

Italy Info

#2 Positano



Positano is a famous destination for “jet setters”, drawn to its stunning coastal views and colorful iconic architecture. Its picturesque scenery has attracted many filmmakers, including the 2003 film “Under the Tuscan Sun.”



Our Amalfi Coast cruise to Positano

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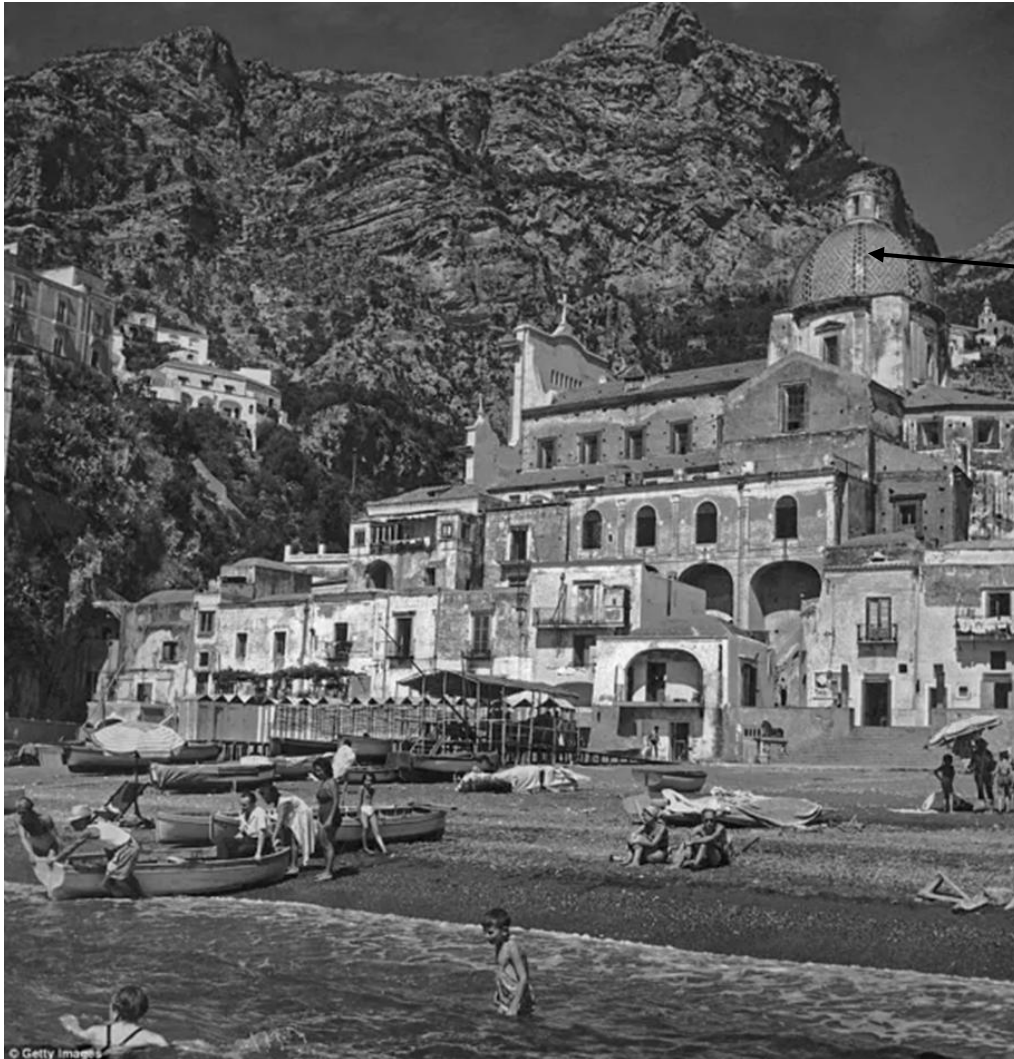
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Romans began settling at Positano around 100 B.C. The town is built on rugged limestone slopes, creating a “vertical village” layout with narrow stairways and terraced homes. It rises from sea level to over 400 meters (1312 feet).



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It was a wealthy market port in the 15th to 17th centuries, then fell on hard times in the 19th century with more than half its population emigrating, mostly to America.



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It became a popular destination in the 1950s after John Steinbeck wrote in Harper's Bazaar magazine (May 1953), "It's a dreamy place that isn't quite real when you're in it and becomes impossibly real after you're gone."





The town is renowned for its fashion, particularly the “moda Positano” style, which features colorful, hand-dyed cotton and linen garments.







