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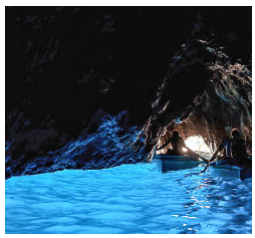
The Island of Capri

Bucket List Experiences on Capri.
This isn't a ranking, so choose whatever experience delights and inspires!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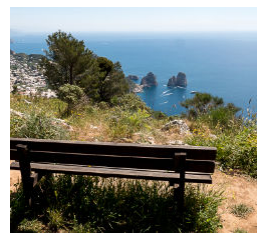
Catch the Chairlift up Mount Solaro

Take a boat tour around the Island of Capri

Stroll to Punta Tragara

Savor the silence at the Migliara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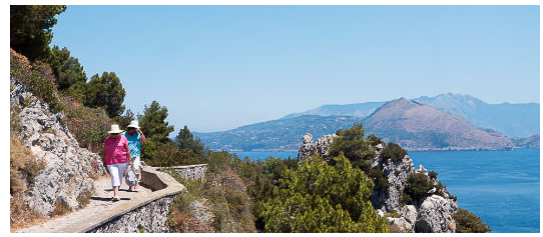
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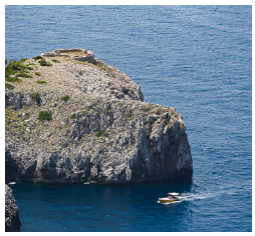

Follow the Trail of the Forts

Climb (or descend) the 900 steps along the Scala Fenicia staircase

Take the stunning bus ride between Capri and Anacapri

Watch the sunset from the Punta Carena Lighthouse

Admire works by Diefenbach at the Charterhouse

Share the view with the Sphinx at Villa San Michele

Wander the historic lanes in the center of Anacapri

Be intoxicated by the opium den in Villa Lysis

Explore Villa Jovis

Relax at a beach club

Swim with a view of the Faraglioni

Dine under the lemon grove at Ristorante Da Paolino

Rub shoulders with celebrities

Sip an aperitivo cocktail in the Piazzetta

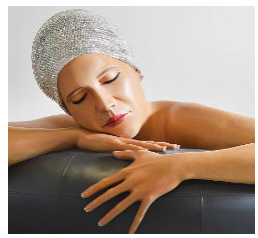
Take a dip under the Bagni di Tiberio ruins

Try the famous Torta Caprese

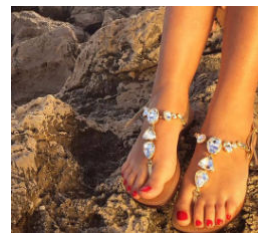
Taste Ravioli Capresi at Gelsomina

Swim at al Faro and order La Caponata made by Antonio

Shop for luxury on Via Camerelle



Visit Liquid Art System's collection of contemporary art



Have a pair of Capri sandals custom made

The island of Capri

Ten square kilometers of land and two towns: Capri and Anacapri.

Location: Tyrrhenian Sea, Campanian Archipelago
Area: 10.5 km²
Inhabitants: approx. 14,200

Capri

Altitude: 142 m
Area: 3.97 km²
Inhabitants: approx. 7,400
Density: 1,814 inhab/km²

Anacapri

Altitude: 275 m
Area: 6.47 km²
Inhabitants: approx. 7,000
Density: 1,035 inhab/km²

Capri Town and environs

Includes **Marina Grande** (where the port is located) and the center of town around the **Piazzetta**. To the east is the **Tiberio** neighborhood, and to the south **Marina Piccola**.

Capri Town

Anacapri Town and environs

Located at a higher elevation than Capri Town on the slopes of **Mount Solaro**. To get to Anacapri from Capri, **it takes 10 minutes by bus**. The historic center includes the **Boffe quarter** and **Via Giuseppe Orlandi**, and the surrounding areas include **Migliara**, **the Faro (lighthouse)**, and the **Blue Grotto**.

Anacapri Town

Where to stay

Capri

The hotels located around the **Piazzetta** are perfect for those who love a bit of nightlife and plan on getting back to their hotel rooms in the early-morning hours. If you would like a location close to the center but a bit quieter, book a hotel near **Via Tragara** and **Via Occhio Marino**. When you check the distance between your hotel and the Piazzetta on the map, be sure to check elevations: the Tiberio neighborhood seems close by, but **Via Sopramonte** and **Via Croce** are all uphill!

Anacapri

This is a perfect location for those who love peace and quiet and want to discover the more authentic side of the island. If you would like to explore the entire island, book a hotel **near a bus stop on the Capri - Anacapri line**. In the evening, it's a pleasure to wander the lanes in the center of Anacapri, lined with small restaurants, cafés, gelato shops, and wine bars... all in a small town, with yesteryear atmosphere.
If you book in one of the B&Bs in the area near the **Blue Grotto** or the **Faro (lighthouse)**, consider renting a scooter to be able to move around the island freely. Many of the hotels in Anacapri offer a convenient shuttle service between the port and the hotel. There are no sandy beaches in Anacapri, but only beach clubs on the rocky cliffs.

Marina Grande

This area is quite busy during the day with ferry arrivals and departures, but in the evening is a quiet hamlet. Its location close to the ferry docks makes it the perfect place to stay for those who are only on the island for a short time, such as one or two nights It's also a good place to stay for families, as the nearby **beaches are kid-friendly**. With the funicular, **you can reach the Piazzetta in just 5 minutes.**

Marina Piccola

On this stretch of coast, you'll find the island's most beautiful beaches and a view of the **Faraglioni**, but there isn't much to do at night. We recommend checking if your hotel has a shuttle service to the **center of Capri**.

Getting to Capri

Ferries run daily from Naples and Sorrento all year round, and also from Positano, Amalfi, Salerno, and Ischia in the summer. Cars and motorcycles are banned for most of the year except for residents; non-residents can bring vehicles on the island from November to Easter.

Ferry schedules and prices change often, so check online a few days before traveling. **When seas are choppy, high speed ferries stop running; when they are rough, all ferry routes are cancelled** (generally only in the winter months).

How to get to Capri

From Naples

There are two ports in Naples where ferries depart for Capri: **Molo Beverello** and **Calata di Massa**. Molo Beverello is opposite the **Maschio Angioino** castle in **Piazza Municipio**; Calata di Massa is to the east (or to the left, if facing the sea). **High-speed ferries depart from Molo Beverello**; regular and **slow ferries depart from Calata di Massa.**

From the Naples Capodichino airport, take the Alibus shuttle that runs from the airport to the city center, stopping at **Molo Beverello** and **Calata di Massa**.

From the **Napoli Centrale Station** (Piazza Garibaldi train station), take the metro underground **Linea 1** to the **Piazza Municipio** stop opposite Molo Beverello.

From Sorrento

Ferries to Capri also depart from the **Marina Piccola port** in Sorrento. The trip lasts a bit less than 30 minutes and during the summer there are frequent routes.

There are a number of buses from the center of Sorrento to the port, or you can easily walk down the flight of stairs from **Piazza Tasso to the port**.

From Positano and Amalfi

From **April** through **October**, ferries to **Capri** also depart from the **Amalfi Coast**. High-speed ferries depart from **Positano**, **Amalfi**, and **Salerno**; during June, July, and August, ferries also depart from **Maiori**. Schedules are published at the beginning of the tourist season **(around the end of March)**, but usually there are two or three routes each morning from the Amalfi Coast to Capri, and return ferries in the afternoon. In **June**, **July**, and **August**, there are also ferries that depart from Capri each morning, with return routes in the afternoon.

The Amalfi Coast

Why book a private transfer to Capri

Private transfers are particularly recommended when traveling with a group or if you want to avoid the hassle of the busy Naples and Capri ports.
Consider booking a transfer if arriving in **Rome, as you will have to take at least 4 different means of public transport to reach Capri.**
If you are arriving late in the evening, your only option is to book a private speedboat transfer as ferries do not run late at night.

Different types of transfers

Car + ferry

A driver will pick you up from your arrival train station or airport and take you to the **port in Naples**. You will be provided ferry tickets for the first available ferry and the driver will help you embark. At the **port on Capri**, a hostess will accompany you to your hotel and take care of your bags.

Car + speedboat

In this case, the sea crossing between Naples (or other port) and Capri is **by private speedboat**, which is the fastest and most flexible way to cross.

You can also arrive on Capri by **helicopter**. The heliport is in **Damecuta** outside **Anacapri**. From here, you can reach a number of hotels by taxi.
Info and rates for transfers: www.capri.com/transfer

Getting around Capri

Not sure how to get from one location on the island to another? There are a number of options: bus, funicular, and... walking! Wear comfortable shoes, since you can only get around the center of Capri town on foot, and walking is often the fastest option.

Funicular (cable car)

This is the fastest way to get to **the center of Capri Town** from the **Marina Grande port**. The funicular is a cable car that climbs through hillside lemon groves and stops right in the **Piazzetta**. **Funicular Marina Grande - Capri departures**: every 15 minutes (more often on crowded days). **Duration: 5 minutes**. **Ticket: €2,20.** You can carry one piece of hand luggage; for larger bags, you need to purchase a supplementary ticket. Pets are allowed. **The ticket office in Marina Grande** is not at the entrance to the funicular, but at the arrival pier to the right (facing the island) near the ferry ticket office. The funicular closes from January to March, and is replaced by a shuttle bus.

Bus

Don't picture large urban public buses: buses on Capri are mini-buses with seating for about 10 passengers, and small enough to navigate the narrow lanes on the island. Public buses are always very crowded in the summer, and there is often a long line to board, but buses run frequently. The wait in the morning in Marina Grande to Anacapri is often very long!

Departures: Usually buses **depart every 15-20 minutes**, though they run more frequently in high season. Tickets: €2,20. The bus terminal in **Capri** is in **Piazza Martiri d'Ungheria** (along Via Roma, near the Piazzetta). The **Anacapri** bus terminals are located in **Piazza della Pace** (also known as "Piazzale Cimitero") and near **Piazza Caprile** (bus to **Capri**, **Marina Grande**, end **Marina Piccola**).

Tips: If you are coming **from Capri Town** and need to connect to the **Blue Grotto** or **Faro lighthouse**, don't get off when the driver announces **"Anacapri" (Piazza Vittoria)**, but wait for the following stop. If you are taking the bus **from Anacapri to Capri Town** and there are long lines to board in **Piazza Vittoria**, walk back along **Viale De Tommaso** to the preceding stop. Here you will almost certainly be able to board, instead of having to wait for the next bus due to the crowds!

Walking

If you are happy to walk, you can often skip the bus or funicular altogether. On summer days when the lines to board the bus are particularly long, it's often worth it to simply walk from place to place.

