

The Amalfi Coast – Dramatic Beauty and The Last Word in Style

The Amalfi Coast is the famously beautiful southern stretch of the Sorrento peninsula. It is characterised by the steep dolomite and limestone cliffs which plunge down to the sea. The cliff tops are covered in vegetation, which also clings where it can to the rock face. In many craggy inlets small towns nestle, their colourful buildings stacked haphazardly against the cliff walls and almost every promontory is studded with the ruins of defensive towers.

The most famous town is Positano, where the narrow steep lanes wind their way through flowered balconies and small courtyards, down to two small sandy beaches. Everywhere there is the scent of lemons, from which the local tippale, limoncello is made.

Further along the coast is Amalfi itself, from which you can turn inland for beautiful Ravello. Ravello's lofty position gives unrivalled views of the coastline and provides a spectacular location for the many musical events staged here.

The Amalfi Coast has for a long time been a firm fixture on the "Grand Tour" but despite the obvious tourism, a drive along the heart-stopping coastal road should not be missed. Thankfully, however, there are still quiet oases to be discovered. Our favourite is Sant'Agata Sui Due Golfi, a romantic backwater often missed by the masses, which lies in the meandering lanes of the southern tip of the peninsula.

The village is set high in the mountains amid chestnut groves and apple orchards and has fantastic views of both the Bays of Naples (with the shadow of Vesuvius behind) and Salerno. The town also boasts a 3 star Michelin restaurant and it is only a few minutes drive from Sorrento, the most stylish town in the Bay of Naples.

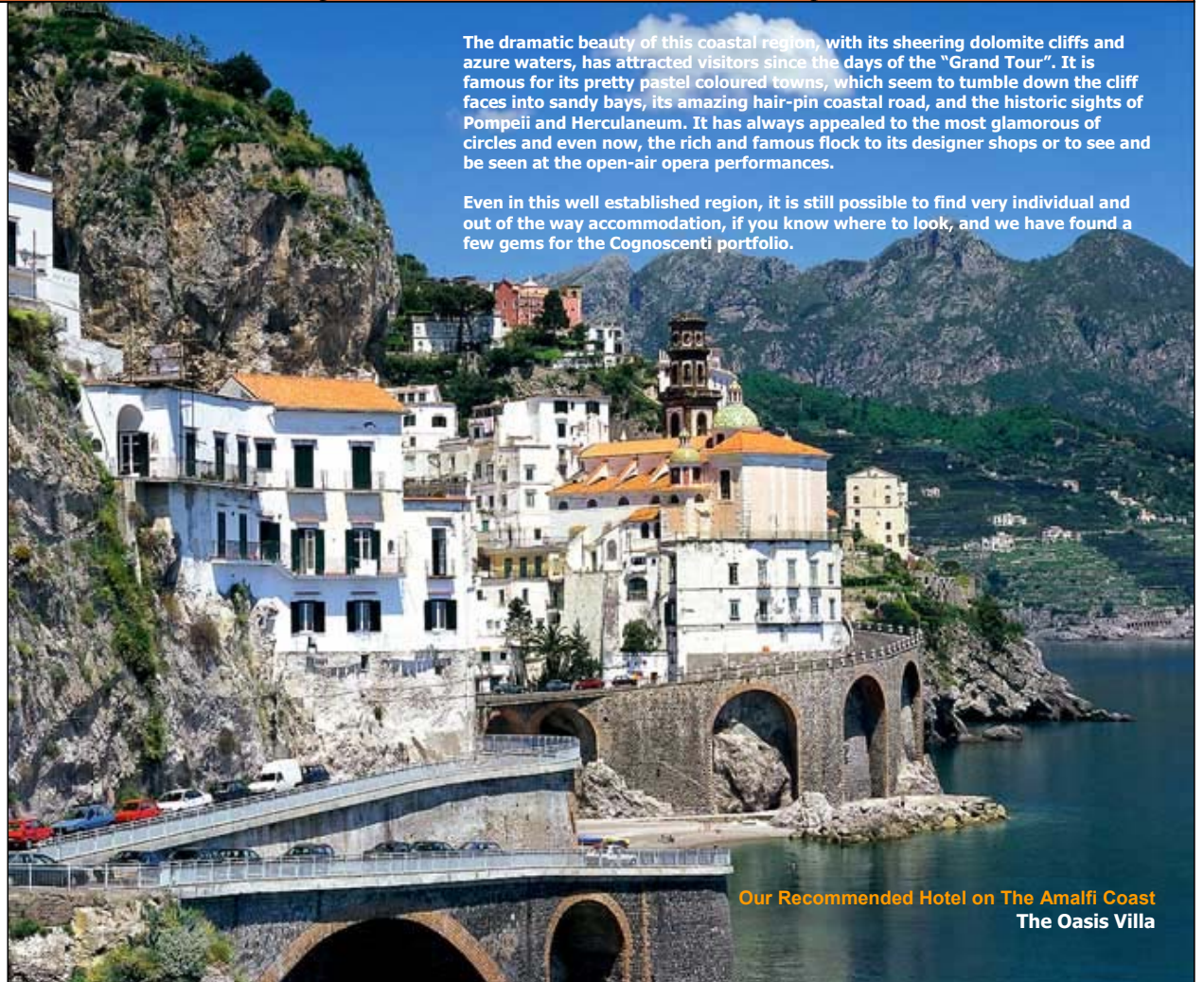
Getting There

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The dramatic beauty of this coastal region, with its sheering dolomite cliffs and azure waters, has attracted visitors since the days of the "Grand Tour". It is famous for its pretty pastel coloured towns, which seem to tumble down the cliff faces into sandy bays, its amazing hair-pin coastal road, and the historic sights of Pompeii and Herculaneum. It has always appealed to the most glamorous of circles and even now, the rich and famous flock to its designer shops or to see and be seen at the open-air opera performances.

Even in this well established region, it is still possible to find very individual and out of the way accommodation, if you know where to look, and we have found a few gems for the Cognoscenti portfolio.

Our Recommended Hotel on The Amalfi Coast
The Oasis Villa