Lemons grow along the Amalfi coast and are featured in both textile and ceramic patterns.



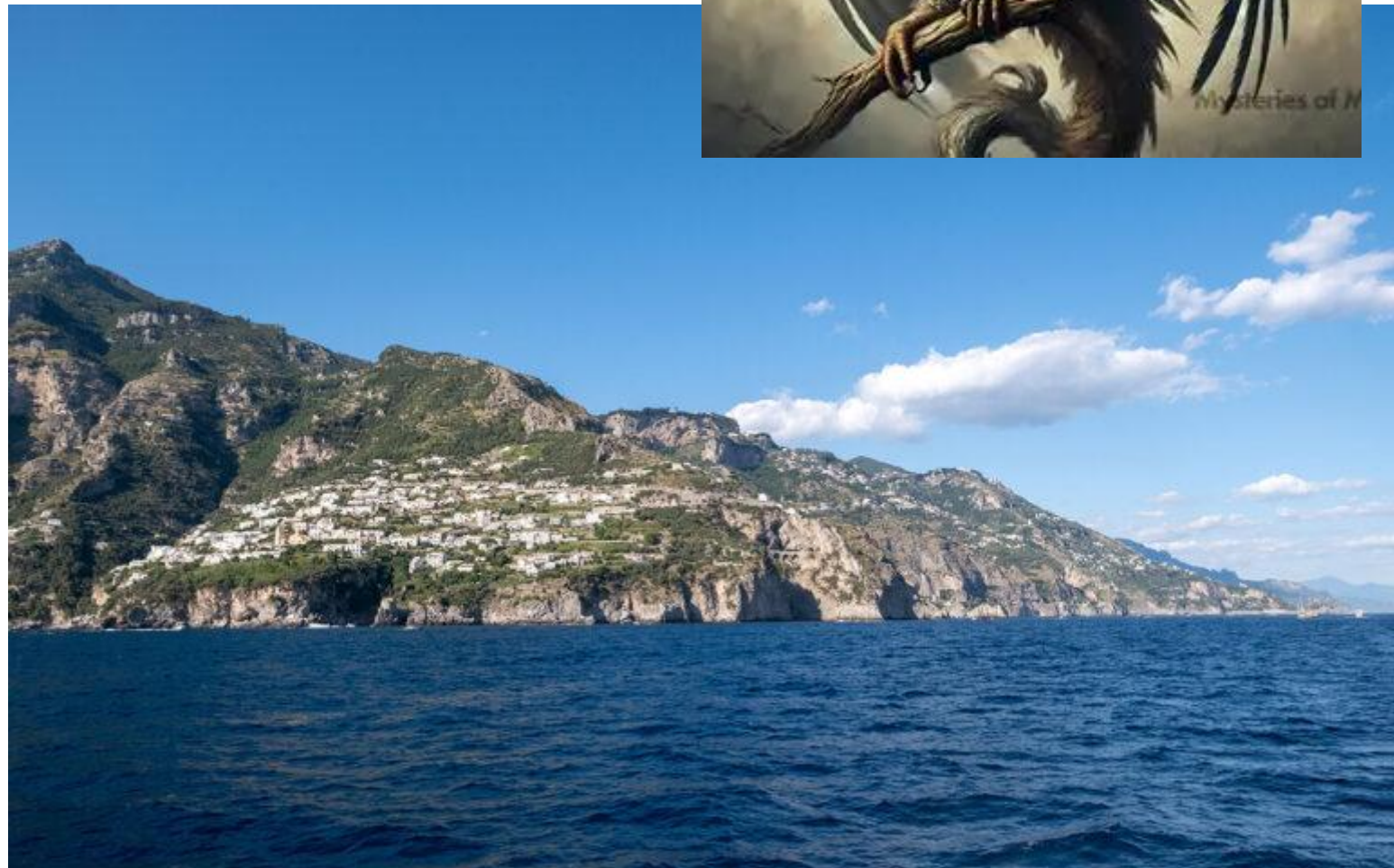
Santa Maria Assunta church features a beautiful tiled dome roof and a 13th century Byzantine black Madonna icon. According to local legend, the icon was stolen from Byzantium and being transported by pirates across the Mediterranean when a storm blew up by Positano. The frightened sailors heard a voice saying "Posa, posa!" ("Put down! Put down!"). They unloaded the icon, carried it to the fishing village and the storm abated.