Marina Grande - Capri: 20 minutes
Take the road that climbs the hillside next to the "**banchinella"**, the pier where the boats and ferries moor. The road is steep and has a number of steps, so it's not a good idea with luggage.

Capri - Marina Grande: 15 minutes
The road begins in **the Piazzetta** behind the clock tower; follow the signs for the port.

Anacapri - Marina Grande: 20 minutes
Take the scenic **Scala Fenicia** staircase from the gardens of **Villa Axel Munthe**. There are almost 1,000 steep stairs, so you need to have good knees.

Capri - Anacapri: 45 minutes
Please note: it's an uphill climb!

Anacapri - Capri: 30 minutes
Keep a lookout for the stairs that cut through the curves.

Capri - Marina Piccola: 15 minutes
It's not worth it to take the bus! Simply take the **Via Mulo** stairs down that begin from **Due Golfi**.

Taxi

Island taxis are open-top, 6-seaters, so they are a fun way to experience the island. Bring a glamorous scarf and sun glasses to feel like a Hollywood star!
Fares are calculated with a meter, but there are fixed fares for the most common routes. For a taxi ride around the island, you can negotiate an all-inclusive fare based on the itinerary, season, and duration of the ride.

Estimated fares (1-4 passengers)

- Marina Grande - Capri €17
- Marina Grande - Anacapri €25
- Marina Grande - Grotta Azz. €40
- Marina Grande - Faro €38
- Capri - Anacapri €18
- Capri - Marina Piccola €15
- Capri - Grotta Azzurra €35
- Capri - Faro €30

Scooter Rental

You can rent scooters to explore the island in **Marina Grande**, **Capri Town**, and **Anacapri**.
The duration of the rental can be a few hours, an entire day, or a number of days. You can negotiate a rate based on the duration.

Chairlift

The chairlift runs between **Piazza Vittoria** in the center of **Anacapri** to the top of **Mount Solaro**, **589 meters above sea level.** Once at the top, you can take in views over **Capri Town**, the **Faraglioni**, and **Mount Tiberius** to **Punta Campanella** and the **Sorrentine Peninsula** in the distance. It takes **12 minutes** to reach the top, and **the chairlift is single seats only.**
Children can be carried on an adult's lap, but as these are chairlifts suspended above ground with just a single lap bar, it's easy to slip underneath. We recommend carrying infants in a baby carrier and avoiding bringing toddlers who are less able to sit still. Older children and adolescents can ride alone. There are staff members at the departure point and arrival point who help passengers get on and off the chairlift.
Mount Solaro Chairlift

Boats

You can visit Capri by sea by renting or chartering any number of boats, from a traditional island **lancia or gozzo boat, to a rubber dinghy or speedboat with a sun awning and ice chest, with or without a skipper.**
While on board, you can stop for lunch at one of the many restaurants along the water's edge, or purchase picnic supplies before setting sail. Some boat companies will also take care of providing a lunch that includes the catch of the day, local mozzarella, and heirloom tomatoes from the island. A less-expensive alternative to a private boat is to join a **group or shared tour**.

It takes about two hours to tour the island by boat, including a stop at the **Blue Grotto,** which is entered by rowboat. There may be a wait to enter the **Blue Grotto**, depending upon the season and the crowds that day, as only so many visitors can enter at one time.
Boat tour of the island

If you are arriving on Capri **with your own boat**, you can moor at the marina in **Marina Grande**. For those who drop anchor in open water, it's a good idea to remain at least 300 meters from the coast.

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The Blue Grotto

The Mount Solaro Chairlift

Mount Solaro

La Casa Rossa - Anacapri

Villa San Michele - Axel Munthe

Boat tour of the island

Via Camerelle - shopping

La Piazzetta

Gardens of Augustus

One-day itinerary on Capri

Here is a suggested itinerary for those taking a day trip from Sorrento or a shore excursion to Capri.

9:00 am

Try to arrive on the island first thing in the morning. As soon as you disembark in **Marina Grande** on **Capri**, you'll see the ticket offices for the boat companies on the pier. Here you can purchase a ticket for a boat tour of the island with a stop at the **Blue Grotto**. This is a great way to have an overview of the entire island of Capri! Choose a full tour of the island that also passes by the **Faraglioni**, or a shorter transfer to the Blue Grotto... we recommend the full tour!
Boat tour of the island: €20
Entrance to the Blue Grotto: €14

> After visiting the grotto, you can ask your rowboat skipper to drop you off at the bottom of the stairs at the Grotto entrance rather than returning to the port, so you can catch the bus to **Anacapri** from here. That way you won't have to wait in the long line to board the bus in **Marina Grande** for **Anacapri**.

11:30 am

Once you've returned to **Marina Grande**, take a taxi or bus to **Anacapri** (20-25 min.), and catch the chairlift up to the top of **Mount Solaro**. From the top, you can enjoy spectacular views over the **Bays of Naples** and **Salerno**... perhaps the best panorama on the island! After enjoying the view, you can either take the **Seggiovia** down or walk down, stopping at the **Cetrella Hermitage**. It takes about an hour to walk down. **Chairlift tickets: €12 round trip; €9 one way**

2:30 pm

You can either stop for lunch at one of the restaurants in **Anacapri** or have a quick snack and continue on to **Villa San Michele**, the former home and now museum of the Swedish doctor and writer **Axel Munthe**. Here you can view the archaeological artefacts the physician collected during his world travels and admire the view from the terrace.
Entrance to Villa San Michele: €10

4:00 pm

Take the bus back to Capri and stop for an espresso or drink in the **Piazzetta**.
After your break, visit the **Gardens of Augustus** and snap a picture of the **Faraglioni** in the distance, and then stroll down **Via Camerelle** to admire the island's most fashionable boutiques along what may be **the highest concentration of luxury stores in the world**. At the end of the road, make a quick left up the hill and then right to continue along **Via Tragara** to the beautiful scenic overlook facing the **Faraglioni**.

Go back the way you came along **Via Tragara**, but instead of taking **Via Camerelle**, walk up the road to the right (Via Padre Reginaldo Giuliani) and continue along **Via Fuorlovaldo** and **Via Le Botteghe** until you find yourself back in the **Piazzetta**.
Take the **funicular** (cable car) back down to the port (5 minutes) or walk (15 minutes) along narrow lanes and flights of stairs.
Entrance to the Gardens of Augustus: €1

Caution: High temps
During the months of **July** and **August** when the temperatures are at their highest and the island is very crowded, this itinerary may be a challenge. As there may be long lines for the bus, **we suggest choosing what you would like to see ahead of time rather than trying to fit it all in on one day!** On hot summer days, the best time to visit the Piazzetta is early morning or late afternoon, spending the hottest hours of the day on board a boat or at the beach.

Gardens of Augustus

Gardens of Augustus - Via Krupp

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Three-day itinerary on Capri

Escape to Capri for three days of romance, relaxation, or a beach break with friends. No matter what your plans, Capri is always a good idea!

Day one

Once you've settled in at your hotel, start exploring the island from its most famous landmark: the **Piazzetta**. This tiny square is the heart of both the town and island of Capri, and the streets of the village center all begin here.

Take **Via Vittorio Emanuele** down to the historic **Quisisana Hotel** and **Via Camerelle**, lined with luxury boutiques. Walk the length of the lane and continue along picturesque **Via Tragara**, which ends at a scenic overlook onto the **Faraglioni**. On your way back, take Via Padre Reginaldo Giuliani, Via Fuorlovado, and **Via le Botteghe**, which is home to small independent clothing and design shops. At this point, it's probably starting to get late in the day and time for an aperitivo in the **Piazzetta**, elbow-to-elbow with locals and the international jet set. This is where everyone on the island gathers to see and be seen.

For dinner, **we suggest reserving a table in advance**, especially on the weekends or during the summer months.

A few of the most famous restaurants

Da Paolino Lemon Trees €€€ for a traditional island meal in a charming atmosphere.
Aurora €€€ a fashionable spot just steps from the Piazzetta.
Da Mammà €€€ for those who love gourmet meals and Michelin stars.
Da Giorgio €€/€€€ for a table with a view and authentic dishes.
Verginiello €/€€ if you're on a tight budget.

For a unique and informal spot for a light meal or snack **Pulalli Wine Bar** €€ in the Piazzetta at the top of the clock tower.

The evening continues into the wee hours at island clubs. The most popular is **Anema e Core**, but all the nightclubs are clustered around the **Piazzetta** and **Via Camerelle**.

Day two: sit back or set out?

You have the whole day ahead of you... how would you like to spend it? You can relax on the beach or explore the town of **Anacapri**.

Option 1: A day at the beach

If all you want to do is relax on a sunlounger, cocktail in hand, then the only thing to decide is which beach and which bathing suit. It's a good idea to book a place at one of the beach clubs on the island a day or two in advance to be sure to have a place waiting for you even if you stop for an espresso in the Piazzetta.

Most beach clubs on Capri have **excellent restaurants**, as well.

Beaches on Capri

Option 2: Exploring Anacapri

If you would rather spend the day exploring a different side of the island, head to **Anacapri**.

First stop: Mount Solaro by chairlift

Catch the chairlift from **Piazza Vittoria** in Anacapri; the ride up to the top takes 12 minutes, and you are rewarded with sweeping views. From there, you can walk back down, stopping at the **Cetrella Hermitage**. It takes about 25 minutes to walk back to the center of Anacapri from Cetrella.

Second stop: Villa San Michele

Once you have come back down from **Mount Solaro**, go back to **Piazza Vittoria** and continue straight along **Via Capodimonte** to visit **Villa San Michele**, the residence-cum-museum built by the Swedish physician and writer **Axel Munthe**.

Third stop: The historic center of Anacapri

Your walk continues along **Via Giuseppe Orlandi**, Anacapri's main pedestrian thoroughfare. Stop to admire the majolica floors in the **Church of San Michele**, visit the **Casa Rossa**, and spend some time shopping in the artisan shops. Don't miss the Boffe neighborhood, with its unique architecture, before returning to **Piazza Diaz** and **Piazza Caprile**. The bus terminal with routes to **Capri** and the **Marina Grande port** is nearby.

