

Bus lines

**MARINA GRANDE (Port) o CAPRI**  
Bus ATC and Bus Staiano  
Approx. 15 min. For this route, the funicular (cable car) is recommended. Avoid walking up to the Piazzetta during the hottest hours.

**MARINA GRANDE (Port) o ANACAPRI**  
Bus ATC and Bus Staiano.  
Approx. 25 min.

**CAPRI o MARINA PICCOLA** Bus ATC  
Approx. 15 min. You can also reach Marina Piccola on foot, just a 20-minute walk from the Piazzetta.

**CAPRI o ANACAPRI** Bus ATC  
Approx. 15 min. Buses run frequently, about every 15 min.

**ANACAPRI o MARINA PICCOLA** Bus ATC  
Approx. 25 min. This line operates only during summer.

**ANACAPRI o GROTTA AZZURRA** Bus Staiano  
Approx. 15 min. Buses run every 20 min.

**ANACAPRI o FARO** Bus Staiano  
Approx. 15 min. Buses run every 20 min.

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## Essential Guide 2025



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## Boat tours around the island

Discovering Capri is all about taking a tour of the island!

### Group tours

This is the perfect choice if you're short on time for exploring Capri. At the port of Marina Grande, you'll find the ticket offices of various companies that offer boat tours. You can buy tickets upon arrival or secure your spot online in advance. The boat tour of the island takes approximately 2 hours, with a stop at the Blue Grotto. Boats typically circle the island clockwise, so try to sit on the right-hand side.

### How much does a boat tour around Capri cost?

There is a wide range of boat tour prices depending on the specific type of boat, tour, and departure port. **A shared 2-hour boat tour** around Capri that departs from the island costs **€21/person**. This type of tour doesn't include a swimming stop.



#### Low-cost tour

The least expensive and fastest way to take in Capri by sea.  
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#### 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
- Punta Carena Lighthouse
- The Blue Grotto
- The Baths of Tiberius

## Island tour by private boat rental

### The most beautiful way to experience Capri

In addition to the traditional "gozzo" (a wooden boat with a spacious sundeck), you can also choose from inflatable boats, motorboats, and other types of vessels. Private boat tours last a minimum of two hours, with a stop for swimming and visiting some sea caves.

### What's the best option?

The best option is to rent a boat with a skipper who can guide you on a private tour, showcasing stunning coves for swimming and sea caves to explore as you relax on the sundeck. The main difference between a shared tour and a private boat tour is that a private tour includes a stop for swimming.



#### Experience the island on a private boat tour

Discover all the options for a private boat tour.  
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### THE MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE SPOTS

Discover the top 10 spots for a photo tour of Capri, perfect for sharing on social media.

**The Faraglioni from the Gardens of Augustus:** experience breathtaking panoramic views and ceramic benches ideal for iconic shots.

**The Faraglioni at sea:** take selfies on a boat, dive into the sea, or strike a glamorous pose with the iconic rock formations as a backdrop.

## Visiting the Blue Grotto

The Blue Grotto is classified as a **museum**, so you must purchase a ticket at the sea cave entrance (there is a floating ticket office). Visitors can enter the cave only when the sea is calm and conditions are safe.

### Group boat tours

**Motoscafi** and **Laser Capri** are two companies that offer group tours and transfers to the Blue Grotto. The ticket offices are conveniently located at the port of Marina Grande. By purchasing the **'Island Tour + Blue Grotto' ticket**, you'll first explore the island and then stop at the entrance to the Grotto. Here, you'll enter the cave aboard a small rowboat.

### Waiting at the entrance to the cave

To avoid long waits (sometimes as much as two hours), it's best to head to the cave around 9 to 10 am. The busiest time is typically around noon.

### What's the best time to visit the Blue Grotto?

Reflections in the cave **reach peak brilliance between 12 and 2 pm**, but the difference compared to early morning is minimal. We recommend avoiding visits on cloudy days, as the reflections are less intense without direct sunlight.

### The fascinating history of the Blue Grotto

In Roman times, under **Emperor Tiberius**, the cave was used as a marine nymphaeum. The statues once inside are now displayed at the Certosa di San Giacomo Museum. For centuries, the Blue Grotto was shrouded in mystery, avoided by visitors, and thought to be haunted by spirits.

In 1826, local fisherman **Angelo Ferraro** took two Germans, writer **August Kopisch** and painter **Ernst Fries**, to visit. They revealed its beauty, and it has been a must-see in Capri ever since.



