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What to do in Positano and on the Amalfi Coast

12 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip. The second map, of the Amalfi Coast towns, is on page 4.



Top sight on the route · Worth the trip · Hidden gem · Walking route 1.6 km · 35 min

1	Viale Pasitea	Chiesa Nuova	
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3	MAR Positano	Piazza Flavio Gioia	
4	Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta	Piazza Flavio Gioia	
5	Spiaggia Grande	Spiaggia Grande	
6	Via Positanesi d'America and Torre Trasita	Fornillo	
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10	Montepertuso and Il Pertuso	local bus	
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12	Spiaggia di Arienzo	steps from the SS163	

Getting around

- Positano is walked on foot, by lanes and steps: the route on the map starts on Viale Pasitea just below the SITA stop of Chiesa Nuova and runs downhill by Piazza dei Mulini and Via dei Mulini to the beach and on to Fornillo.
- Cars follow a one-way loop down Viale Pasitea to Piazza dei Mulini and up Via Cristoforo Colombo to the Sponda. The local bus, run by Mobility Amalfi Coast on an interim basis until a new operator takes over, goes round it and out to Arienzo and Laurito, and a second line climbs to Montepertuso and Nocelle.
- SITA Sud buses stop on the coast road at Chiesa Nuova and Sponda, west to Sorrento and east to Praiano and Amalfi; change in Amalfi for Ravello, Salerno and Agerola (Bomerano, where the Path of the Gods starts).
- Ferries leave from the pier on Spiaggia Grande, to Amalfi and Salerno and in season to Capri and Sorrento; in season, small boats also run to Fornillo and Arienzo and round Li Galli. Positano has no railway station: trains leave from Sorrento and Salerno.
- Paper maps and timetables: the information points are listed on https://touristoffice.org/positano-tourist-office/

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/positano/, where each sight has opening details and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time adds the climb along the way (Tobler's hiking function over a terrain model) and excludes the visits. The Amalfi Coast map draws the SS163 and the Path of the Gods from OpenStreetMap and the Path of the Lemons with the same Valhalla profile; its ferry lines are schematic. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: November 2026.

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The 12 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Viale Pasitea — Chiesa Nuova

With Via Cristoforo Colombo, Viale Pasitea is one of the two roads that wind down through Positano below the coast road, curving down the hillside in long bends while the rest of the village is reached on foot. Shops, cafes, hotels and villas crowd along it to make the most of the vehicle access, and its boutiques sell the linen and silk resort wear of Moda Positano. Its terraces look out over the pastel houses tumbling down the cliff, and some of the town's more exclusive restaurants line the road.

Address Via Pasitea, 84017 Positano SA

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Free



2 Via dei Mulini and Palazzo Murat — Via dei Mulini

The pedestrian lane climbing from the beach to Piazza dei Mulini is the heart of Moda Positano, the light linen and cotton resort wear the town became known for, sold alongside made-to-measure sandals, painted ceramics and limoncello. Halfway up, the 18th century Palazzo Murat, now a hotel, shows its courtyard garden behind its walls, and boutiques fill every doorway up to the square. Sandal makers still cut and stitch pairs to measure while customers wait.

Address Via dei Mulini 23, 84017 Positano SA

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Free



3 MAR Positano — Piazza Flavio Gioia

Beneath the parish church lies a Roman seaside villa buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. Its triclinium, the dining hall, keeps wall paintings in the fourth Pompeian style with colours still bright, and the visit continues through the medieval crypt above it, with display cases of objects found during the excavation and screens that pick out details of the frescoes. The villa was first described in 1758, excavated in campaigns from 2004, and opened as a museum in 2018.

Address Piazza Flavio Gioia 7, 84017 Positano SA

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Ticketed, separately from the church



4 Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta — Piazza Flavio Gioia

The majolica dome in yellow, green and blue is visible from almost every corner of Positano. The church grew out of a medieval Benedictine abbey and took its present form between 1777 and 1782, and above the altar hangs a Byzantine icon of the Black Madonna. Legend says a ship carrying it was caught in a storm off the coast until the sailors heard a voice say "posa, posa" (put it down) and brought it ashore. Inside, the nave is all white and gold under the dome.

