


Tourist guide to sorrento italy

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Sorrento, picturesquely located on a plateau above the sea with spectacular views of the Bay of Naples, has been a popular tourist destination for almost two centuries. Traditionally, the city is one of the favorite resorts of British visitors to Italy, and for the past few decades it has ruled as Italy's leading package-holiday destination for English speakers. The historic seaside town has learned to live and make the most of tourism, and in turn it offers the classic atmosphere of a Mediterranean summer holiday - but without losing all its Italian character and charm. A key attraction for Sorrento is that it can offer a variety of holiday experiences to cater to different visitors, from rural walks through lemon and olive groves to a selection of excursions by land or sea. Pompeii, Herculaneum and Naples are available in one direction, and the Amalfi Coast is in the other. Days can include Roman ruins, discreet seaside resorts, traditional villages and breathtaking scenery. Being well connected and easy to get to makes this a simple and practical holiday choice. Getting to Sorrento O Sorrento Facing north over the Gulf of Naples, Sorrento is located towards the end of the sorretinum mountainous peninsula, over the hills from the famous resorts of the Amalfi Coast. In mythology, this area is often identified as the land of sirens, the beautiful sea maiden whose song lured the sailors to their doom. Sorrento is built on a historic site built since prehistoric times; here was a Greek city, and then the Roman city of Sorrentum. Several relics of that time can be seen in the city museum. It was an obvious place to build a settlement; surrounded by low cliffs on one side and ravines on the other, it had a natural ring of defense as well as access by sea and fertile outback. Currently parts of the ravine are filled - the bridge and city gates have been demolished to take away the place for the modern heart of the city, Piazza Tasso. But even without these physical protections, Sorrento managed to keep its historic city center reasonably intact. While many properties are being converted into a tourist business, the bland old buildings still help create a delightful authentic atmosphere that gives Sorrento a great advantage over modern beach resorts. Sorrento and its twin cities, Sant'Agnello, Piano di Sorrento and Meta di Sorrento have now spread across a large plateau that was once largely agricultural. The cities are all separated from the sea by low cliffs, and there are hardly any beaches - one of the most important things to realize for travelers planning a summer vacation. Sea access is mainly made of wooden sidewalks built above the water, although there are several scraps of sandy beach along the coast, and enterprising visitors can find bays and pebble beaches around the peninsula. Sorrento is a City for pottery around; its footpaths, small tourist boutiques, limoncello tastings and restaurants make it an easy and enjoyable place to lounge and enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Tourists line up along the railings at Villa Comunale Park to enjoy the grandiose views of Vesuvius, Naples and Ischia and watch the fiery sunsets behind the cape. Most visitors take the ferry for a day trip to Capri, or take a bus or boat to Positano or Amalfi. More curious visitors will find their way down to the old fishing quarter, Marina Grande, where you can eat seafood near the harbour or take a boat ride with the fishermen. There are a good selection of things to do and sights to see - a few attractions in Sorrento itself, including old city walls and several museums, and more bus, train or boat rides away. Pedestrians will find a network of old mules paths and alleys across the peninsula that allow you to enjoy the scenery close-up. Sorrento is almost unique in Italy for being both a highly developed package-holiday-type resort as well as a historic city. Unlike other Italian seaside resorts, Sorrento caters overwhelmingly to the English-speaking market (although of course other foreigners and a few Italians visit, too). The menu is in English, businesses are geared towards English-speaking travelers, and the crowds of cheap and cheerful British tourists do give Sorrento a slightly less cultural and milder summer holiday vibe. It is probably true that some visitors do not care especially whether they are in Italy or Spain or Greece. However, there is more to Sorrento than this if you want to look for it. Visiting from the peak period of July-August helps if you want a little peace and more atmosphere. And, of course, Sorrento's tourist success offers advantages: hundreds of hotels mean a good selection of rooms and prices, especially outside the season; Tourist and tourist infrastructure is better than in some other places; The level of service and business activities are more satisfactory for international travellers; and English is almost universally spoken. I visited Sorrento once, briefly, and thought it was a tourist trap overloaded with Brits. Years later I visited again and thought the same for the first few hours. Then I relaxed, explored, got to know the city and visited some of the countryside and villages around. There is no doubt that Sorrento is a tourist. But I recommend it as an encouraging resort for Italy beginners, well-trained destinations for easy sun rest, and a practical base for visiting attractions in the area. You can enjoy The views of the stay here depending on what you are looking for, where you stay and what you choose to do, from an elegant five-star honeymoon sipping cocktails on the panoramic terrace to a family holiday in a hotel with a pool. It's a amiable amiable, city and retains an impressive amount of Italian-ness for such a visited place. Where to stay in Sorrento Reading and Training Sorrento has its own bookstore with two branches where you can buy a good selection of English-language and local interest books, although