

The landscapes you see here will be etched in your memory as the most beautiful you have ever seen.

The Amalfi Coast includes idyllic hill towns such as Ravello and Positano (once a fishing village, now rightfully called one of the most picturesque on the coast.)

CAMPANIA

Campania is a compact region of fertile land, dramatic seascapes and ancient cities in excellent states of preservation.

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Naples

The capital city of Campania, Naples is the proud birthplace of Pizza. It also has world class museums such as the National Archaeological Museum and the Capodimonte Museum (great collection of majolica and porcelain). The Duomo is a 13th century gothic Church dedicated to the Patron Saint of Naples, Saint Gennaro. Spaccanapoli is one of the main intersections and the heart of the historic center. The narrow, windy streets are usually off limits to cars. Lots of shops and unusual spots to explore. The Funiculare is the inclined rail system that takes you up the hill to the Vomero District where you'll find spectacular views. Piazza Mercato has probably been a market since Roman times. Along with its famous Pizza, the fish and seafood is abundant and as fresh as it gets. Naples close proximity to other interesting sites makes it a good base for exploring other areas as well.

Mt. Vesuvius

On the gulf of Naples is one of the very few still active Volcanoes in Europe. The two gorgeous gulfs of Naples and Salerno with the Amalfi Coast separated by the Sorrento peninsula are world famous for high cliffs, sandy bays, grottoes, and islands, (Ischia, Procida and Capri).

The Ancient Cities of Campania are:

Capua In ancient times this was linked to Rome through the Via Appia. See remains of public baths, tombs with painted frescoes and cemeteries.

Herculaneum

Lost at the same time as Pompeii, though smaller is just as interesting. The inhabitants worshipped Hercules. The Villa of Papyri is the most famous of the Villas here.

Pompeii

The eruption in 79 AD left behind well preserved remains of people, art, and household objects. Even lava encrusted bodies can still be seen.

Paestum

Holds the best preserved Doric Temples in the world. Visit the Temples of Hera, Ceres and Neptune. An interesting anecdote on the Temple of Hera (goddess of fertility). "Childless couples flock to the temple to copulate beneath the stars at night in the belief that doing this within the shrine will ensure pregnancy".