpass a sundowner on the serene waters of the Amalfi Coast. Board a private boat and glide into the sun's last warm rays. Toast the end of a wonderful day with a glass of chilled prosecco accompanied by delicious canapés. If the mood takes you, jump into the water for a refreshing dip before returning to the mainland.



Depart from Belmond Hotel Caruso at 6pm using the hotel's courtesy shuttle. Return by private car. The cruise lasts approx 2 hours.

EVENING CRUISE AND MOONLIT DINNER

Explore the dramatic beauty of the Amalfi Coast after dark and enjoy a romantic moonlit dinner in a gourmet restaurant, either along the coast or in Capri (our Concierge can offer recommendations—dinner not included in the rate). Be mesmerised as the sun slowly dips into the sea and the stars come out to twinkle in the darkening sky. The naturally stunning light show is an unforgettable spectacle.



Depart at approx 6pm and return at around midnight.

NIGHT CRUISE

The spectacle of the Amalfi Coast at night is pure magic. Savour it gliding on the tranquil waters of the Mediterranean on board a private boat with your family or a group of friends, admire the marvelous starry sky and toast to la dolce vita with a glass of prosecco.



Depart from the hotel at approx 10pm and return at around 00:30am. Minimum 4 people.



CAPRI CRUISE

Your journey to the breathtaking island of Capri begins with a leisurely cruise along the coastline. Stop at Li Galli, also known as Sirenuse, an archipelago of three small, private islands where you can leap into the crystal-clear waters and explore the marine nature reserve. Continue on, crossing the Bay of Naples over to Capri, and circumnavigate the entire island to admire its beauty from the sea. Visit the stunning Blue Grotto and cruise beneath the famous Faraglioni rock formation, Capri's iconic feature. Pause for a swim in the hidden coves and inlets before enjoying a mouth-watering lunch at a charming restaurant on the rocks. If you would like to alight to explore the island on foot, we will drop you off at the Marina Grande and meet you back there when you are ready to return.



Generally we suggest departing at around 10am and returning at 6pm, but should you prefer different times the captain is happy to comply.



ENCHANTING ISCHIA

Climb aboard a luxury boat for an unforgettable day discovering the wonders of Ischia and Procida. Visit Ischia's elegant, traffic-free town, Sant'Angelo with its characterful boutiques, local pottery and handicrafts. Admire the sumptuous villas up in the cliffs and the Grotto del Moro, a magical emerald cave. On Procida, indulge in a delicious lunch overlooking the picturesque marina. Return to Sant'Angelo to explore the phenomenal fumarole beach. Jets of hot steam rise up from beneath the surface, the result of volcanic activity. The natural thermal waters, mud and hot sands have many health benefits—reserve a luxurious treatment at a local spa to try them for yourself.



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Escape to
the Great Outdoors



PATH OF THE GODS

Probably the most famous footpath in the area, this spectacular trail, 500m above sea level, began as a communication route for local villagers. Absorb awe-inspiring views of the coast and mountain landscapes stretching from Positano to Capri and pass evocative caves and deep inlets, unique to this part of the world.



The excursion starts in Agerola and ends in Nocelle, a hamlet of Positano. It lasts about 3 hours and is 7.8km long. Please note, it is unsuitable for those who suffer from vertigo. A car will take you from the hotel to Bomerano, an hour away, and collect you from Positano. Alternatively you can return to the hotel using our complimentary shuttle bus at 4pm.

DAWN HIKE

This fantastic experience is a true treat for walking fans. Set off from the panoramic vantage point of Campidoglio, in Scala, 600m above sea level. As the first rays of the sun light your footpath, you are rewarded with breathtaking views that embrace not only the whole of the Amalfi Coast, but also a significant part of the Gulf of Salerno.

After witnessing this magical dawn spectacle, continue through the hamlets of Scala, enveloped in lush woods, chestnut groves and lemon trees, before finally reaching the beach and the sparkling, azure sea.



The 3-hour excursion begins in Campidoglio an hour before sunrise, so the time varies according to the month. Guests will be taken to and collected from the start and finish of the walk by private car.