#### How to visit the Blue Grotto

Tours, tips, and FAQ  
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#### GETTING TO THE BLUE GROTTO ENTRANCE

**By boat:** 10 min. From Marina Grande, or as a stop on an island tour  
**By bus:** 15 min. Board at Piazza della Pace in Anacapri, 50 meters from Piazza Vittoria. Departures every 20 min

**On foot:** From Piazza Vittoria, take Viale T. de Tommaso, Via Pagliaro, and Via Grotta Azzurra with an optional stop at the ruins of Villa Damecuta (3.5 km, 40 min)

#### Opening hours and tickets

Open from 9 am to 5 pm when the sea is calm (the cave is closed when the sea is rough). Tickets cost €18 per person, payable at the cave entrance.

**Duration:** Visits inside the cave last about 5 minutes.

## Getting around Capri

### Public transportation in Capri

The buses and funicular are small. The island attracts a large number of visitors daily. Long lines inevitably form when taking public transportation, especially at the port to reach the Piazzetta (the center of Capri) and to Anacapri and back.

### Funicular (cable car)

To reach **the heart of Capri from Marina Grande**, choose the funicular, a small panoramic train that takes you directly **to the famous Piazzetta**.

You can now pay using a contactless payment method with the Tap&Go system. Alternatively, you can buy tickets at the ticket office at the end of the arrival pier, on the right (with the sea behind you), near the hydrofoil ticket offices. The funicular runs **every 15 minutes (more frequently during peak times)** and the ride takes 5 minutes, with a ticket price of €2.40.

### Bus

In Capri, all minibuses offer around ten seats. In summer, they're often crowded, and you may have to wait in long lines. However, the buses depart approximately every 15 to 20 minutes. A single ticket costs €2.40 (€2.90 if purchased on the bus). In Capri's center, the terminus is located in Piazza Martiri d'Ungheria, along Via Roma, near the Piazzetta. The bus terminal in Anacapri is located in Piazza della Pace, known as "Piazza Cimitero" (the bus for the Blue Grotto and the Lighthouse), and near Piazza Capriale for other routes.

**Tip:** If you're heading from Anacapri to Capri and there's a long line at Piazza Vittoria, take Viale De Tommaso **to catch the bus at one of the previous stops**.

### Taxis

Most taxis on the island are convertibles, perfect for immersing yourself in the Capri atmosphere. Fares are set by a taximeter, with predetermined rates for the most common routes. When it comes to touring the island of Capri, the price varies depending on the season, the length of the tour, and the route. Typical rates (1-4 people): Marina Grande - Capri €25, Marina Grande - Anacapri €30, Capri - Anacapri €25, Capri - Blue Grotto €45, Capri - Faro Lighthouse €40.

### Scooter rental

You can rent a scooter at the port of Marina Grande, in Capri town, and in Anacapri. Rental times vary from a few hours to a full day or even multiple days. Scooters can accommodate two people. Renting a scooter is only recommended for those who are already familiar with driving one, as the island's roads are narrow and winding.



#### Getting around Capri

All the essential information  
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**The charming alleys of Capri's historic center:** these captivating alleys are lined with luxury boutiques and artisan shops.

**Lo Scoglio delle Sirene (Siren's Rock) in Marina Piccola:** snap an iconic swimsuit photo here as a Mediterranean diva.

**The view from Villa San Michele:** capture the Sphinx and its expansive sea view, which is a visual poem in itself.

**The flowers, lemons, and traditional details:** Capri is a photographer's dream, with blooming balconies, lemon crates, and the emerald sea.





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### GARDENS OF AUGUSTO - VIA KRUPP

Just a few minutes from the Piazzetta, here you can experience panoramic views of Marina Piccola, the Faraglioni, and Via Krupp. Perfect for a break surrounded by greenery and beautiful views. Admission: €2.50, children free. Open year-round until late afternoon.



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### IGNAZIO CERIO MUSEUM

This museum is located in the residence of Ignazio Cerio, who was a doctor on Capri and also mayor. It houses over 20,000 natural and archaeological artifacts. Located in the Piazzetta, opposite the Basilica of Santo Stefano. Admission €3. Visit: 1 hour.



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### MARINA GRANDE - THE PORT

Marina Grande is the island's main port, serving as the arrival point for ferries and hydrofoils. It offers connections to Naples, Sorrento, Ischia, and the Amalfi Coast and has ticket offices, bars, restaurants, and beaches. As the island's transportation hub, here you can get buses, taxis, and the funicular for easy island navigation. This is also the perfect departure point for boat tours.



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### THE CHARTERHOUSE OF SAN GIACOMO

This 14th-century monastery now houses a museum dedicated to the German painter Diefenbach, as well as an archaeological museum and art exhibitions. Tickets: €6 (card only). Visit: 2 hours.