Last stop: Relax at the Faro lighthouse

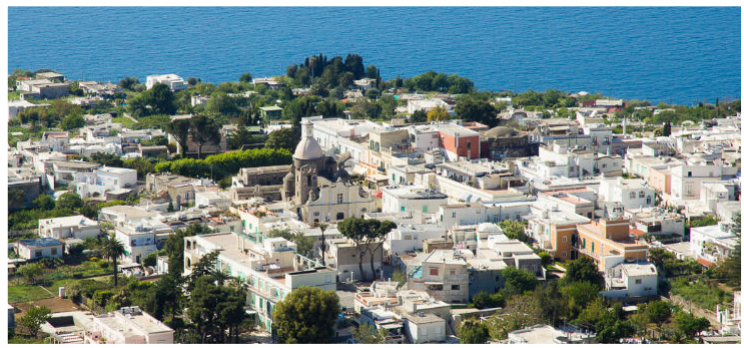
We suggest spending an afternoon at the **Punta Carena lighthouse** in Anacapri. Catch the bus that departs from **Piazza Caprile** or walk the 30-minute trail down to the water's edge.
At the lighthouse, the **Lido del Faro** €€/€€€ beach club has a restaurant and two snack bars with sandwiches and drinks. Next to it, there is a free beach.
Stay here until sunset: the most beautiful one of the island can be seen from here.

Suggestions for dinner

For your second dinner, you can opt for one of the traditional restaurants on Anacapri. Two good options are: **Da Gelsomina** €€/€€€ at **Migliara** and **Da Giorgio al Cucciolo** €€/€€€. Both serve traditional dishes with a lovely sea view and offer a shuttle service to and from the center of town. If you prefer to stay in the center of Anacapri, try **Trattoria Il Solitario** €€, which also specializes in traditional dishes; **Le Arcate** €€ and **Aumm Aumm** €/€€ (also serves pizza); or **La Zagara** €€/€€€, updated classic cuisine under a fantastic lemon grove.

Restaurants in Capri and Anacapri

Cetrella


Anacapri

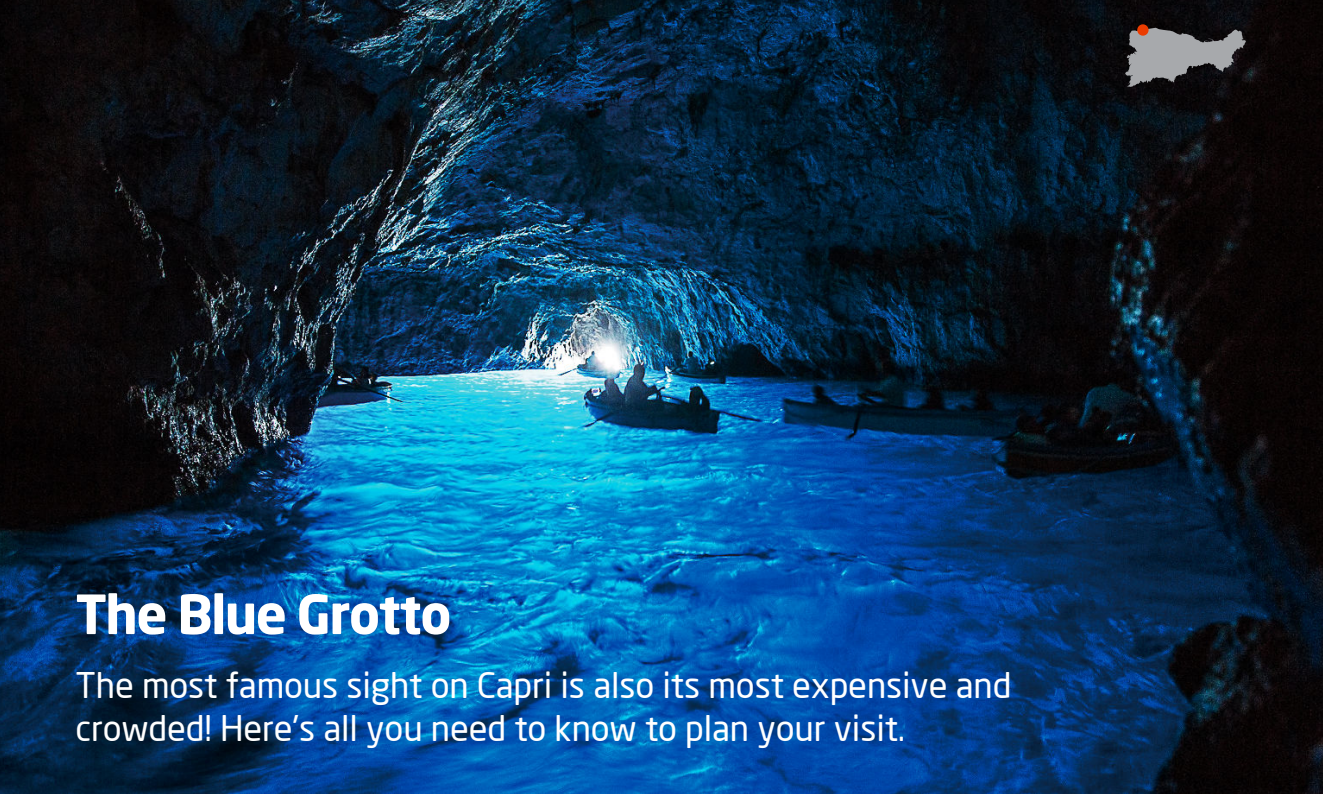
Day three: Capri by sea

In the morning, take another walk through the center of Capri with stops at the **Gardens of Augustus** and the **Charterhouse of San Giacomo**. If you enjoy walking, you can stroll all the way to **Villa Jovis** and **Villa Lysis**, or walk along the **Pizzolungo Trail**.

You can't leave Capri without having explored the coastline by boat.
Hop on a boat tour from Marina Grande.

> If you want to have a picnic on board, stop at **Salumeria Da Aldo** (grocery) in **Marina Grande** for the island's best Caprese mozzarella-and-tomato sandwiches!

Suggestions for dinner
End your three days right with a dinner on the water's edge in the former fishing village of **Marina Grande**, full of excellent fish and seafood restaurants.
Two suggestions: **Lo Zodiaco** €€/€€€ and **Da Gemma** €€/€€€.
If you would rather dine in the center of Capri, be sure to book well in advance for a table with a sea view at **Terrazza Brunella** €€/€€€ or **Al Geranio** €€/€€€ for a romantic dinner for two!
Restaurants on Capri



The Blue Grotto

The most famous sight on Capri is also its most expensive and crowded! Here's all you need to know to plan your visit.

A once-in-a-lifetime experience

Visitors flock from across the globe to visit the Blue Grotto, even for just a few minutes. Lines to enter can be long in high season. **Blue Grotto facts: 25 meters wide and 40 meters long** in the internal cavern, the cave mouth is less than a meter above sea level. To enter, you must lie back along the bottom of a small rowboat that can slip through the tiny entrance. Inside, you will be floating in the darkness above the glowing blue water.

Opening hours

The cave is open from 9am to 5pm when sea conditions are favorable (the cave closes in high winds and choppy seas). The grotto is rarely open from **November** to **March**; on mild days it may open a few days in the morning.

Tickets

Tickets cost €14/person and must be paid in cash at the cave entrance. There are no tours that include entrance tickets to the Grotto, which must always be paid for separately. Wait times: wait times run from 10 minutes to an hour, depending upon how long the line is.
Duration: visits inside the cave last for about 5 minutes.

High winds and choppy seas
Unfortunately, there is no way to know in advance if the grotto will be open on any specific day. The Grotto can also open or close for different stretches of time in a single day.
You can check the updated status of the grotto here:
Grotta Azzurra - The Blue Grotto Capri (updated from March to November)

Entering the grotto

To access the inside of the grotto, you must enter **a rowboat for four passengers**. The skipper will ask you to lie back on the bottom of the boat while he pulls you through using a length of chain attached to the wall of the cliff.
Visits inside the Grotto last about five minutes. With a small tip, you can stay in a bit longer.

The history of the Blue Grotto

This sea cave was known during the time of ancient Rome, when it was one of **Emperor Tiberius' favorite nymphaea**. For many centuries, the **Blue Grotto** (also known in the past as the **Grotta di Gradola**) was abandoned, feared by the local sailors because of legends that spirits and demons inhabited the cave. This changed dramatically on **April 18, 1826**, when the cave was "rediscovered" by the Prussian writer **August Kopisch** and painter **Ernst Fries.** They were taken to the cave by **Angelo Ferraro**, a local fisherman, and notary **Giuseppe Pagano.**

Getting to the Grotto

By boat, group tour

Ticket offices for **Motoscafisti** and **Laser Capri**, the two boat companies that offer group tours and transfers to the Blue Grotto, are located at **Marina Grande**.
If you purchase the **"Island tour + Blue Grotto" ticket**, the tour will first go around the island and then stop at the Grotto entrance. Here passengers have to transfer from a large boat to small rowboat to enter the cave.

By private boat

If you are visiting Capri with your own boat and want to see the Blue Grotto, moor at one of the buoys in open water and signal to the rowboats to come and pick you up.
You can also **reserve a private gozzo boat with skipper** at Marina Grande.
These boats can carry up to 7 passengers (though there are larger models, as well) and the cost of a two-hour tour begins at €150.

On foot

From the center of **Anacapri**, walk down **Via Pagliaro** and then **Via Grotta Azzurra** (3.5 km).
At about the halfway point, you can take a side trip to the **Roman ruins of Villa Damecuta**, one of the **12 villas built by Emperor Tiberius on the island**.
In the Middle Ages, a watchtower was built on top of the ruins overlooking the sea, and in the 14th century it was expanded into a **small fortress**.

By bus

There is a bus that runs from **Piazza della Pace** directly to the **Blue Grotto** (15 min.)
Once you get off the bus, take the stairs down to the cave entrance where there is a line to enter the cave.

Next to the stairs, the **La Tortuga** snack bar (open only in summer) sells drinks, souvenirs, and excellent sandwiches and local dishes.

The most colorful time of day to visit

The colors in the Blue Grotto are at their **most intense between noon and 2pm**. That said, there is not much difference from the rest of the morning, but **we do recommend visiting the cave on a sunny day** as the grotto is much less colorful when it's cloudy.
There is generally less of a line to enter in the afternoon, but the sea tends to get choppy after around 3pm, and the cave sometimes closes.

Waiting for grotto entrance in summer

Lines to enter the grotto can stretch into the hours in the summer months, **especially during the midday hours**. Generally, priority is given to those visiting by private boat with skipper.

Swimming in the grotto

It is illegal to swim into the grotto, though swimmers do enter after 5pm when the boats leave. Enter at your own risk!

Getting to the entrance to the Blue Grotto
By boat: 10 minutes from Marina Grande or as a stop on an island tour.
By bus: Board at Piazza della Pace in Anacapri, 50 meters from Piazza Vittoria. Departures about every 20 minutes (the trip takes 15 minutes).
On foot: From Piazza Vittoria, take Viale T. de Tommaso, Via Pagliaro, and Via Grotta Azzurra with an optional stop at the Villa Damecuta ruins (3.5 km, 40 minutes)

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Boat tours around the island

No visit to Capri would be complete without a boat tour along the coastline to explore the hidden sea caves and coves.

