

Capri

Campania · Italy

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Capri is a small island in the Bay of Naples. It is a short boat ride from the mainland but feels far from the mainland. Steep limestone cliffs, sea caves, rock stacks and terraced gardens surround two hill towns, the busier Capri town and the quieter Anacapri. Roman emperors, writers and artists have come here for more than two thousand years.

The island suits short trips of a day to three nights, couples and travelers who like views and walks. Most visitors come for the scenery and the boat trips. It is easy to see in a day, but staying overnight gives you the island after the day-trippers leave.

When to visit

Late spring and early autumn are the best times. The weather is warm, the sea is good for swimming and the crowds are smaller than in midsummer. July and August are the hottest and busiest months, with long queues for boats and the chairlift. Many hotels and restaurants close in winter, and rough seas can cancel ferries and Blue Grotto visits.

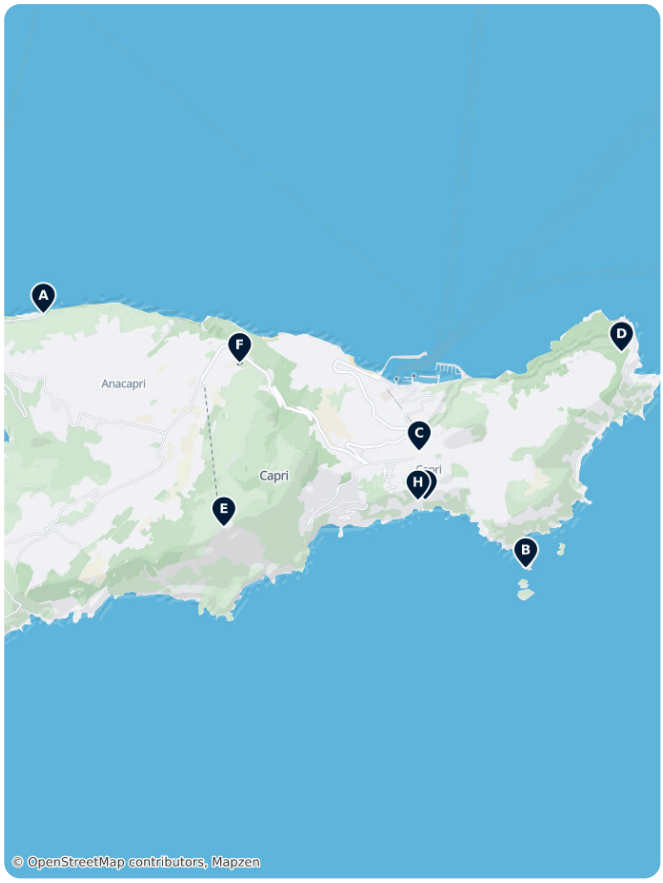
The island celebrates its patron saint, San Costanzo, on 14 May. There are processions in Capri town.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 14° Feels like 6°	7° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air
February	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 14° Feels like 6°	6° / 2°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Good Good for hiking	12° / 16° Feels like 9°	8° / 3°	12 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 19°	10° / 6°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 23°	14° / 11°	Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 27°	18° / 14°	24 sunny days · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
July	Great Great for watersports	26° / 28°	20° / 18°	28 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Great Great for watersports	26° / 29°	21° / 18°	27 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 26°	18° / 14°	Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 22°	15° / 11°	Dry air
November	Fair Fair for hiking	15° / 19° Feels like 12°	11° / 7°	15 rainy days · Dry air
December	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 15° Feels like 8°	8° / 4°	14 rainy days · Dry air

Best months: May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- The cave of A Grotta Azzurra glows with an intense blue light. Small rowing boats take visitors inside for about five minutes. The entrance ticket is separate from the boat to the cave, queues can be long in summer, and the grotto closes when the sea is rough.
- The three rock stacks of B Faraglioni rise from the sea off the southeast coast. They are the symbol of Capri and are best seen from a boat or from the clifftop paths.
- C Piazza Umberto I is the small square in Capri town that everyone calls the Piazzetta. It is the place for a coffee and for watching the crowd.
- D Villa Jovis is the ruin of the largest Roman villa on the island. The emperor *Tiberius* ruled the empire from Capri in his later years, and the cliffside views are the reward for the uphill walk.
- E Monte Solaro is the highest point on the island. A chairlift from Anacapri takes you up to a wide view over the whole bay.
- F Villa San Michele in Anacapri was the home of the Swedish doctor *Axel Munthe*. It has a garden with a famous view and a long terrace above the sea.
- G Giardini di Augusto are terraced gardens above Marina Piccola. They are full of flowers and have a good view of the Faraglioni.
- H Via Krupp is a zigzag path cut into the cliff. It links the gardens with Marina Piccola and has been open again since 2023.

