

Hi from Betsy...

We went to the Amalfi Coast in November 07. We stayed at a hotel, The Grand Aminta, just out of Sorrento (we rented a car). We thought it was lovely. It is large, older, the room was large, 2 double beds. It has a spa too.

We enjoyed being a little out of Sorrento. I would not stay in Naples. Sorrento is probably the best place and Marlene K. had recommended we stay there.

The Amalfi drive was really nice, stopping in Positano (beautiful-had lunch and bought 2 paintings). Pompeii was ok. Interesting and much bigger than I realized. We did Mt. Vesuvius first then Pompeii. Just an FYI, the trash situation in Naples and Pompeii area is hideous (check online for update in this ongoing council dispute). Going into Sorrento it cleared up. Capri was lovely and I would not miss it. It is quite idyllic, just what I imagined. Sorrento was nice and we ate at 2 wonderful restaurants while there, La Lanterna and O'Parrucchiano. Wonderful. All the food is good, but these were really nice.

We also went to Pisa, Sienna, San Gio something..., Cinque Terre, Portovenure, Portofino, Palmeria, but stayed in the town of Lerici. We really enjoyed this trip. It was the best for us so far. Lerici is as precious as it comes and our hotel was on the water, Hotel Florida. We hiked Palmeria and Cinque Terre and drove through the Tuscan countryside in between. Again, one of the "best" trips I could recommend. We intend to go back there and just stay in our small hotel on the mediterranean coast and just "be". Had a favorite restaurant we ate at every night! The waiter just laughed when he saw us and was a friend by the 3rd night!

Have a great time-

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