Address Piazza Flavio Gioia, 84017 Positano SA

Free



5 Spiaggia Grande — Spiaggia Grande

Positano's main beach runs for about 300 metres below the town, a sweep of grey pebbles with the Li Galli islets out to sea to the south-west. Ferries and shuttle boats to the nearby coves leave from its pier, and a string of restaurants and bars lines the waterfront. Beach clubs rent loungers, while a free public stretch stays open to anyone with a towel. From morning to late evening it is the focus of the town's social life.

Address Spiaggia Grande, Via del Brigantino, 84017 Positano SA

Free public section; paid loungers at the beach clubs



6 Via Positanesi d'America and Torre Trasita — Fornillo

Named after the townspeople who emigrated across the Atlantic, this paved path links Spiaggia Grande and Fornillo in a few minutes, hanging between rock and sea. It passes right under Torre Trasita, one of the watchtowers raised along the coast against Saracen raids, now a private home. At the far end stands Torre di Fornillo, restored in the early 20th century by the Swiss writer Gilbert Clavel.

Address Via Positanesi d'America, 84017 Positano SA

Free footpath; the towers are private



7 Fornillo Beach — Fornillo

West of the headland, Fornillo is where Positano goes for a quieter swim. It is reached on foot by the cliffside path from the harbour or by shuttle boat, and away from the ferry pier the water stays calm, framed between Torre Trasita and Torre di Fornillo. Beach bars rent loungers along the shore, and a free section remains, though summer weekends still bring crowds. Despite its calm, it is the second largest beach in Positano.

Address Spiaggia di Fornillo, Via Fornillo, 84017 Positano SA

Free public section; paid loungers at the beach bars



8 Path of the Gods — Nocelle and above

The Sentiero degli Dei runs about 5.3 kilometres along the Lattari mountains from Bomerano, a hamlet of Agerola, to Nocelle above Positano, with Capri and the coast in view for most of the way. Walked in that direction it loses more height than it gains and takes around two hours. The final drop from Nocelle into town is a long stone staircase, and some cliff-edge stretches have no railing, so walking shoes and water matter.

Address Sentiero degli Dei (CAI 327), from Bomerano, 80051 Agerola NA, to Nocelle, 84017 Positano SA

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Worth a separate trip · 2.8 km E of the centre · path from Nocelle · Free; bus to the trailhead via Amalfi



9 Nocelle — Nocelle

Perched more than 400 metres above the sea, Nocelle is the hamlet where the Path of the Gods ends, and until recent decades it could only be reached on foot. Its terraces look straight down on Positano's pastel houses, with Li Galli and Capri on the horizon. The small church of Santa Croce stands on the piazzetta, and a stairway of more than a thousand steps drops to Arienzo on the coast road below. A few trattorias feed hikers fresh off the trail.

Address Nocelle, 84017 Positano SA

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Worth a separate trip · 1.8 km E of the centre · local bus · Free; local bus from Positano via Montepertuso



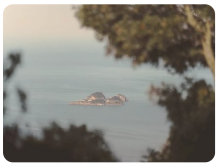
10 Montepertuso and Il Pertuso — Montepertuso

The hamlet above Positano takes its name from the mountain pierced by a natural hole, Il Pertuso. Local legend says the Devil challenged the Madonna to bore through the rock, and she did it with her index finger, while the Devil left the marks of his hooves and tail as he fell. The church of Santa Maria delle Grazie keeps the cult alive, and the walk up offers wide views over the coast.

Address Santa Maria delle Grazie, Via Montepertuso 130, 84017 Positano SA

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Worth a separate trip · 1.1 km NE of the centre · local bus · Free; local bus or stairway from Positano



11 Li Galli — Out to sea

Three islets, Gallo Lungo, La Castelluccia and La Rotonda, lie off Positano's shore. Ancient stories placed the Sirens here, first imagined as half bird and half woman, which is where the name Li Galli, the roosters, is said to come from. The islands are private and cannot be visited, but boat trips leaving from Spiaggia Grande sail around them and stop for a swim in the clear water of the marine protected area.

Address Li Galli islets, 84017 Positano SA (by boat)

Worth a separate trip · 6.7 km SW of the centre · boat from Spiaggia Grande · By boat from Spiaggia Grande; no landing



12 Spiaggia di Arienzo — Arienzo

Known as the 300 steps beach for the long stairway down from the coast road, Arienzo faces south-west and keeps the afternoon sun. On the way down, the steps pass the gardens of some of the coast's grandest villas. Part of the shore is a free beach and part belongs to a beach club, and the local bus between Positano and Praiano stops on the coast road above it. It lies about a kilometre east of the centre, on the road to Amalfi.