Group Tours

This is the best option for those who have limited time to visit the island. There are ticket offices for a number of boat-tour companies in **Marina Grande**, where you can purchase tickets for a tour as soon as you arrive on the island or purchase them online in advance at a discount. Island tours by boat take **around 2 hours** with a single stop at the **Blue Grotto.**
Group tours do not include a stop for a swim.
You can find special discounts online: www.capri.com/tours

Where should you sit on the boat?
Usually boats circle the island clockwise, so on a group tour, try to sit on the right side of the boat for better views.

Practical information

Departure point: Marina Grande Duration: about 2 hours
Prices: €20 per person on a group tour. From €150 for a private boat rental. Tickets to enter the Blue Grotto are never included in the boat tour price, but must be purchased directly at the cave entrance for €14 per person.

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Private tours, rentals, and charters

The best way by far to enjoy Capri by sea at **your own pace** is to rent or charter a private boat, with or without a skipper. The most traditional boat is a **gozzo**, a small wooden craft with a large deck for sunbathing, but you can also choose from rubber dinghies, speedboats, and other types of vessels. Private boat tours are a **minimum of two hours**, with a **stop to swim** at some of the grottoes.
Prices start at €150. Tours can be reserved online in advance and can be cancelled with no penalty for bad weather.
Guide to renting or chartering a boat on Capri: www.capri.com/boats

Basic itinerary for a boat tour

- **Marina Grande**
- **The Scugnizzo statue**
- **Tiberius' Leap**
- **The Coral Grotto**
- **The White Grotto**
- **The Natural Arch**
- **Villa Malaparte**
- **The Faraglioni**
- **The Bay of Marina Piccola**
- **The Green Grotto**
- **The Punta Carena Lighthouse**
- **The Blue Grotto**
- **The Baths of Tiberius**

Marina Grande

Scugnizzo statue

The White Grotto

The Natural Arch

Villa Malaparte

The Bay of Marina Piccola

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The Punta Carena Lighthouse

The Blue Grotto

Renting or chartering a boat

Taking a boat trip around the island is a must on Capri, especially in the summer months to escape the midday heat and crowds.

Where do boat rentals depart?

Most boat rental and charter companies on Capri are located in **Marina Grande**, the island's port and marina. This is where most private boat tours will depart from and where you can hire a dinghy or boat without a skipper. There is only one boat rental company based in **Marina Piccola**, on the southern coast of the island.

Do I need a boating license to rent a boat on Capri without a skipper?

Not necessarily: there are small boats and dinghies that can be rented without a skipper even if you don't have a boating license. **We recommend a minimum amount of boating experience to rent a boat independently, however.**

Is there a less-expensive alternative to a private boat rental on Capri?

Yes, you can join a **group boat tour** around the island stopping at the **Blue Grotto.** Tickets cost around €20, the tour lasts about 2 hours, and departs from **Marina Grande**. The tour companies offering group tours are **Laser Capri** and **Motoscafisti Capri.**

Can I rent a boat to go from Capri to the Amalfi Coast?

Of course. There are a number of companies that offer boat tours of **Capri** and the **Amalfi Coast** departing from the island and arriving in **Positano**, or vice versa. A **large gozzo** or **speedboat** is always used for this type of tour.

Are there boat tours that depart from Sorrento?

Yes, a number of companies offer small-group tours for around 10 passengers departing from **Sorrento**, **Amalfi**, and **Positano,** including a sail around the island and free time on land.

We recommend booking your boat tour online in advance, especially if visiting Capri in July or August when there is high demand for tours!
Everything you need to know about renting a boat on Capri: www.capri.com/boats

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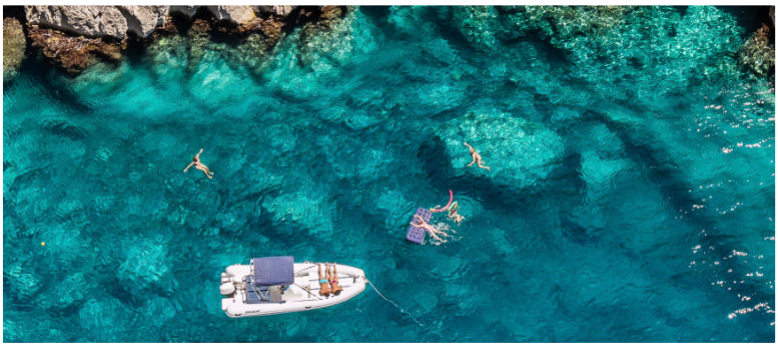
Faraglioni

The White Grotto

The viewpoint at Belvedere Migliera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Beaches on Capri

Beaches on Capri are small coves lined with pebbles or rocks from which you can dive directly into the water.

The Faraglioni

Take the trail from the **Belvedere di Punta Tragara** down the rocky slope facing the **Faraglioni**. There are **two private beach clubs with restaurants** here, **La Fontelina** and **Da Luigi ai Faraglioni,** so it's a great place to spend the entire day. Both are rather exclusive and expensive, and we strongly recommend booking a spot in advance as space is limited. Don't worry about the climb back up at the end of the day: both beach clubs have shuttle services to **Marina Piccola**.

Marina Piccola

The beaches on **Marina Piccola** are among the most popular on the island, and you can easily walk from the **Piazzetta** (around 15 min.) taking **Via Mulo** (take the bus back up!) There are a number of pebble beaches and you can swim with a view of the **Faraglioni**.
The only downside is that there is only **sun until 4:30-5pm**.
There are a number of beach clubs, snack bars, and restaurants, and the free public beaches are next to **Scoglio delle Sirene**. We recommend the sandwiches at **Merendero**.

Marina Grande

Marina Grande has the largest beach on the island, and is located next to the ferry port.
There is sun until late afternoon, and it's easy to reach on foot. Sea access for the disabled.
On or near the beach there are beach clubs, snack bars, and restaurants.

Palazzo a Mare

A gozzo shuttle runs between **Marina Grande** and the **Palazzo a Mare beach**, or you can walk (about 15 min.) departing from the **Church of San Costanzo** in Marina Grande. This pebble beach is set beneath the remains of a **Roman villa**, and is protected to one side by boulders, so it's perfect for small children. **The Bagni di Tiberio beach club** has an excellent restaurant.

Lighthouse - Punta Carena

This is the most beloved spot by islanders in the summer, **as it is the only beach with a sunset view**. There is a **free public area** on the cliff terraces. You can reach the beach by bus from **Anacapri** (15 min.) or on foot (about 35 min.). This is a popular spot for a sunset cocktail.
There is the **Lido del Faro**, a beach club with restaurant (reservations recommended) and two snack bars with excellent salads and sandwiches: **Da Antonio**, famous for his **"caponata" salad**, and **Maliblu Sunset**, for sunset drinks and music.

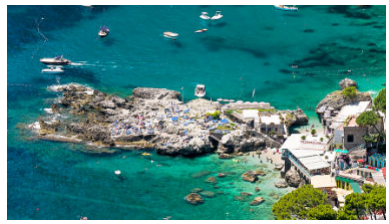
The Blue Grotto - Gradola

The **Gradola** cliffs are near the **Blue Grotto**, and have a small beach club and restaurant where you can swim, sunbathe, and relax until late afternoon. There is also a free public area (deep water). You can arrive by bus from **Anacapri** (15 min.) or on foot (around 35 min.).

HOW MUCH DOES A BEACH CLUB COST?
Prices average between **€25 and €40**, including a sunbed.
For an all-inclusive day with lunch at the club restaurant and a couple of beverages, **plan to spend €80-€120 per person**.

BEACH PICNIC SUPPLIES
Da Aldo: in his deli in **Marina Grande**, Aldo prepares **the best Caprese sandwiches on the island**. There's always a line in the morning, but it's worth the wait! Cost: about €5 a sandwich (which may be enough for two people!).
Capri Pasta: this **take-away** in the center of Capri on Via Parroco Canale near the Piazzetta is famous for their fried ravioli!
El Merendero: a snack bar on the beach at Marina Piccola that serves sangria and excellent sandwiches.
Da Antonio: a landmark **snack bar** at the **Punta Carena lighthouse** famous for the **caponata** (toasted whole grain bread with mozzarella, tomatoes, tuna, olives, artichokes and marinated eggplant) and sandwiches.

Da Luigi ai Faraglioni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Marina Grande

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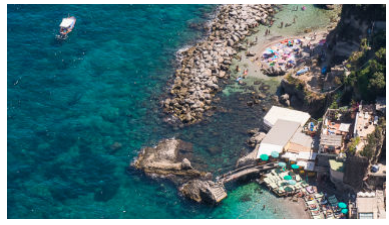
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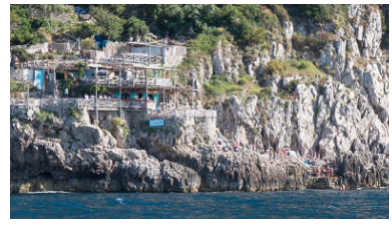
Gradola

The Charterhouse of San Giacomo

The oldest building on the island, this charterhouse was built in 1371 by Giacomo Arcucci on a parcel of land donated by Queen Joanna I of Naples.

If you need a cool and quiet respite during your explorations along the crowded streets of Capri, stop in here! You can reach the **Charterhouse** along a lane that ends at the entrance through a fortified tower. Next to the tower, you'll see the portico of the church.
The Charterhouse is made up of three groups of buildings: one outside the convent containing the pharmacy and women's church; one for the convent friars and external guests leading to the grain storage rooms, stables, and monks' workshops; and the last for cloistered monks with cells encircling the main **Chiostro Grande** (Large Cloister) and other rooms around the **Chiostro Piccolo** (Small Cloister).

The Chiostro Grande was built in Late Renaissance style, with a line of arches set on stone pillars, while the center area is laid out in geometric patterns of lawn. The Chiostro Piccolo has delicate arches along one side set on marble Roman columns. The Charterhouse is also home to the **Diefenbach Museum**, and holds concerts and events in the summer.

The Charterhouse of San Giacomo

- **Approximate opening hours:** from 10am to 3/5pm in the winter months and to 7pm in the summer months.
- **Closed:** Monday
- **Tickets:** €6
- Free for EU citizens younger than 18. For EU citizens between 18 and 25, tickets are half price.
- Free entrance the first Sunday of every month.
- **Directions:** 10-minute walk from the Piazzetta, along Via Vittorio Emanuele.

The Pizzolungo trail

This scenic walking trail traces the southeast coast of the island.