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### THE PIAZZETTA

The beating heart of the island, the Piazzetta is the perfect spot to immerse yourself in the atmosphere of Capri. Surrounded by charming cafes, delightful restaurants, and chic boutiques, it's an ideal starting point for exploring the island.



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### FARAGLIONI

This rock formation is an iconic symbol of Capri, with three towering pillars rising majestically from the sea. They stand at a height of around 100 meters and are home to the blue lizard, a species native to the island. A boat tour around the Faraglioni is a truly unforgettable experience.

## One-day itinerary on Capri

### 9 am - Boat tour of the island

Aim to reach Capri as early as possible. When you arrive **at the port of Marina Grande**, you'll find ticket offices for various boat tour companies, where you can purchase a tour that includes a stop at the Blue Grotto. This is a fantastic way to get a broad overview of Capri. You can opt for the full island tour, which also takes you past the iconic **Faraglioni rock** formations, or simply visit the **Blue Grotto**. We highly recommend the full tour. Duration: approx. 2 hours. Cost: €23. Blue Grotto entrance fee (paid separately at the entrance): €18.

### 11:30 am - Chairlift to Monte Solaro

Once you're back at Marina Grande, hop on **a direct bus to Anacapri**, which takes about 20-25 minutes. From there, you can take **the chairlift up to Monte Solaro**. From the summit of Monte Solaro, you'll be treated to a breathtaking view of the Gulf of Naples and Salerno. This is undoubtedly the island's finest view; from here, you can admire nearly all of Campania. After a moment of contemplation, you can choose to take the chairlift back or go down on foot, stopping at the **Cetrella Hermitage**. The hike down takes about an hour. Chairlift to Monte Solaro: 12 min, €12 round trip.

### 12:30 pm - Villa San Michele

At this point, you can choose to stop for lunch at one of Anacapri's restaurants or grab a quick bite and continue to Villa San Michele, the house-museum of Swedish writer Axel Munthe. Here, you'll find archaeological artifacts collected by the doctor and a terrace overlooking the sea. Admission: approx. €10.

### 3 pm - Piazzetta and Capri historic center

Hop on a bus and get off at Capri. **If there's a line at Piazza Vittoria, take Viale De Tommaso to catch the bus at a previous stop.** After a brief walk around the Piazzetta, you can explore Capri's historic center and the **Gardens of Augustus**, where you can take in spectacular views of the **Bay of Marina Piccola** and the hairpin bends of Via Krupp. If you have time afterwards, you can also take a stroll down **Via Camerelle**, the street with the highest concentration of high-end fashion boutiques in the world. At the end of the street, continue along **Via Tragara** until you reach the scenic viewpoint overlooking the **Faraglioni**. Don't miss the chance to capture your day on Capri with a photo of the Faraglioni in the background. Heading back, take Via Tragara and instead of returning to Via Camerelle, go up the road on the right (Via P. R. Giuliano). Continue until you reach **Via Fuorlovado** and **Via Le Botteghe**. From the Piazzetta, you can take the funicular or walk down to the port (approx. 20 min).

This itinerary **doesn't include Villa Jovis**, the ancient Roman residence of Emperor Tiberius, and **Villa Lysis**, an elegant example of Art Nouveau architecture commissioned by Count Fersen and now open to the public. If you're a history enthusiast, consider swapping the island tour for a leisurely stroll through Capri's upper area, visiting both villas. The villas are only accessible on foot, about a 45-minute walk from the Piazzetta, and about 30 minutes apart.

## Top 10 things to see and do on the island

### Stroll through the heart of Capri

Explore the heart of Capri, wander its winding streets, and discover its luxury boutiques and outdoor cafés. Don't miss the famous Piazzetta, the island's vibrant heart.

### Take a boat tour around the island

Marvel at the stunning coastline and caves, such as the iconic Blue Grotto, on a boat tour around the island. You can also go for a swim in one of the stunning coves.

### Explore Anacapri

Stroll through the narrow streets of Anacapri to discover its quaint shops and visit the Church of San Michele, renowned for its majolica floor.

### Go to the top of Monte Solaro

Take the chairlift to Monte Solaro, the island's highest point, and marvel at the breathtaking view of the Gulf of Naples and the Amalfi Coast.

### Visit the Gardens of Augustus and Via Krupp

Explore this panoramic park overlooking the Faraglioni and Marina Piccola. Stroll along Via Krupp, a scenic road that connects the gardens to Marina Piccola.