Address Via Arienzo, 84017 Positano SA (steps from the SS163)

Worth a separate trip · 1.2 km E of the centre · steps from the SS163 · Free public section; paid beach club

3 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

Chiesa Nuova
Santa Maria delle Grazie, rebuilt in the 18th century over an 11th century chapel, has an oval plan and a floral majolica floor.
Via Chiesa Nuova, 84017 Positano SA

Chiesa di Santa Margherita
A small church on the ramps down to Fornillo, with majolica discs on its walls and a well preserved floral majolica floor.
Fornillo, below Via Pasitea, 84017 Positano SA

Chiesa del Rosario
Born as a Dominican monastery founded in 1614, the church on Piazza dei Mulini keeps a Via Crucis made of 14 ceramic panels.
Piazza dei Mulini, 84017 Positano SA

Neighbourhoods

Spiaggia Grande and Piazza Flavio Gioia

Spiaggia Grande (5) is the main beach and the pier for ferries and boats, below Piazza Flavio Gioia. On the square, Santa Maria Assunta (4) rises under its majolica dome, with the Roman villa of MAR Positano (3) beneath it.

Viale Pasitea and Chiesa Nuova

Viale Pasitea (1) winds down in long bends from the coast road at Chiesa Nuova to Piazza dei Mulini, lined with hotels, shops and restaurants. The church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, called Chiesa Nuova, stands at its top beside the SITA bus stop.

Montepertuso and Nocelle

High above the town, Montepertuso (10) sits below the rock pierced by Il Pertuso, and Nocelle (9), more than 400 metres up, is where the Path of the Gods (8) ends. The internal bus climbs to both, and long stairways link them with the town.

Via dei Mulini and Piazza dei Mulini

Via dei Mulini (2), a pedestrian lane of boutiques and sandal makers, climbs from the church past Palazzo Murat to Piazza dei Mulini. The Chiesa del Rosario stands on the square, where the internal bus stops and Via Cristoforo Colombo climbs back to the coast road.