Depart from the Piazzetta in Capri, taking one of two roads: **Via Longano** or **Via Le Botteghe**, both charming lanes that pass under whitewashed archways and past shops and boutiques.
Once you've arrived at the crossroad with **Via Tiberio**, continue along **Via Matermania**, keeping left, to the small square in front of the Natural Arch. Just before reaching the **Le Grottelle restaurant** €€/€€€, you'll pass the steep flight of stairs down to the **Matermania Cave**, a natural cavern where mysterious rites dedicated to the god Mithras were once celebrated.
The route continues through the countryside dotted with lone villas and small terraces that offer unique views over Capri.

Villa Malaparte

Among the villas you pass along the trail, you'll find **"Casa come me"** that writer **Curzio Malaparte** built on the clifftop above **Cape Massullo**. The villa is considered a masterpiece of modern architecture, and is painted a Pompeiian red. It has a grand central staircase along which there are four large windows cut out of the sides, designed to offer a different view from each vantage point.

Punta Tragara

From the scenic overlook at Punta Tragara, turn back towards the center of Capri along **Via Tragara**, a romantic lane lined with luxury hotels and villas, and **Via Camerelle**, famous for its designer boutiques.
Duration: about 2 hours from the Piazzetta.

Do you want to continue on to the beach?

The trail ends at Punta Tragara, from which another path descends down to the water's edge facing the Faraglioni where there are two beach clubs with restaurants: **Da Luigi** and **La Fontelina**. Both are rather exclusive and expensive, so we strongly recommend booking a spot in advance as space is limited. In this area there is no free access to the beach.
Both beach clubs offer shuttle service in the afternoon to **Marina Piccola**; from there you can take the bus or taxi back up to the **Piazzetta**.

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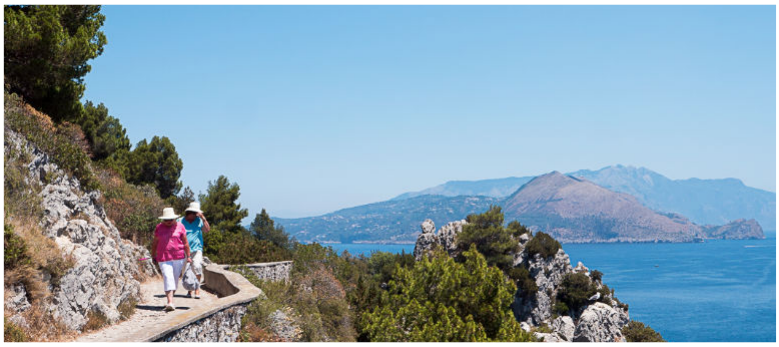
Pizzolungo trail

Villa Malaparte

Matermania Cave

Pizzolungo trail

Belvedere Tragara

Gardens of Augustus - Via Krupp

The Gardens of Augustus

If you want to snap an iconic photo with the **Faraglioni** in the background, this is the perfect vantage point, with its series of flowered terraces overlooking the **Faraglioni**, **Marina Piccola Bay**, and winding **Via Krupp**.
The best time to visit is the **early morning and late afternoon** to avoid the crowds of tourists.

- **Approximate opening hours:** 9:30am to 5:30pm in the winter; 9:00am to 7:30pm in the summer.
- **Tickets:** €1 to be paid only from 1 March to 15 November.
- **Directions:** 10-minute walk from the Piazzetta along Via Vittorio Emanuele.

Via Krupp

At the beginning of the 20th century, the German industrialist **Friedrich Alfred Krupp** would spend each winter holiday on Capri. A marine biology enthusiast, he would moor his yachts in **Marina Piccola**, but then found it difficult to reach them from his suite at the **Grand Hotel Quisisana**. Thus, he commissioned the engineer Emilio Mayer to build a road leading from Marina Piccola to the **Gardens of Augustus**. The engineer cut into the rock, creating a series of switchbacks that spanned the 100 meter cliffside, one of the most spectacular roads in the world. **As of print (2022), Via Krupp is closed due to falling rocks and can only be seen from above, from the Gardens of Augustus.**

The Punta Cannone Belvedere

This square is also known as the **"Piazzetta degli artisti"**, since it was a favorite of German artists at the beginning of the 20th century. A tiny scenic lane climbs gently, offering views over the center of Capri that are both unique and breathtaking. This view is less famous than that of the **Gardens of Augustus**, and can be reached **in 20 minutes on foot from the Piazzetta**.

Villa Jovis

The Emperor Tiberius knew how to enjoy life, and would escape from the chaos of ancient Rome to dedicate time to the pleasures of Capri.

Tiberius had 12 villas built on Capri, but the main one was Villa Jovis, dating from the first century AD and set on the furthest tip of the island. Covering around 7,000 square meters, the villa dominates the entire promontory of Mount Tiberius and the slopes down to Cesina. Views from the north side include most of the **Bay of Naples**, from the island of **Ischia** to **Punta Campanella**; the south side overlooks the center of Capri.
The architecture reflects classical elements of the **Roman period** combined with those of a small fortress. In the center, cisterns gathered rain water, an important resource on this island lacking in natural springs. It was used as drinking water and for the villa's baths, including an apodyterium, frigidarium, tepidarum and calidarium. The original lighthouse was used to signal the mainland and for astronomical observations. It was destroyed during an earthquake just days after the death of **Tiberius**.

Villa Jovis is well-preserved, though many objects found on the site have been lost. Others are collected in the **Archaeological Museum in Naples**, and the **Church of Santo Stefano** in Capri. Some of the unearthed red and blue enamels were used for the mitre and necklace of **San Costanzo**, the patron saint of Capri.

Villa Jovis

- **Approximate opening hours:** 10am to 4/6pm in winter and to 7pm in summer. Further information at the tourist office ***+39 081 837 0686***
- **Closed:** Monday.
- **Tickets:** €6. Free for EU citizens younger than 18. For EU citizens between 18 and 25, tickets are half price.
- **Directions:** from Piazza Umberto I, take Via Le Botteghe, Via Fuorlovado, Via Croce and Via Tiberio, or, from Piazza Umberto I, take Via Longano, Via Sopramonte and Via Tiberio.
- **Travel time:** 45 minutes; the route is primarily uphill.

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Astarita Park and Villa Lysis

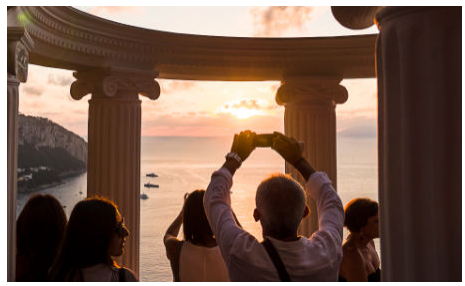
Along the road to Villa Jovis, you can stop at the Astarita Park or continue your walk to Villa Lysis, the enchanting residence of Count Fersen.

Before entering **Villa Jovis**, you can take a lovely stroll through the beautiful but little-known **Astarita Park**. It's worth the stop if only to reach the furthest terrace of the park, which boasts spectacular views. You may also run into friendly goats that graze in the parkland!

By adding another hour to your excursion, you can also visit the lovely **Villa Lysis**, the historic residence of **Count Fersen**. It dates to 1904, the year the count began his self-imposed exile on the island. Villa Lysis became a meeting point for the artists, intellectuals, poets, and writers who gathered on Capri at the beginning of the 20th century, who described and depicted the man and his legend.

Astarita Park

- **Approximate opening hours:** 10am to 6pm
- **Closed:** Monday
- **Tickets:** free
- **Directons:** from Piazza Umberto I, take Via Le Botteghe, Via Fuorlovado, Via Croce , and Via Tiberio, or from Piazza Umberto I, take Via Longano, Via Sopramonte, and Via Tiberio.
- **Travel time:** 45 minutes; the route is primarily uphill.



Villa Lysis (Villa Fersen)

- **Approximate opening hours:** 10am to 4/6pm in winter and to 7pm in summer.
- **Closed:** Wednesday
- **Tickets:** €2
- **Directions:** follow the directions to Villa Jovis. You can also reach Villa Lysis directly from Villa Jovis, but the path is rather overgrown.
- **Travel time:** allow at least an hour more than for Villa Jovis.

Visiting Anacapri

Anacapri is the other town on the island of Capri, with the highest elevation. The historic center of Anacapri is refreshingly quiet, the perfect spot to stroll through silent streets and squares lined with colorful geraniums and bougainvillea.

Anacapri is connected to Capri Town by a local bus that runs every 15 minutes late into the night, covering the three kilometers of curvy road between the two towns. **The main stop is Piazza Vittoria**, where you can catch the **chairlift** to the top of **Mount Solaro** or walk along Via **Capodimonte**, the road to **Villa San Michele** and the scenic overlook.
From **Piazza Vittoria**, you can also take **Via Giuseppe Orlandi**, the main pedestrian thoroughfare through **the center of Anacapri**.
Anacapri Town

Casa Rossa

Walking along **Via G. Orlandi**, on the right you will run across the unique facade of Casa Rossa, a Pompeiian-red villa that blends a number of architectural styles. It was formerly home to US Confederate **Lt. Col. John Clay MacKowen**, who traveled to Italy after the US Civil War and settled in Anacapri until 1899. Inside, the permanent collection called **"The Painted Island"** gathers a number of paintings of Capri and its traditions and daily life in the 19th and 20th centuries. Four **Roman statues** found in the **Blue Grotto** in 1964 and 1974 are also displayed here.
Next to the Casa Rossa, you can stop in at **Capri Crema Caffè**, one of the best gelato shops on the island.

The Church of San Michele

Continue along **Via G. Orlandi** take the next right to **Piazza San Nicola**, and the **Church of San Michele** will be on the left. This Baroque church is dedicated to the **Archangel Michael** and was built between the 17th and 18th centuries together with the **Teresian convent**. This octogonal church with a Greek-cross floor plan is famous for its majolica floor from 1761, depicting Adam and Eve in the **Garden of Eden**.

The Church of Santa Sofia

Just a few steps from the Church of San Michele, **Piazza A. Diaz** has charming painted majolica benches and is home to the **Church of Santa Sofia**, built in 1510 to replace the former **Church of S. Maria di Costantinopoli**. The church marks the center of modern Anacapri, where residents began to build houses after the church was completed. The sacresty and oratory were part of the earlier **Church of San Carlo.** The interior has a barrel-vaulted celing and two side chapels that were added at the end of the 1600s. The twin belltowers were completed in the 18th century.

Le Boffe

Take the stairs next to the **Church of Santa Sofia** to explore the maze of lanes in the historic neighborhood surrounding **Piazza Boffe**, one of the oldest in Anacapri. You can still see the barrel-vaulted homes built by master craftsmen that so charmed architects like **Edwin Cerio** and **Roberto Pane**. Each **13th of June**, Piazza Boffe hosts the procession of **Sant'Antonio**, patron saint of Anacapri.

