



1 Magic of the Mediterranean

Swimming on the Amalfi Coast is the perfect short break destination. From the elegant hotels from which you can take a boat to Capri, and also see Pompeii, Positano, and Amalfi.

STAY At the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria in the beach address in Positano. One of Italy's finest hotels since 1828, you'll enjoy these views with a relaxed spa and the greatest offer plenty of shade among the olive and orange groves, and the Boutique Spa La Seta, also nestled in the grounds. In the perfect place to unwind after a long day's sightseeing.

ENJOY Eating at the hotel's Michelin-



award-winning restaurant with a well-highlight. The coffee house is divine, as highly recommended across the Gulf of Naples. Food and wine are superb. Ask for the hotel's car with real Neapolitan passion.

DON'T MISS A tour of the Amalfi Coast with your own driver, organized by the hotel. Pompeii is just a 20-minute train ride away, or catch a boat to the city of Positano and see the spectacular view on the coast, especially when the afternoon sun hits the steep layers of houses clinging to the cliffs.

THE COST Classic Collection Holidays (0202 294 999), classiccollection.co.uk offers three nights at the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria from £350 in October, including return British Airways flights from London (subject to flights and coach transfers). For more on the hotel, visit www.gvh.co.uk or call 020 294 999 999.

BEST FOR A REST

Best mini breaks

15 Chocoholic's dream: Bruges

Medieval Bruges has some of the best chocolate shops in Europe. Most of the action can be found in the central Markt, but head for the Old Chocolate House on Mariestraat to sample some sweet treats.

W&H TIP Hop into a boat for a relaxed canal tour.

THE COST w&h and Riviera Travel (01283 742348, womanandhome.com/bruges) offers a three-night break, with return Eurostar travel, coach transfers, a guided walking tour and visit to a chocolatier, from £249pp (£83 per night).

W&H BREAK



BEST TO GO WITH THE GIRLS

16 A Capital girls' night in

The Berkeley Hotel, next to Harvey Nics in London's Knightsbridge, is perfect for a mother and daughter or best friends shopping weekend (Harrods is also round the corner). When you book a Girls Night In stay, you'll get a fabulous array of pampering products on the bed. These include Diptyque candles, Benefit make-up, ice cream, popcorn, eye masks, sleep-in rollers and eye gel, not to mention Champagne on ice! But our favourite part was the movie menu — stay in and choose films "for the nostalgic", "for the fashionista" or "for the brokenhearted" and order

room service snacks to match. Manis and pedis are available in the fab Bamford Haybarn spa too, where there's also a hidden rooftop pool.

THE COST The Berkeley (020 7235 6000, the-berkeley.co.uk) offers the Girls Night In package including the above treats and breakfast for two from £630 per night (£315pp).

W&H TIP Don't miss the McQueens flower displays in the hotel's lobby — always beautiful and innovative.

17 VISIT THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS

Located an hour from Morocco's bustling Marrakech, the exquisite L'Amandier spa hotel, opening this October, sits on top of a plateau at the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, with panoramic views over the Toubkal National Park, olive groves and gardens. Initially there will be just six suites, with their own terrace and uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscape and Ouirgane Lake in the distance.

THE COST Be one of the first to book into L'Amandier (lmandierhotel.com) before the price goes up — suites will initially cost from £210 per night, or book one of the 14 surrounding villas, from £230 per night for a two-bed villa sleeping four. British Airways flies from Gatwick to Marrakech; return fares in October from £130 (ba.com). L'Amandier will offer a car transfer service to and from the airport.



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