it would be a good idea to buy a guide in advance to help with your planning activities. Sorrento is quite small and you don't necessarily need a guide to the city itself, but if you're planning to travel further, you can find a general guide to the region conveniently - for example, Rough Guide to Naples and Amalfi Coast. I found a locally published Sorrento: Visiting Paradise - A Literary Guide was a fascinating read to plunge in, full of anecdotes from early Visitors to Sorrento providing vivid impressions of local life and tourism in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The best way to truly explore the landscape of the Sorrento Peninsula and the Amalfi Coast on foot and Sorrento, Amalfi Coast and Capri: Car tours and walks (Landscapes) is probably the best specialist guide you'll find for the area. Particularly good for pedestrians, it includes recommended walks (and walks) in the Sorrento and Amalfi Coast areas, including practical information on public transport. Sorrento Hotels, BCB and Apartments - Check out what is available On Page 2 Day toursMulti-day adventures We have pre-selected the best hotels, hostels and bed and breakfasts to make your stay as enjoyable as possible. See hotels and hostels5 min read - Published December 19, 2019South Naples, the giddy and rocky Amalfi Coast has been a magnet for visitors since Roman times. Here's how to plan your trip there.5 min. Read the publication Published October 18, 2019 Elm: World Pasta Day - October 25. All diets are canceled. Join the celebration by visiting the birthplace of your favorite forms of pasta.5 min read - Published April 6, 2017 One of the main attractions of a visit to Naples is an opportunity to explore the rich cultural and natural landscape of the surrounding region of Campania ... Sorrento is a charming city overlooking the sea near the Amalfi coast. Its historic center is a good place to wander, shop, or join a lively evening stroll. Because it is well connected to public transport and has a large number of hotels and restaurants, Sorrento makes a good base to visit nearby places including the island of Capri, the villages of Amalfi Coast, and the archaeological excavations of Pompeii. Where to stay: The Mignon Meuble Hotel is close to the cathedral and a 5-minute walk from the beach. Hotel del Corso is located between Piazza Tasso and the port. Grand Hotel Vittoria is a luxurious choice on the main square. See more hotels in Sorrento, Italy spices for sale in Sorrento James Martin What to see and do in Sorrento Wander through the historic centre of Sorrento along its narrow streets lined with shops, take a take in the evening passeggiata, admire the old buildings dating from the 14th to the 16th centuries, see the cathedral, and visit the monastery of the church of San Francesco. Take the Sorrento Hop-on-Hop-Off bus. Walk in the squares at the top of the cliffs for a great view of the sea and Mount Vesuvius. Public lifts from gardens or other parts of the city take you to the sea where you can swim. Although there are no real beaches, you will find stabilimenti renting beach chairs on piers if you want to relax by the sea. Visit the Bottega della Tarsial Museum, the Tree Museum, or the Corrale Museum with paintings, ceramics and archaeological artifacts located in the citrus grove villa on Via Corrales. Several footpaths lead to the countryside. You can see the ruins of the Roman villa di Pollio or walk to the small fishing village of Massa Lubrenes. L'Antica Trattoria, Sorrento Food and Drink in Sorrento For a good acquaintance with Sorrento and its products, take the 3-hour Sorrento Small-group Food Walking Tour with stops for 8 tastings. Enjoy a romantic sea view from the Imperial Hotel Tramontano restaurant, in the historic centre of The Vittorio Veneto. Another great place for dinner is L'Antica Trattoria, with open seats under the pergola vine and 5 different rooms inside decorated with works of art. Try limoncello in i Giardini di Cataldo in a lemon-orange grove. There's not only lemon, but different flavors, my favorite being Liguore di Liquirizia, intense, black licorice liqueur, and tangerine orange. Then go to the Giardini di Cataldo Gelateria and refresh your taste with a scoop of lemon. Dining at the Imperial Hotel Tramontano, Sorrento James Martin Sorrento Day Trips Visit the charming island of Capri by ferry (about half an hour away) or take the Capri Island Tour from Sorrento to an 8-hour excursion that includes a boat trip around the island to see rock formations and grottoes, stop swimming, and free time on the island to explore on its own. To visit Mount Vesuvius take the train to the Pompeii-Villa dei Misty stop, where you can take the Busvia del Vesuvio bus or take The Mount Vesuvius half-day tour from Sorrento with transport. Street with shops in Sorrento for Christmas. Photo View of Italy, clipped from the original Sorrento Transport Sorrento is on an inexpensive Circumvesuviana private rail line from Naples. At Naples Central Station go down to Garibaldi station and buy tickets there. There are usually 2 trains per hour from early morning to slightly after 10pm, but there may be fewer trains on Sundays and holidays (check the schedule on the site). From mid-March to the end of October, the faster Campaign Express train has 8 trains per day from the same station. From April to October, Sorrento can be reached on hydrofole from Naples. Buses run between Sorrento and the cities of Amalfi Coast and from Naples airport there are 3 direct buses a day in Sorrento. Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast are located in the Campania region of southern Italy. Find the best time to visit in Sorrento weather and climate. View of the cliffs of Sorrento. Image by Malene Holms This post may contain affiliate links to sites I believe are beneficial to travelers. There is no cost to you, but a small amount of income helps to put off the cost of bringing this free information to you. 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