To return to Capri or the port from Anacapri: instead of catching the bus where you got off in **Piazza Vittoria**, beat the crowds by walking back up **Viale de Tommaso** towards **Piazza Caprile** to the stop before Piazza Vittoria. Near Piazza Caprile, you'll find the **bus terminal** for routes to Capri town and the port in Marina Grande.

Casa Rossa

- **Approximate opening hours:** 10am to 4/5pm in winter; 10am to 8pm in summer.
- **Closed:** Monday
- **Tickets:** €3.50
- **Directions:** walk along Via G. Orlandi in the historic center.

The Church of San Michele

- **Approximate opening hours:** 10am to 2pm in winter; 10am to 6:45pm in summer.
- **Tickets:** €3
- **Directions:** in Piazza S. Nicola in the historic center.

Piazza Vittoria

Via Giuseppe Orlandi

Church of Santa Sofia

Axel Munthe's Villa San Michele

"My home shall be open for the sun and the wind and the voices of the sea - like a Greek temple - and light, light, light everywhere!"

Villa San Michele a Mediterranean dream come to life for the Swedish physician and writer **Axel Munthe**.

Munthe arrived on Capri in 1885 as a young doctor and fell in love with the light on the island. He decided to move to Anacapri, **building a villa on the remains of a historic chapel dedicated to San Michele** following just a few sketches drawn on a wall.

The resulting building had various levels, including a first-floor study. The loggia crosses pergolas and columns, culminating in a circular viewpoint that looks out across the **Bay of Naples**. In Villa San Michele a number of ancient artifacts are displayed. These are objects found by Munthe in Capri, Anacapri and elsewhere, some of which were donated by friends. Fragments of sarcophaguses, busts, Roman paving, marble and columns can also be seen. In the garden there is a **Greek tomb** and a granite **sphinx** which gazes out over the whole island of Capri.

Munthe described the construction of the villa in his bestselling **"The Story of San Michele"**, which has been translated into some 45 languages.

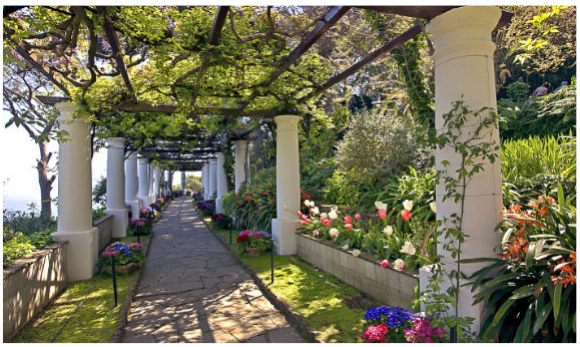
With the exception of a few sporadic absences, Munthe lived on Capri for more than 56 years. His love of the island coincided with the growing popularity of Capri and the arrival of rich and famous travelers from all over the world. Today his villa is, together with the **Blue Grotto**, the most-visited place on the whole of Capri.

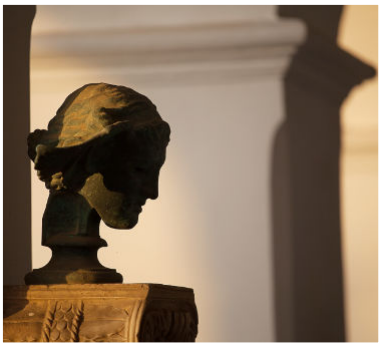
Munthe shared his love of music, animals, and nature with the **Swedish queen, Victoria**, who for health reasons spent long periods of her life on Capri. Axel Munthe's concern for the birds on the island, which were caught in disastrous numbers, led him to acquire the rights to **Barbarossa Mountain** in order to create a sanctuary for migrating birds.

Villa San Michele - Axel Munthe

Villa San Michele

- **Approximate opening hours:** daily all year from 9am to an hour before sunset
- **Tickets:** €10
- **Directions:** take the bus from Capri to Piazza Vittoria (the main stop), climb the steps opposite the bus stop and walk along the tree-lined lane to the left.





Mount Solaro and Cetrella

Mount Solaro is the highest point on the island of Capri, 589 meters above sea level. Views from the peak are spectacular, embracing all of the Bay of Naples, the Sorrentine Peninsula, and the Amalfi Coast.

The easiest way to get to **Monte Solaro** is by taking the chairlift from **Piazza Vittoria** in Anacapri. The journey to the summit of Capri's mountain takes just **12 minutes**.

> The chairs on the chairlift are made **for a single passenger**. There is a safety bar, but it is easily lifted, so we do not recommend riding with very young or very active children on your lap.

From the peak of **Mount Solaro**, you can walk back down to Anacapri (about 30 min.) taking a small detour (additional 30 min.) to visit the **Cetrella Hermitage**. The area of Cetrella is situated a short distance away from the peak of Monte Solaro, at an altitude of approximately **476 meters**. It is thought that the name derives from the lemon-scented herb known as "erba cetra" that grows here. Legend has it that this was once the site of a pagan temple dedicated to the goddess Venere Citerea.

The Cetrella Hermitage

The Hermitage of Cetrella is comprised of a small church, belltower and sacristy with a low dome, which was added in the **17th century**. Residence of friars belonging to the **Franciscan** and **Dominican** orders, who elected it as their spiritual retreat, the building conserves a number of cells, a large and well-equipped kitchen, wash rooms and a vegetable garden.
In the **Church of Santa Maria a Cetrella** there is a chapel opposite which one accesses the rest of the complex. The back of the church opens out onto a terrace, part of which is protected by a wisteria-covered pergola, furnished with benches and a long rustic wood table.
The Church of Santa Maria a Cetrella is not always open to the public, so before you set off, check with **Capri's Tourist Office** *+39 081 837 0686* to check whether it will be open when you plan to visit.

Mount Solaro Chairlift *+39 081 837 1438*

- **Approximate opening hours:** May-Oct 9:30am to 5pm; March/April 9:30am to 4pm; Jan/Feb 9:30am to 3:30pm.
- **Duration:** 12 min. (156 seats)
- **Roundtrip ticket:** €12
- **One-way ticket:** €9

Mount Solaro terrace

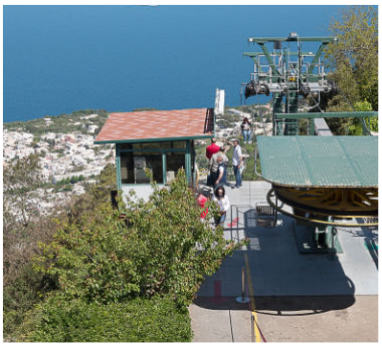
Cetrella

Mount Solaro terrace

Mount Solaro Chairlift

From Mount Solaro to Cetrella

Dawn from Cetrella


Mount Solaro Chairlift

Cetrella hermitage

Cetrella hermitage

The Migliara scenic overlook

If you are looking for a quiet walk far from the crowds through gorgeous wild countryside, hike the Migliara trail, virtually unknown by most tourists and organized tours.

Via Migliara is a small footpath that winds its way through rural Anacapri. Stroll past vineyards where the island's wine is produced, wander through patches of ancient woodland, and take in tantalizing glimpses of the sea and the island of Ischia in the distance. The lane ends at the **Belvedere del Tuono** scenic overlook, perhaps the most spectacular of all those on the island of Capri. Here the gentle landscape changes dramatically, presenting walkers with a precipice of jagged white rocks that extend as far as the **Cala di Limmo** and **the lighthouse of Punta Carena**. The area's only residents are the seagulls, expertly using their outstretched wings to take advantage of the air currents beneath the viewing point.

Belvedere del Tuono

The spectacular **Belvedere del Tuono** was probably already a major attraction in Roman times; in fact, pieces of mosaic and plaster dating back to the Imperial Age were discovered here in the 19th century. Walk up the dirt track to the left and you'll find a small statue of the **Virgin Mary** and an iron cross before arriving at another viewing point. This one offers a unique view of the **Faraglioni** that makes you almost believe that you are the only human on Capri, especially at sunset or on a winter day.

This was once a tragically popular spot for committing suicide, a fact **Alberto Moravia commented on in his 1934 book set on Capri.** The writer and his companion, **Elsa Morante**, lived for many years on the island.

Just before arriving at the Belvedere, opposite the da **Gelsomina Restaurant,** stop for a walk through **Philosophical Park** (free entrance). This route which skirts the hillside and is marked by a number of ceramic tiles painted with adages and aphorisms from famous Western and Eastern philosophers.

You can walk to the Migliara in about 20 min.

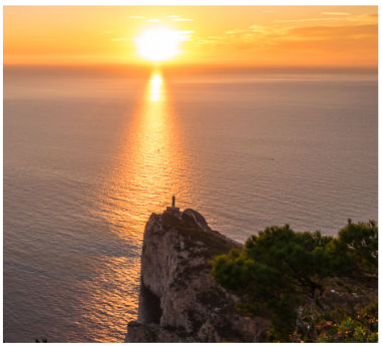
The trail is about 1 km and mostly flat, lined with small B&Bs, vineyards, vegetable patches, and pretty views over the sea and **Ischia**. The Via Migliara route begins at **Piazza della Pace** in Anacapri (also known as **Piazzale Cimitero**), the second stop for buses from Capri and the final stop for buses **to the lighthouse and Blue Grotto**.

Relax for the day

If you would like to spend a day doing nothing but relaxing in the peace of the countryside, after your walk you can stop for lunch at **Ristorante Da Gelsomina** €€/€€€ ***+39 081 837 1499*** that also has a large pool with a view (pool open only in summer).

Vineyard at the Migliara

Punta Carena lighthouse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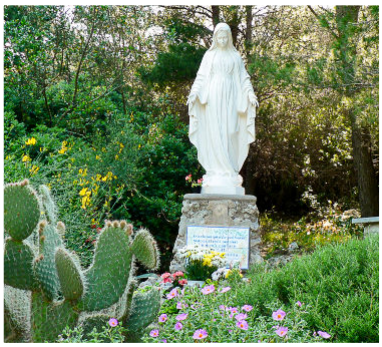
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Dawn over the Faraglioni

Philosophy Park

Sunset at the Migliara

The Trail of the Forts

One of the most spectacular trails on Capri is the Sentiero dei Fortini (Trail of the Forts), skirting the coastline between the Blue Grotto and the Punta Carena Lighthouse, with breathtaking views of the coastal cliffs and bays as deep as fjords with turquoise waters.

The trail is named for the three small forts along the route that once served as defensive outposts for Capri: **Orrico**, **Pino** and **Mesola**. The forts were built by the British in 1806 and expanded by the French after the battle of Orrico (known locally as "La Presa di Capri") in 1808.
The trail that runs between them can be picked up at the Blue Grotto or at the **Punta Carena Lighthouse, and is marked by information tiles and signage.**
It will take you **around 3 hours to complete the walk**, so make sure you bring a supply of water and avoid the hottest hours of the day (the sun is particularly strong on this side of the island!).