Fornillo

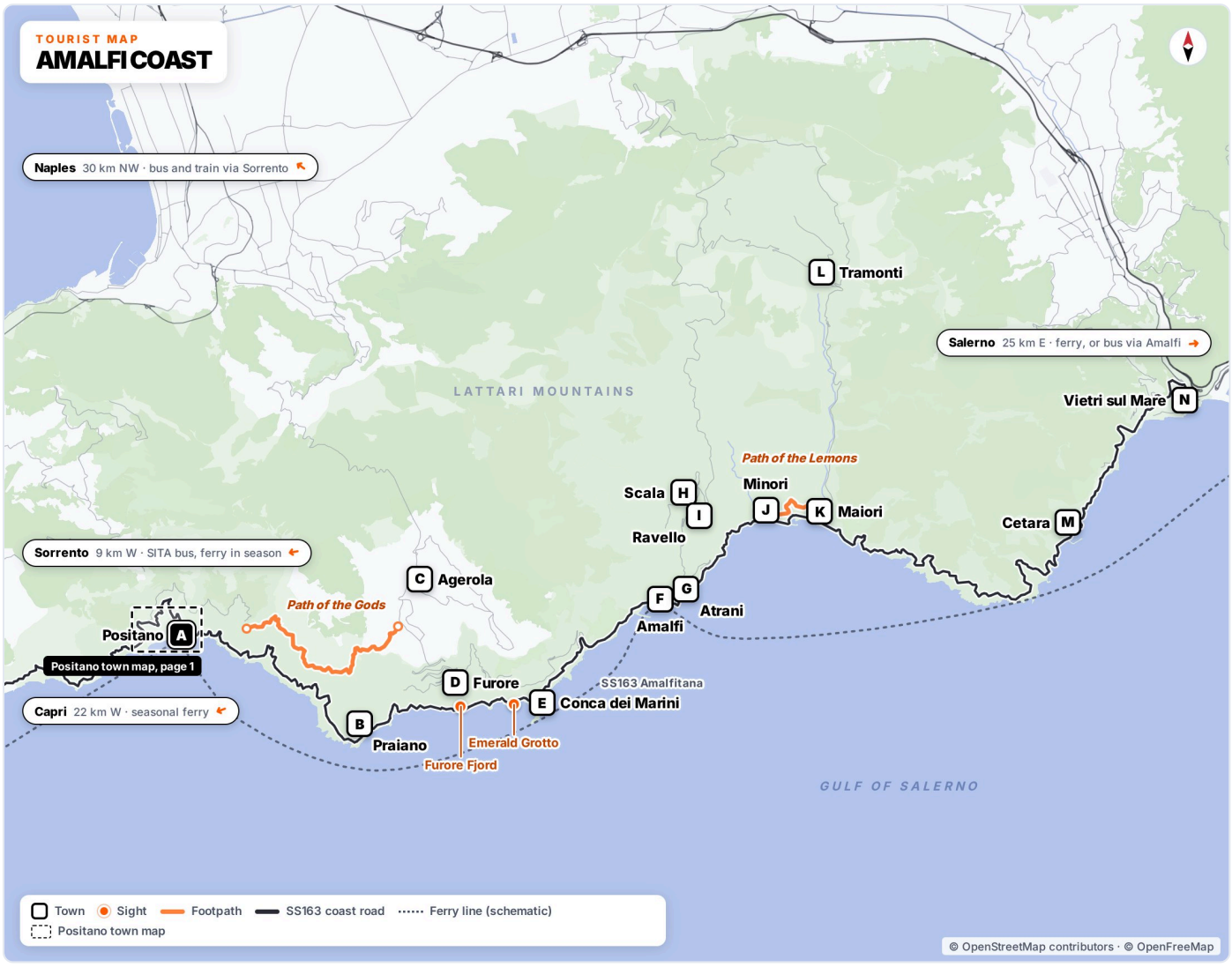
West of the headland, Via Positanesi d'America (6) runs above the sea under Torre Trasita to Fornillo Beach (7), quieter than Spiaggia Grande. The chapel of Santa Margherita stands on the way down from Viale Pasitea, and Torre di Fornillo guards the far end of the beach.

Arienzo and the sea

East of the centre, a long stairway drops from the coast road to Spiaggia di Arienzo (12), with Laurito beach further on. Out to sea to the south-west, the three islets of Li Galli (11) are seen on boat trips from Spiaggia Grande.

The Amalfi Coast

Positano is the westernmost of the 13 comuni of the Costiera Amalfitana, on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1997; Agerola, where the Path of the Gods starts, lies on the plateau above. Letters run from west to east; the dashed box is the Positano town map of page 1.



Towns and sights of the coast

With the letters of the map, from west to east.

A · Positano
Positano rises in pastel tiers from Spiaggia Grande to the coast road; its top sights, hidden gems and walking route are on the town map of page 1.

B · Praiano
Between Positano and Amalfi, Praiano is known for its sunsets and majolica shrines; the small cove of Marina di Praia sits between high cliffs.

C · Agerola
Agerola lies on a plateau of the Lattari Mountains above Furore and Praiano, outside the 13 comuni of the coast; the Path of the Gods to Nocelle starts at its hamlet of Bomerano, and its dairies make fior di latte and provolone.

D · Furore
Furore is called the village that is not there: its houses are scattered up the slope instead of gathered round a square, with murals painted on their walls and the fjord far below.

E · Conca dei Marini
Conca dei Marini, a former fishing village of terraced houses over a small harbour, holds the Emerald Grotto, and by tradition its convent first made the Santa Rosa sfogliatella.

F · Amalfi
The former maritime republic that named the coast, gathered around the Cathedral of Sant'Andrea at the top of its long stairway.
Tourist attractions: touristoffice.org/amalfi/ · Tourist map: touristoffice.org/amalfi-tourist-map/

G · Atrani
Atrani, the smallest comune in Italy by area, fills its own small cove just past the headland east of Amalfi, a short walk away.

H · Scala
Scala, said by tradition to be the oldest town on the coast, faces Ravello from a ridge above Amalfi, with its Duomo of San Lorenzo and the hamlets of Pontone and Minuta.

I · Ravello
High above Amalfi, Ravello holds the gardens of Villa Rufolo, which inspired Wagner in 1880, and the Terrace of Infinity at Villa Cimbrone.

