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Top 10: the best boutique Amalfi Coast hotels

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An expert guide to the best boutique hotels on the Amalfi Coast, including the top places to stay for artsy interiors, azure-coloured sea views, Michelin-starred restaurants, private infinity pools and cliff-hugging terraces, in locations including Ravello, Positano, Praiano, Vico Equense and Sorrento.

The fabulous coastline between Positano and Ravello, with its switchback road that hugs the cliff and curls around the deep bays that protect the towns and villages along the way remains as glamourous, compelling and historic as any summertime destination in Europe, with breathtaking views, jewel-like colours and hillsides spilling with citrus groves, olives and vines. Happily, the hotels along the way live up to their surroundings with ease. Many of them are family-run, sometimes for generations, and display an integrity and depth of service – family values and warmth mixed with professionalism – rarely seen in Britain.

Move along the coast between Positano and Amalfi, then finish in Ravello and you will have an exceptional holiday or honeymoon experiencing the whole glorious stretch.

These hotels have a short season, from Easter to October, and the earlier or later in the season you can visit, the better, as July and August become very busy and the road prone to hold-ups.

Casa Privata

Praiano, Amalfi Coast, Italy

8/10 Telegraph expert rating

This former fisherman's house stands in delightfully informal terraced gardens that tumble down to a private rocky beach. The original owners — Austrian architects — came across a derelict fisherman's house when they were on holiday and set about a meticulous restoration using local materials and artisans. The feel is still very much one of a stylish, private home done out using a soothing, neutral colour palette, lots of cool Lecce stone and natural linens. Although there is a cosy sitting area and brick-vaulted restaurant, you will be wanting to spend all your time outside, either on the shady terrace area (where meals are served in warm weather), by the pool or down on the private beach area where platforms built into the rock hold sunbeds and big white umbrellas.

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