### Discover Villa Jovis

Explore the ruins of Villa Jovis, one of the residences of the Roman Emperor Tiberius and uncover the island's history during the ancient Roman era.

### Enjoy Marina Grande and Marina Piccola

Unwind on the beaches of Capri's two main ports, where you can swim in the crystal-clear waters or simply bask in the sun.

### Try at least one of these three captivating walks:

- **The Pizzolungo**, offering magnificent views from the Faraglioni to Villa Malaparte (starting from the Arco Naturale towards Tragara).
- **The climb down from Monte Solaro to the Cetrella Hermitage**, a nature walk with sweeping views of the Gulf of Naples.
- **The Sentiero dei Fortini**, a path that connects the Blue Grotto to the Punta Carena lighthouse, weaving through Bourbon forts and overlooking crystal-clear waters.

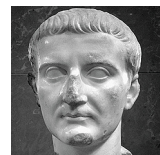
### Taste local specialties

Indulge in the local cuisine, such as Caprese salad, featuring tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil, and Caprese ravioli. Make sure to also try the famous limoncello di Capri, a delightful lemon liqueur.

### The Blue Grotto

Hop on a rowboat and enter a magical sea cave with unbelievable azure reflections. It's an unforgettable experience that will stay with you forever.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF CAPRI



Emperor Tiberius

### Prehistory and Classical Era (4th century BC)

The Greeks first settled Capri, building the first urban structures such as the Phoenician Staircase.

### Ancient Roman Era (328 BC - 128 AD)

The island becomes an imperial gem: from the Emperor Augustus to the Emperor Tiberius, Capri thrives under the shadow of the Roman Empire.

### Early Middle Ages (450 - 1137)

Faith and domination combine as the Basilica of San Costanzo is built, and Capri falls under the control of powerful entities such as the Republic of Amalfi.

### Invasions and Conquests (812 - 1367)

This is a turbulent time, from the Saracen raids to the Norman conquest, when the island becomes a battleground of change.

### Renaissance and the Modern Era (1496 - 1806)

A time of cultural revival when Anacapri gains autonomy and the island experiences alternating British and French occupations.

### Cultural Revival (1826 - 1902)

The island transforms into a museum, as the rediscovery of the Blue Grotto draws in artists and intellectuals from around the world.

### Innovation and Progress (1905 - 1938)

Capri steps into the future with the construction of the funicular and the inauguration of Via Krupp, as the island undergoes modernization.

### Tourism Boom (1950 - 2025)

Tourism booms in the 1950s and Via Krupp is reopened, as Capri becomes a global destination with visitors from around the world.

## ARRIVING AT THE PORT


**Getting to Capri town center (La Piazzetta) and Anacapri.**  
**Marina Grande can get very crowded, so it's best to plan your day in advance.**

**Funicular:** This is the quickest way to get from the port to the **center of Capri**. It leaves every 15 minutes (more often in high season), takes four minutes and costs €2.40. One carry-on bag is included, while larger bags require an extra ticket.  
**As soon as you disembark, head straight to the ticket offices or the funicular entrance** (contactless Tap & Go payment only); the lines for the funicular are usually shorter than those for the buses.

**Buses to Capri or Anacapri:** Buses depart from both the Lido Ondine area (ATC bus) and from Molo Banchinella (Staiano bus). It takes about 15 minutes to reach Capri and 25 minutes to reach Anacapri. Cost €2.40.

**Taxi:** Traditional Capri taxis are convertibles, making for a scenic transport alternative. Capri: approx. 15 min. Anacapri: approx. 25 min.

**Tip:** To maximize your time, as soon as you disembark **consider taking a boat tour** right away around the island, including a visit to the Blue Grotto (about 2 hours total), and then go up to the center of Capri or Anacapri.

 **What you should know about walking from the port to the Piazzetta**  
Many visitors underestimate the difficulty of the steep climb from the port to reach the center of Capri. Although on maps it may seem like a simple 15-minute walk, it's actually quite challenging, with numerous steps. It's not recommended, especially if you're traveling with luggage or walking during the hottest hours of the day. By contrast, walking downhill from the Piazzetta to the port is much easier. If there's a line for the funicular, you can walk down to the port in about 15 minutes.



## HIKING AND NATURE WALKS



### **1** THE FORTINI TRAIL 2-3 HOURS

This trail connects the Blue Grotto to the Punta Carena lighthouse and runs along the rocky coastline. Start from the Grotto and head towards the lighthouse for a refreshing swim. Take the Anacapri-Grotta Azzurra bus to the trailhead, and ask the driver where to get off. Bring water, wear comfy shoes, avoid peak heat.