J · Minori
Below Ravello, Minori is known for its handmade pasta and for the Basilica of Santa Trofimena, whose relics, tradition says, the sea carried to its beach.

K · Maiori
Maiori's beach, close to a kilometre of sand in front of the town, is the longest on the Amalfi Coast, and the church of Santa Maria a Mare looks down on it.

L · Tramonti
Inland from Maiori, Tramonti scatters 13 hamlets across the Lattari Mountains and has a long tradition of pizza makers.

M · Cetara
Cetara still keeps a tuna fleet and makes colatura di alici, an anchovy sauce matured in small wooden casks.

N · Vietri sul Mare
At the eastern end of the coast, next to Salerno, Vietri sul Mare is known for hand-painted ceramics, on its tiled shopfronts and on the majolica dome of San Giovanni Battista.

Emerald Grotto
Small boats glide through this sea cave, its water glowing green from sunlight entering through a hidden opening.
Conca dei Marini, by lift from the SS163 or by boat

Furore Fjord
The coast road crosses this narrow gorge on a high arched bridge, above old fishing and paper mill buildings around a tiny beach.
Furore, below the SS163 bridge

Two footpaths

Path of the Gods
The old mule track from Bomerano, in Agerola, runs about 5 km along the cliffs to Nocelle, the hamlet above Positano, so walkers from Positano end the day close to home.
CAI path 327, about 5.3 km and 2 hours from Piazza Paolo Capasso in Bomerano to Nocelle, 184 m up and 356 m down. From Positano, take the SITA bus to Amalfi and the bus to Agerola (stop Agerola Bomerano); at the end, the local bus runs from Nocelle down to Positano, or a long stairway drops to Arienzo on the coast road.

Path of the Lemons
Between Maiori and Minori, a stepped path crosses terraced lemon groves and the hamlet of Torre, with the sea below most of the way.
Lanes and steps between the two towns through the hamlet of Torre; the line on the map, along Via dei Limoni and Via Torre, measures about 1.8 km.

Getting around the Amalfi Coast

- SITA Sud buses stop on the SS163 above Positano at Sponda and Chiesa Nuova, on the line between Amalfi and Sorrento through Praiano and Conca dei Marini. Ravello, Scala, Salerno and Agerola (Bomerano) are reached with a change in Amalfi. The winter timetable runs from 2 November 2026 to 21 March 2027.
- Ferries leave from the pier on Spiaggia Grande: Travelmar sails to Amalfi and Salerno, and in 2026 Positano Jet sailed to Capri, Sorrento and Naples from April to October. Winter sailings depend on the season's timetable, and rough seas cancel them.
- The SS163 Amalfitana is a narrow cliff road. In 2026 cars of non-residents drove on alternate number plates from 10:00 to 18:00 between Vietri sul Mare and Positano on set dates (every day from 30 March to 6 April, from 25 April to 2 May and in August and September; weekends and holidays in June, July and October); the rule is not in force in November.
- Positano has no railway station: the Circumvesuviana runs from Sorrento to Naples, and Salerno, reached by ferry or by bus with a change in Amalfi, has high-speed and regional trains.
- On foot: the Path of the Gods runs about 5.3 km from Bomerano to Nocelle, above Positano, and the local bus or a long stairway leads down from there; the Path of the Lemons links Maiori and Minori by lanes and steps through the lemon groves.

Beyond the map

Sorrento 9 km W of Positano
The cliff-top town on the far side of the peninsula, with lemon groves, Piazza Tasso and views over the Gulf of Naples to Vesuvius.
touristoffice.org/sorrento/ · touristoffice.org/sorrento-tourist-map/

Capri 22 km W of Positano
Seasonal boats from Positano reach the island of the Faraglioni rocks and the Blue Grotto, the classic day trip across the gulf.
touristoffice.org/capri/

Salerno 25 km E of Positano
Salerno, the provincial capital just past the eastern end of the coast, is the railway hub for trains to Naples and Rome; from Positano it is reached by ferry, or by SITA bus with a change in Amalfi.

Naples 30 km NW of Positano
Naples is reached from Positano by the SITA bus to Sorrento and then the Circumvesuviana train, and on some days in season by ferry.
touristoffice.org/naples/ · touristoffice.org/naples-tourist-map/

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