FERRIERE VALLEY

In this stunning valley on the border between Amalfi and Agerola, streams and sea breezes have created a subtropical microclimate that has become the exclusive habitat of the giant fern, or *Woodwardia radicans*. Enjoy a delightfully cool, guided hike past waterfalls and rivulets through steep pastures, sparse vegetation and overhanging cliffs. Take a break before continuing to Amalfi, through ancient iron works and paper mills, passing the beautiful cathedral en route to the sea.



Two routes are available. The first, which takes 4-5 hours, is slightly more strenuous, affording stunning panoramic views, and starts from Campidoglio. The second is suitable for all levels, starts from Pontone and takes 3-4 hours. You will be taken by private car to your starting point and collected from Amalfi, or you can take advantage of the complimentary shuttle bus, schedule permitting.



ZIRO WATCHTOWER

Embark on a picturesque walk in fascinating Scala, known as the oldest village on the Amalfi Coast. You start high in the hills in the hamlet of Minuta, at the pretty Annunziata church. Descend the ancient steps that link Minuta to the hamlet of Pontone and stop to visit the evocative ruins of Sant'Eustachio church. Taking in the magnificent vistas of Amalfi, Atrani and verdant Mount Pontone, your eye will be caught by the Torre dello Ziro watchtower standing high on the hill.

Continue to a viewpoint on Mount Pontone to absorb the captivating scenery of the Gulf of Salerno before climbing towards the watchtower. Once a vantage point from where approaching Saracen fleets could be spotted, the tower was also where, chillingly, Giovanna D'Aragona, widow of the Duke of Amalfi, who was known as "the madwoman", was incarcerated and met her grisly end in the early 1500s. After your visit, return to Pontone where the walk ends.



The excursion starts in Minuta and finishes in Pontone, both hamlets of Scala. It lasts about 3 hours and is suitable for all levels. The length of the excursion can be tailored to guests' preferences. Guests will be taken to and collected from the start and finish of the walk by private car.



Calendar of Events 2017

Thursday, 13 July

St Trofimenà's Day | *Minori*

Enjoy watching the spectacular fireworks from the hotel.

Wednesday 26
and Thursday 27 July

St Pantaleon's Day | *Ravello*

A celebration of traditional music with fireworks.

Wednesday, 9 August - 4am

Dawn Concert | *Conca dei Marini*

The charming village of Conca dei Marini hosts the annual open-air Santarosa Conca Festival in July and August. The free 4am concert draws 600 avid concert-goers to enjoy a programme of Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Verdi and Puccini.

Friday, 11 August - 5am

Dawn Concert at Villa Rufolo | *Ravello*

One of the most captivating events on the Amalfi Coast, this concert is a major highlight of the annual Ravello Festival. Around 750 guests gather in the Villa's Belvedere outdoor stage just before 5am for the rousing music to begin as dawn breaks over the stunning landscape, a magical and unforgettable moment. Belmond Hotel Caruso guests are invited to stop in the lobby for a warm coffee and freshly baked pastry before making your way to the concert, and return afterwards to a delicious breakfast on the terrace overlooking the coast.

Monday, 14 August

Midsummer party at Belmond Hotel Caruso

Don your finery and join us for a sparkling summer celebration in the fragrant gardens?

Tuesday, 15 August

Feast of the Assumption of Mary | *Maiori*

Witness the fireworks display from the hotel.

Sunday, 17 September

Fireworks in Torello

A dazzling pyrotechnic display recreates the 12th-century Pisani invasion.



NAPOLI
20 km
25 min

TORRE ANNUNZIATA **POMPEI**

ANGRI

SANT'EGIDIO DEL MONTE ALBINO

Valico di Chiunzi

CASTELLAMMARE DI STABIA

GRAGNANO

VICO EQUENSE

Punta Gradelle

PIANO DI SORRENTO

META

SANT'ANGELO

SORRENTO

SANT'AGATA SUI DUE GOLFI

Scoglio di Vervece
MASSA LUBRENSE

Punta San Lorenzo

MARINA DEL CANTONE

Cala di Mitigliano

NERANO

Scoglio di Isca

Li Galli

AREA NATURALE
BAIA DI IERANTO

Punta Campanella

Baia di Ieranto

Punta Penna

POSITANO

AGEROLA

POGEROLA

CONCA DEI MARINI

FURORE

PRAIANO

Grotta dello Smeraldo

SCALA

RAVELLO

MINORI

MAIORI

Grotta Pandora

ATRANI

AMALFI

CAPRI





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