

Italian coastal towns are known for their lungomare, streets by the sea promenade full of shops, cafes and points of interest.

How to get there:

The easiest, and pretty much only, way to get to Puglia is to fly into Brindisi or Bari. Ryanair.com

West Coast (Amalfi Coast)

“Positano bites deep. It is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you have gone.”

John Steinbeck

The teeny coastal villages line up like pearls on a string: Praiano, Conca dei Marini, Amalfi, Atrani and Cetara. The Amalfi Coast is magnificent from North to South with rugged cliff jutting into the blue Mediterranean Sea, slowly it reveals itself and by the end of your first day, you never want to leave. The west coast allows for a truly remarkable break, simply incredible food, friendly locals who are a fantastic mixture of c'est la vie and haute bourgeoisie, and of course not forgetting the scalinatella steps which are made for long evening strolls, or passeggiata as it is known to the locals. The views on offer here are dead drop spectacular, creating the perfect backdrop for a romantic getaway. Visitors here can experience the everyday life of small Italian towns and villages, some of which are more touristy, but many which are so laid back that you will feel right at home. Avoid over stretching yourself and allow time to absorb the true beauty of your surroundings, don't try to fit everything into one visit and leave something to look forward to for your return.

Food

This picturesque setting is made for long lunches with picture-perfect outdoor spaces and eateries that are brought to life with the sounds, smells and tastes of the Mediterranean. Fresh seafood and pizzas hot from the brick-ovens are hard to beat. I would urge all visitors to try the lemon tagliolini, sea urchin spaghetti and seafood crudo at some point during their stay.

When to Go

All year around – this place is well worth a visit no matter what time of the year.

Where to go

Travel to the pretty village of Ravello perched in the hills with dramatic sea-level views of the coast. Positano which is nestled by the sea is a true gem with beautiful majolica-tile benches, lush gardens and stupendous views. It is also home to the chic crowd, some of whom emerge from the privacy of their yachts for an aperitif here. A visit to Vietri sul Mare is also recommended, where most of the region's famous pottery is produced. You also can't miss Capri, once there reach the Punta di Tragara, a viewing point poised above the Faraglioni, where the views are breath-taking.

How to get there

Pretty much the easiest way to get to the Amalfi coast is to fly into Naples. Aerlingus.com

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