Our insider tip: Start the walk at the Blue Grotto, and when you arrive at Punta Carena treat yourself to a refreshing dip in the sea beneath the lighthouse (don't forget to bring your swimming costume!)

Orrico Fort

The Orrico Fort is situated roughly 30 meters above sea level on the **Punta del Miglio**, and has a semicircular structure with a diameter of approximately 20 meters. The fort is about 300 meters away from the **Blue Grotto**. Within its two-meter thick walls there were once two cannons directed to the southwest and northwest, positioned so that the fire would cross with that of the Campetiello and Pino Forts, creating a barrier against any vessel attempting to approach the island.

Mesola Fort

Mesola Fort rests on the promontory of Campetiello, named after the **De Campetiello family** who owned it. Mesola Fort is a circular structure with thick walls in which two cannons were positioned so as to defend the coast. Traces of primitive man have been found in the area, namely small utensils made of bone; in the **Greek** and **Roman** eras there would have been a landing stage here. Indeed, the remains of an ancient flight of steps can still be seen in the rock face.

Pino Fort

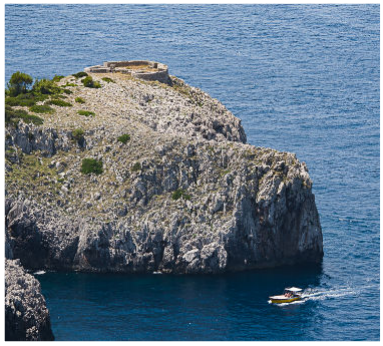
Of the three forts, Pino Fort is the one closest to the **Punta Carena Lighthouse**. The circular building is positioned 40 meters above sea level. The structure has an external diameter of 60 meters, while the interior is rectangular. The fort was used to control **Cala di Mezzo** to the north and **Cala di Limmo** to the south.

Directions to the Sentiero dei Fortini

- **From the Blue Grotto:** Bus Anacapri - Blue Grotto for 10 minutes (Punta Arcera stop, ask the driver).
- **From the Lighthouse:** Bus Anacapri - Punta Carena Lighthouse for 10 min. (Pino stop, ask the driver).
- Buses leave from **Piazza della Pace** in Anacapri about every 20 minutes. Duration: about 3 hours for 5 km

Cala del Rio

Cala di Limmo


Fortino di Campetiello - Mesola

Bridge over the Fiordo d'Argento

Punta Carena Lighthouse

Orrico Fort

Trail of the Forts

Trail of the Forts

La Piazzetta

The islanders call it "a chiazz". On the maps, it's called Piazza Umberto I. For the rest of the world, it's La Piazzetta. Everyone can agree that it's Capri's most famous square.

Every visitor on the island must wind their way through the café tables in **La Piazzetta**. On the square is the town's newspaper stand, **tourist information office**, and the town hall directly opposite the flight of steps that leads up to the island's ex-cathedral.
The real stars are, of course, the sidewalk cafes, one for each corner of the square. This is where mere mortals get the chance to mingle with celebrities sipping their coffee or cocktail at one of the bar's outdoor tables.

How much does a drink at a bar in the Piazzetta cost?
Although you may have been led to believe that a drink in Capri's Piazzetta will cost you an arm and a leg, in reality, prices are comparable to those applied by any fashionable bar in any Italian city.
A coffee served at your table will cost about €5, an aperitif approximately €12.

The Piazzetta has always been the center of life on the island. In the past, it served as a market square where fish, vegetables, and occasionally meat (which was a rare commodity until recent times) were sold. In 1938, the young islander **Raffaele Vuotto** placed a few tables outside his bar in the Piazzetta. From that moment on, the square became a fashionable meeting place for both locals and visitors, all of whom had previously socialized either at home or in the island's hotels. Today, Capri's celebrity-packed Piazzetta provides the **perfect hunting ground** for camera-clicking paparazzi, eager to capture images of the rich and famous, and holidaymakers hoping to brush shoulders with their favorite Hollywood star.

Suggestions
- **Gelateria Buonocore**
- **Capri Pasta** (take-away and ravioli capresi)
- **Pescheria Le Botteghe** (seafood happy hour)

Aperitivo spots

A few famous and hidden spots for an evening cocktail (or two).

Piazzetta - Capri

The most classic spot in Capri for a cocktail is right in its heart: **La Piazzetta**, with its four sidewalk cafés. There isn't much difference between them, and the drinks are more or less the same. Cocktails are about €10/15.

Bar Funicolare - Capri

A good alternative to the crowded Piazzetta is the bar on the square in front of the funicular. Here, instead of seeing and being seen, you can concentrate on the beautiful view over the Bay of Naples. The only downside is that this spot tends to be windy, so it can get a bit cool in the evening.

Quisisana - Capri

If you really want to rub elbows with the island's visiting VIPs, grab a table at **QuisiBar** on the terrace of the Grand Hotel Quisisana. Here you can watch the parade of window shoppers on **Via Camerelle** and savor the Dolce Vita vibe.

Capri Rooftop - Capri

Probably the most panoramic bar in Capri is located on the rooftop of Hotel Luna facing the **Faraglioni**. Try to settle at a table at sunset or when the moon is high to really enjoy the view.

Faro (Lighthouse) Punta Carena - Anacapri

If you ask any islander for the best cocktail spot, they are bound to answer **"Al Faro"**. It may not be very central, but relaxing here with a cocktail as the sun sets over the sea and the fishermen set out over the water is unforgettable.

Vinoteca La Zagara (wine bar) - Anacapri

For a lighthearted drink in the center of **Anacapri**, this wine bar has **a great selection of wine, prosecco, and champagne** with excellent finger food in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Restaurants on Capri

All island restaurants serve traditional dishes from Capri, as non-local ingredients were hard to come by until a few years ago, when crossings became more frequent. The island's most traditional cuisine features local specialites like heirloom tomatoes and lemons, fresh and foraged vegetables and herbs, and the catch of the day.

Info

There are no international restaurants on Capri, so plan on eating Italian cuisine, and in particular, island dishes. There are some restaurants that serve more gourmet or creative versions of traditional recipes, with varying levels of formality.

Seasons and hours

Very few restaurants stay open year-round. Most open seasonally starting the week before Easter and close at the beginning of November.
Hours: tourist restaurants stay open all day from 11am to late at night. In most other restaurants, lunch is served from noon to 3pm, and dinner from 7 pm to 11pm. Beach restaurants stay open all day until sunset.

Reservations

It's always a good idea to reserve for dinner; usually calling the same day is far enough in advance, but for more famous restaurants and on weekends in summer, **you should probably call a few days in advance**. You only need to make reservations for lunch at beach restaurants. If you would like to have dinner at **Da Paolino** or **Aurora**, or lunch at **La Fontelina**, you should book well ahead of time or ask the concierge at your hotel.

Prices

Dinner on Capri is more expensive than many other locations in Italy. For a three-course dinner at a restaurant **you can expect to spend between €50 and €80 a person, plus wine**. More economical options are a **pizzeria** or **casual trattoria**, the most informal category of eatery on the island. All restaurants must have their menu and prices displayed outside, so you can take a look before entering.

Special requirements

Children are welcome in all restaurants on Capri, and highchairs are usually available. You should have no problem ordering something simple such as like pasta with tomato sauce for your child.
Vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free: there are no special vegan or vegetarian restaurants, but you should have no problem finding options without meat. Most restaurants on Capri offer gluten-free pasta and bread.

Traditional island dishes

Ravioli capresi

Fresh pasta filled with caciotta cheese and marjoram, in a simple tomato sauce. This is a staple of every island kitchen, and is featured on virtually every menu on Capri!

Insalata caprese

A tomato-and-mozzarella salad topped with olive oil and basil. It is said that this salad was invented by a chef at the Quisisana to honor Italy during a conference about Futurism.

Torta caprese

On Capri, this is known as almond cake, but off the island it's torta caprese. In both cases, it's a rich flourless cake made with chocolate and almonds, perfect for those with a gluten intolerance.

Mixed seafood crudité

Polpo alla Luciana

Spaghetti alla puttanesca

Ravioli alla caprese

Spaghetti alle vongole

Zuppa di cozze

Risotto alla pescatora

Where to sample island cuisine

Da Paolino Lemon Trees (Capri) €€€
081 837 6102
Dine on timeless classics of Neapolitan and island cuisine under the lemon trees. This is a favorite among VIPs, so book in advance.

Al Verginiellllo €€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0944
A simple restaurant with authentic cuisine and a good price/quality ratio.

Da Gelsomina €€/€€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 1499
At the end of the Migliara trail, this countryside restaurant specializes in classic dishes.

Al Grottino €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0584
Just steps from the Piazzetta, with dining rooms reminiscent of small grottoes. Try the scialatielli ai frutti di mare served directly from the skillet.

Pulalli Wine Bar €€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 4108
This tiny spot occupies a unique location atop the belltower in the Piazzetta. Book a table on the terrace for a great view over the Piazzetta from above. There is also one table with a view of the sea and the terrace in front of the funicular. Traditional local cuisine.

Da Giorgio €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0898
A restaurant just off the Piazzetta with a view over the bay, specializing in seafood.

Buca di Bacco €€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0723
A few steps off the Piazzetta and famous for its "sfilatino", a pizza rolled up with charcuterie and ricotta.

Aumm Aumm €/€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 3926
Restaurant/pizzeria with a garden in Anacapri. Open all year round for lunch and dinner.

Lo Sfizio €/€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 4128
Out of the town center of Capri in the Tiberio neighborhood, this is the only spot on the island that makes rotisserie chicken.

Le Arcate €€/€€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 3588
Le Arcate serves all the most-loved island dishes as well as traditional Neapolitan pizzas, cooked in a wood-burning oven. The restaurant's wine cellar is stocked with an excellent selection of local and Italian wines.

Waterfront restaurants

Generally open in the evening only from June through September.

Lo Zodiaco €€/€€€ (M. Grande)
+39 081 837 6332
Next to the marina and open all day, though the atmosphere in the evening is particularly romantic. If you book far enough ahead of time, you can reserve a table right on the water, next to the fish market. Specialized in cooked and raw fish.

Torre Saracena €€€ (M. Piccola)
+39 081 837 0646
Beach club restaurant overlooking the Bay of Marina Piccola. Hard to imagine a more romantic setting, especially on a balmy summer night on the island when the moon is shining silver behind the Faraglioni. The most famous dish is pasta with peas, served directly from the skillet.

Il Riccio €€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 1380
The seaside restaurant of the Capri Palace hotel, just steps from the Blue Grotto. Fine seafood dining with a Michelin star.