### **3** MOUNT SOLARO - CETRELLA 2-3 HOURS

Climb up to Monte Solaro from Piazza della Pace (1 hour) or take the chairlift (12 min). From Monte Solaro, go down to Cetrella (20-30 min), enjoying the breathtaking views and lush nature. The Hermitage of Cetrella offers tranquility and a fantastic view of the Faraglioni. Return on foot (about 30 min). Bring comfortable shoes, water, and a hat.



### **6** VIA KRUPP 1 HOUR

A masterpiece of engineering, this route connects the Gardens of Augustus to Marina Piccola, offering panoramic hairpin bends overlooking the sea. This is the perfect route for a picturesque stroll. Access from the Gardens of Augustus. Check the opening times, as it's often subject to closures.



**8** **VILLA LYSIS - VILLA FERSEN 2-3 HOURS**  
his walk goes from the heart of Capri to the historic residence of Jacques d'Adelswärd-Fersen. Open seasonally, admission €2.50.



### **2** LA MIGLIERA 1 HOUR

This walk leads to a breathtaking panoramic viewpoint. From here, a short path to the left offers a spectacular view of the Faraglioni. You can take a break and savor the authentic dishes at Da Gelsomina restaurant. Next door, you'll find the Philosophical Park, nestled in the heart of nature.



### **5** PHOENICIAN STAIRCASE 1 HOUR

This trail connects Marina Grande to Anacapri, featuring 921 steep, panoramic steps. The journey takes approximately 1 hour and is perfect for experienced hikers. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Avoid the hottest hours of the day. Access from Marina Grande or Via Capodimonte to Anacapri.



### **7** ARCO NATURALE AND PIZZOLUNGO 2-3 HOURS

This walk offers a scenic journey through nature, with glimpses of the sea. Beginning at the Natural Arch, continue towards Pizzolungo to get a closer look at the Faraglioni. Wear comfy shoes, bring water. The path is uneven with steps.



### **9** VILLA JOVIS - ASTARITA PARK 2-3 H

Villa Jovis (€6) is the ancient residence of the Emperor Tiberius and boasts ancient ruins and scenic views. Just next door, Astarita Park offers a wonderful view of the Gulf of Naples and the Faraglioni.

## WHAT TO SEE

This guide provides essential details on Capri's attractions, but opening hours may change without notice.  
Before venturing out to more distant locations, **always check current hours at the tourist offices** in the Piazzetta or at the Port of Marina Grande.  
For more information visit [www.capri.com](http://www.capri.com)



### **2** THE BLUE GROTTO

The Blue Grotto is accessible only by rowboat and is open from 9 am to 5 pm daily (weather permitting). Tickets: entrance + rowboat €18. From Marina Grande: speedboat + rowboat; from Anacapri: bus or taxi + rowboat. Waiting time 1-2 hours. Visit 5 min.



### **4** THE RED HOUSE (CASA ROSSA)

This eclectic 19th-century residence in Anacapri showcases historical paintings. Take the bus to Piazza Vittoria, then stroll along Via Orlandi. Visit 1 hour. Tickets: €3.50 full price.



### **6** MONTE SOLARO CHAIRLIFT

This chairlift connects Anacapri to the top of Mt. Solaro, offering a breathtaking 360° view. Experience the panoramic views from the bars and terraces at the summit. Tickets: round trip €14. Access from Piazza Vittoria. Ascent 12 m.



### **1** PUNTA CARENA LIGHTHOUSE

Enjoy breathtaking sunsets and an ideal bay for swimming. You can easily reach the Faro by bus from Anacapri or by taxi. There's free-access rocky beach area, featuring a snack bar and beach club. One of Italy's oldest lighthouses.



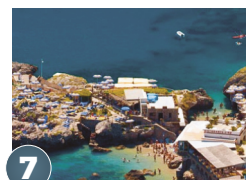
### **3** THE CHURCH OF SAN MICHELE

This 18th-century Baroque gem is renowned for its majolica tile floor, which depicts Adam and Eve in the Earthly Paradise. Along Via Orlandi. A short visit, perfect for those who love art and history. Admission: €3.



### **5** VILLA SAN MICHELE

This house-museum, built by Axel Munthe, showcases historical artifacts and a Mediterranean garden. The Sphinx of the Belvedere offers a breathtaking view of the Gulf of Naples. Tickets: €12. Visit: 2 hours.



### **7** MARINA PICCOLA

Enjoy the crystal-clear sea and views of the Faraglioni, with beach clubs and free beaches. Reach it by bus from Capri center or walk via Via Krupp or Via Mulo. Best to visit in the morning.