

# Beautiful Capri

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Just off the coast of Naples, Italy lies a small charming island known as Capri. Although the island is only four miles long and two miles wide, its attractions are innumerable. This beautiful destination is home to some of the most famous grottos, endless hiking trails, small boutiques, a tropical climate, and tasty Italian cuisine. Not only has this island attracted locals, but also it is a destination visited by a range of celebrities including Ernest Hemingway, Jacqueline Kennedy, Jennifer Lopez, Tom Cruise, Selena Gomez, and many more.

From the U.S., visitors may reach the island by flying to Sorrento or Naples, taking a brief taxi ride to the coast, and then taking a ferry directly to Capri's port, Marina Grande. The busiest times in Capri are the summer months, especially July.

While staying in Capri there is a lot to do. Located right in the center of the town is Piazza Umberto. The Piazza is easily accessible from the island's funicular. Here you can find unique shops ranging from handmade jewelry to leather jackets. Capri is known for their artisan-made perfume, sandals, and limoncello. Hidden restaurants are located all throughout the Piazza with delicious pizza, pasta, and seafood. Da Giorgio is one of the finest eateries, overlooking Capri's mountains and the Bay of Naples. Gelato is a must have in Capri and is most popular at the Avolacalda Gelateria Bar. Just a short walk from the Piazza are the Gardens of Augustus and the Via Krupp. The Via Krupp is a long winding road built on a cliff face above the water. It is a popular walkway and no cars are permitted.

The Blue Grotto, one of Capri's most famous tourist attractions, is visited hourly by boat. Along with the Blue Grotto there is also the Green Grotto, Faragolini, Pizzolungo, Villa San Michele, beaches, and secret coves. If you are looking to spend the entire day out on the water, you can rent a boat at the Marina Grande. It takes about an hour and a half non-stop to circle the island. From your boat you can swim through the grottos and caves, snorkel, cliff jump, and explore the Mediterranean Sea. The sea is an iridescent blue and a perfect temperature. Keep an eye out for jelly fish while in the water. Marina Piccola is one of the many beach clubs in Capri. The clubs are located right on the water and are a fun place to spend the afternoon. However, Capri is not known for its beaches. The beaches are not typical sandy ones; they are composed of rocks. To see the whole island, you can take a taxi to Anacapri and ride a chairlift to the top of Mount Solaro. The views from the top are breathtaking, giving tourists a bird's eye view of Capri's beauty.