The black Madonna icon in St. Maria Assunta Church

About 400-500 dark skin “black Madonnas” are in churches across Europe and the middle East. Some think medieval artists used materials that naturally darkened over time, or simply repurposed old pagan artworks, while others believe the black Madonna's skin tone was completely intentional.

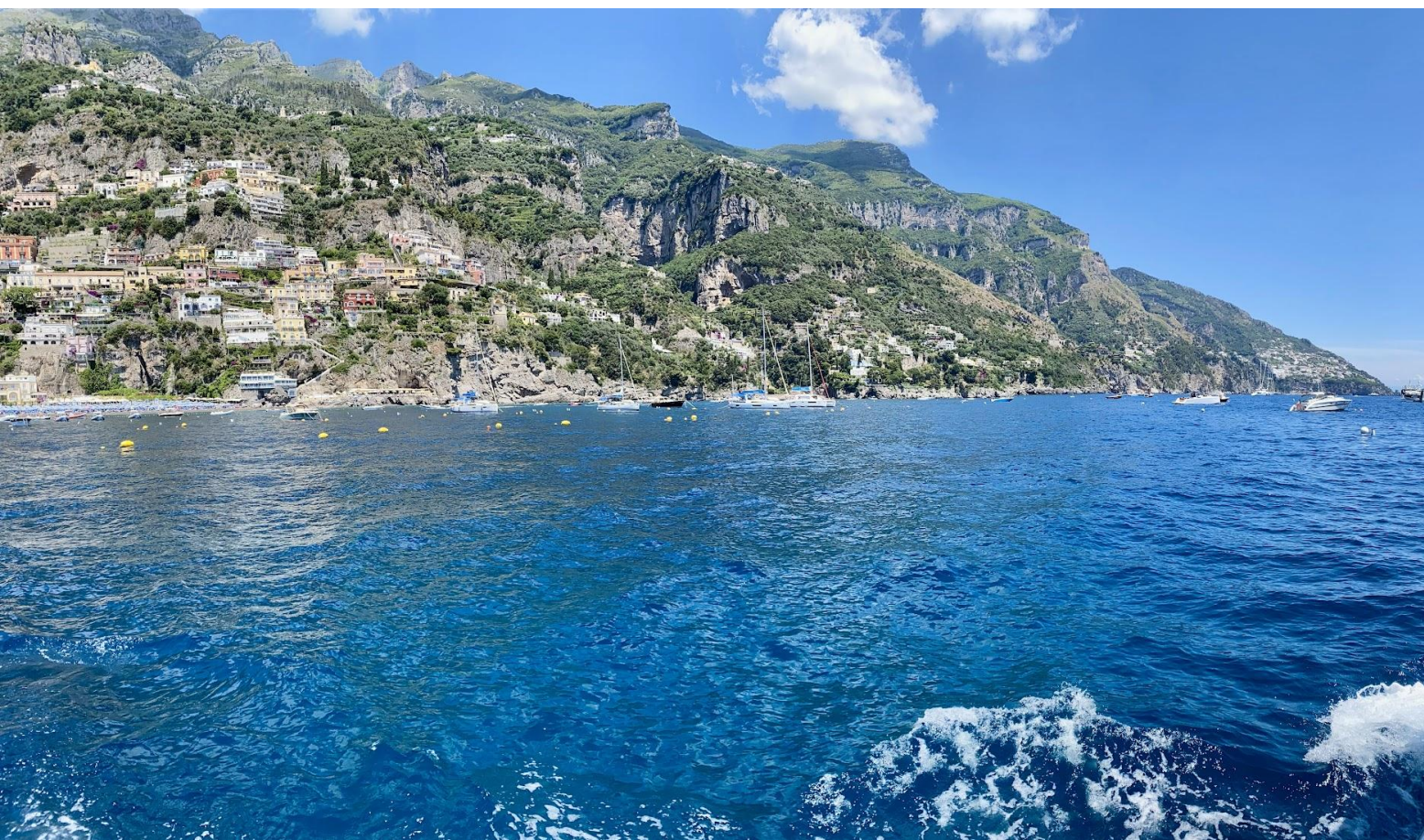
Another legend holds that the wild coastline around Positano was home to the Sirens -- Greek mythology creatures known for beautiful singing voices that they used to lure sailors close to shore and their doom.





Amalfi coast - cruise

Our Amalfi coast 7-hour cruise picks us up in Salerno, takes us along the coast to Positano, and returns us to Salerno, with time in Positano to eat/explore. We will also stop for swimming and other village visits as time permits. The following pictures were taken on previous Amalfi coast boat rides.









This will be our boat.