Lido del Faro €€/€€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 1798
Restaurant and beach club at the foot of the lighthouse outside Anacapri.

Da Luigi €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0591
This beach club facing the Faraglioni is open for lunch in the summer. During the full moon, it also holdsspecial evening events with dinner and a boat ride from Marina Piccola. You can't get more romantic than this.

Bagni Tiberio €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0703
You can have lunch beside the ruins of one of Tiberius' villas, with fresh fish and seafood. Leave room for the delicious fresh graffe (doughnut).

La Fontelina €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0845
Very famous and popular beach club facing the Faraglioni. Reservations are a must. Open for lunch only.

Gourmet experiences

Aurora €€€(Capri)
+39 081 837 0181
A favorite among the jet set. Traditional dishes with creative flair, to sample at the bistro tables set on the sidewalk. Try: pizza all'acqua, a signature dish created in the 1950s. This is a lighter version of the classic Neapolitan pizza.

Mammà €€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 7472
Michelin-starred restaurant under Chef Salvatore La Ragione, former sous-chef under Gennaro Esposito at Torre del Saracino in Vico Equense. With Esposito's guidance and collaboration, La Ragione opened this eatery on Capri to much success. Just steps from the Piazzetta.

Tonino €€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 6718
Leave the center of Capri and head toward the Tiberio area to try this gourmet yet informal spot. Visit the wine cellar, dug out of the tufo stone beneath the restaurant.

Romantic restaurants

Monzù €€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0844
This restaurant at the Hotel Punta Tragara has a dreamy location overlooking the Bay of Marina Piccola surrounded by the silence of one of the quietest areas of Capri. Young local Chef Luigi Lionetti is one of the most promising of the new generation of haute cuisine in Italy, and his dishes mix humble and gourmet ingredients, paying homage to traditional island cuisine.

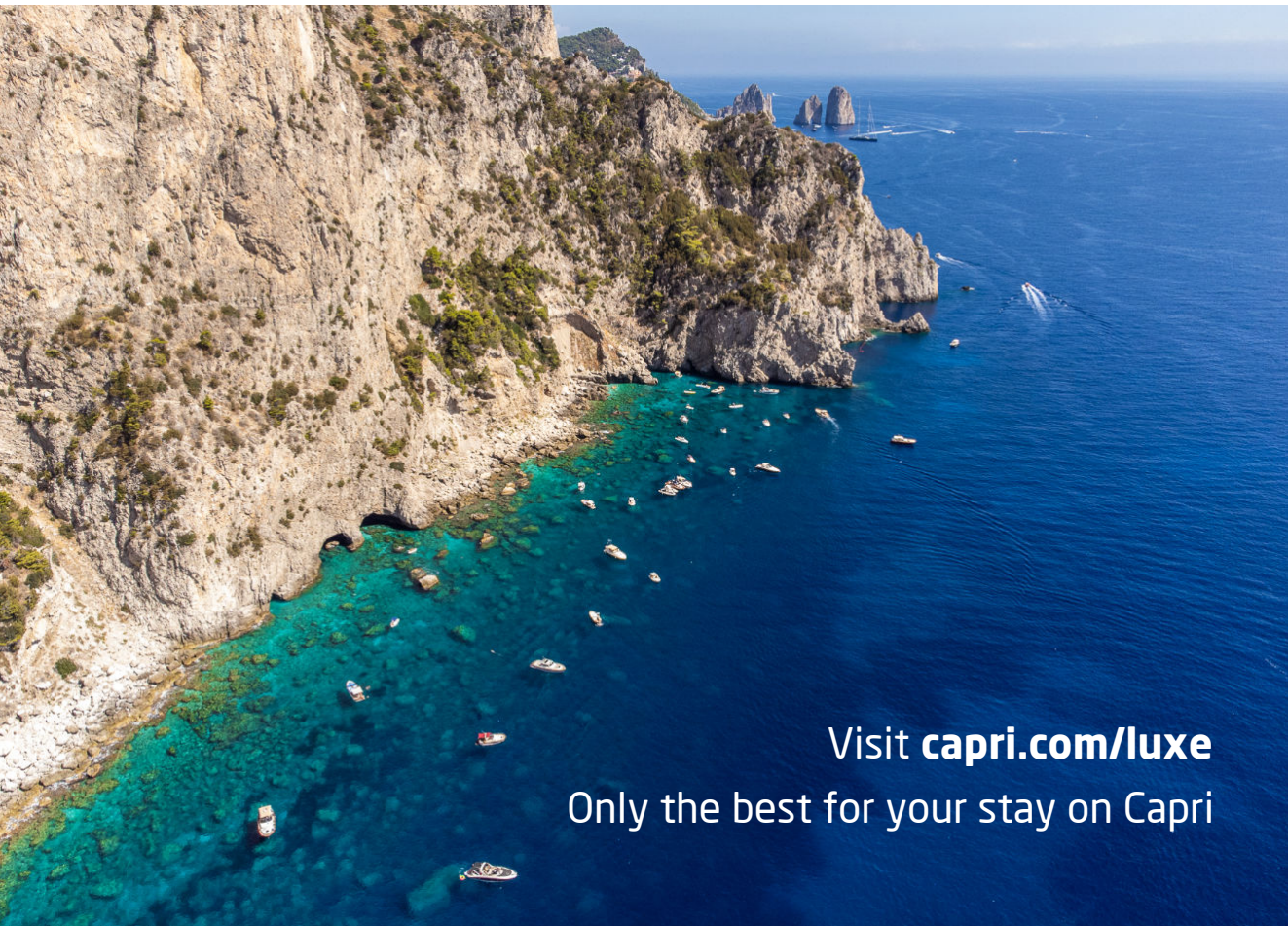
Terrazza Brunella €€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0122
The restaurant in Hotel Villa Brunella boasts large windows with views over Marina Piccola. The terrace is covered and enclosed, so it's the perfect spot to enjoy the view even on chilly evenings. The menu features Mediterranean classics.

Panorama €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 5290
Island cuisine with pizza and handmade pasta. Large terrace surrounded by a traditional lemon grove overlooking the Bay of Naples.

Il Geranio €€/€€€ (Capri)
+39 081 837 0616
Set above the Gardens of Augustus, this restaurant has the same view of the Faraglioni. Easy to reach from the center of Capri, in the summer diners sit on the terrace beneath the pine trees. Traditional island cuisine. Recommended for lunch or dinner.

Terrazza di Lucullo €€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 3395
This is the restaurant in the Caesar Augustus hotel perched on the clifftop near Anacapri, 300 meters above the sea. The view is spectacular, overlooking the Bay of Naples. The menu is based on a philosophy of highlighting local ingredients, and the hotel has its own vegetable and herb gardens.

La Zagara €€/€€€ (Anacapri)
+39 081 837 2923
Hotel Casa Mariantonia's restaurant is in the center of Anacapri, and diners sit beneath the lemon trees to enjoy their traditional dishes served with modern flair. There is an adjacent wine bar.



Shopping

Few places in the world can boast such a high concentration of designer shops as Capri.

Or, to be more precise, **Via Camerelle**. The epicenter of luxury shopping in Capri is between **the Piazzetta, Via Camerelle, and Via Le Botteghe**. In Anacapri, **Via Giuseppe Orlandi** is lined with artisan shops, while the souvenir stores are concentrated along the lane to **Villa San Michele**.

Capri sandals

Capri is famous for its handmade sandals. To get a pair of your own, all you have to do is stop in a sandal shop where the cobbler will measure your feet while you choose the type of straps you want. Then, less than an hour later, your sandals will be ready!
Jackie Kennedy was such a fan of Capri sandals that she once had her favorite shop open exclusively for her so she could spend the evening trying out the various models without other shoppers around.

Visit Canfora (Via Camerelle - Capri)

Artisan perfume

Another typical souvenir from Capri, a bottle of artisan-made perfume is a great gift for those back home too. The tradition of perfume-making on Capri dates back to the 14th century, when the monks from the **Charterhouse of San Giacomo** started producing exquisite scents using the island's herbs and flowers.

Visit Carthusia (Via Camerelle - Capri)

Limoncello

Capri is a great place to stock up on gastronomic goodies too! A decorative bottle filled with limoncello, the liqueur made with the island's lemons, is a classic keepsake. You can buy limoncello di Capri on **Via Roma (Capri)** and **Viale Axel Munthe (Anacapri).**

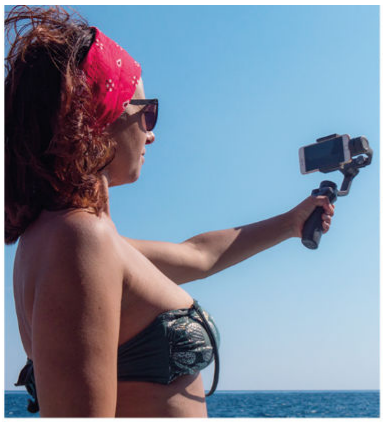
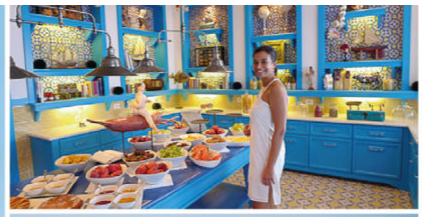
Island fashion

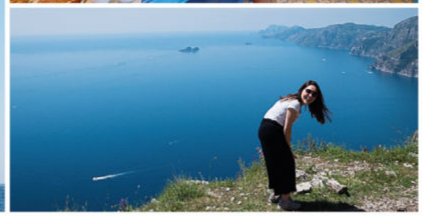
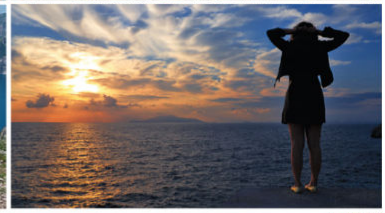
The most famous piece of clothing from the island, of course, are **"Capri pants"**. You can purchase them at **Parisienne** in the Piazzetta or at the **Laboratorio Capri boutique**, which also makes dresses, shirts, and skirts with vintage Capri prints. For a shawl or sweater perfect for cooler evenings, stop in **Sorelle Farella**, which specializes in luxury knitwear.

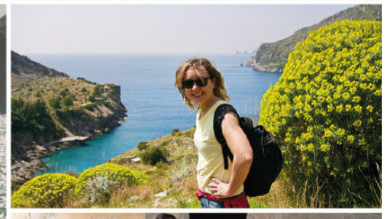
Capri sandals

Artisan perfume

Limoncello



We wanted to end this guide with a few personal snapshots taken while we were personally vetting all the experiences included here.
We hope you have as much fun following these tips as we have had creating them.
We hope to see you soon on the coast!
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