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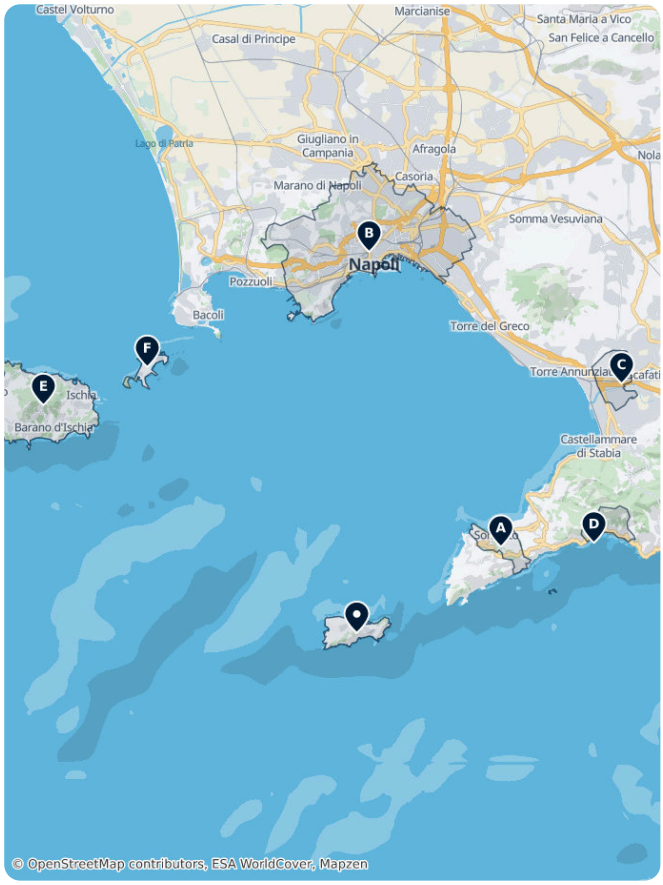
What to experience

- Take a boat trip around the island. You pass the sea caves, the Faraglioni and hidden coves that you cannot reach on foot.
- Ride the chairlift up Monte Solaro for the ride and the view, and stay for sunset when the day-trippers have left.
- Walk down the ancient stairs of Scala Fenicia between Anacapri and Marina Grande. They are steep and tiring on the way back up.
- Swim from the rocky coast at Marina Piccola or from a beach club. The sea is warm enough for swimming from early summer into autumn.
- Watch the sunset at the Punta Carena lighthouse, on the western tip of the island.
- Have an evening drink on the Piazzetta, but check the prices first.

Day trips

Capri is an island, so every day trip starts with a boat. Choose one mainland or island destination, and check the last return boat before you go.

- A Sorrento: the closest mainland town, about half an hour by fast boat. It has a pleasant old centre and good onward links along the coast.
- B Naples: about 50 minutes by fast boat. It has a large old city, a major archaeological museum and famous pizza.
- C Pompei: the Roman town buried by Vesuvius. Reach it by train from Naples or Sorrento.
- D Positano and Amalfi: the famous coast with towns built on the cliffs. Boats run mainly in the warmer months, so check the season.
- E Ischia and F Procida: two other islands in the bay, with spas, beaches and fishing harbors. Procida is the smaller and quieter one.



Where to explore

The island has two towns, and the rest of the bay is close by.

- On Capri: Capri has the Piazzetta, the shops and the hotels. Anacapri is higher, calmer and closer to Monte Solaro and the Blue Grotto road.
- Mainland and other islands: see the day trips above.

Getting there

Capri has no commercial airport. Everyone arrives by sea.

- By air: fly to Naples Capodichino (NAP), then take a taxi or bus to the port. This is the usual gateway.
- From Naples: fast boats and slower ferries leave from the city port. The fast boat takes about 50 minutes and the ferry takes longer.
- From Sorrento: frequent boats, about half an hour. This is the shortest crossing.
- From the Amalfi Coast and Salerno: boats run mostly in the warmer months. Check the season before you plan.
- **Arrival**: all boats arrive at Marina Grande, the main port. From there, take the funicular or a bus up to Capri town.
- **Weather**: in rough seas the schedule changes, and some boats do not sail. Keep your return plan flexible.

Getting around

The island is small and hilly. Most trips combine buses, the funicular and walking.

- Funicular: runs between Marina Grande port and Capri town. It is the quickest way up from the ferry.
- Buses: local buses link Marina Grande, Capri town, Anacapri and the Blue Grotto road. They are crowded in summer, and tickets are sold at kiosks and shops. Buy your ticket before you board.
- Taxis: open-top taxis are available at the main squares and the port. Check the fare before you start.
- Chairlift: the chairlift in Anacapri goes up to Monte Solaro.
- **On foot**: the paths are beautiful, with many steps and slopes. Wear good shoes.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The island is small, but the paths are steep with many steps. The main sights are close together in each town.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Roads are narrow and steep, and cycling is not a practical way to see the island.

Driving

- Is a car worth it? No. The island is small and the roads are narrow and steep. Buses, taxis and your feet cover everything.
- **Bringing a car**: non-resident vehicles are restricted on the ferries during the tourist season. Check the current rules before you plan, and do not count on bringing a car.
- Parking: parking is very limited. If you drive on the mainland, leave the car near the departure port.

Food & drink

Capri cooking is simple and local. Look for insalata caprese, ravioli caprese filled with cheese and herbs, fresh fish and the chocolate-almond torta caprese. Limoncello, the lemon liqueur, is the local drink.

Prices are high, especially on the Piazzetta and in the best-known restaurants. Eat in the quieter streets of Anacapri or in the small restaurants of Marina Grande for better value. Check the menu prices and the cover charge before you sit down. Many restaurants close in winter.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Pizza Margherita
Thin-crust pizza topped with tomato, mozzarella, and basil, invented in Naples and still best there.

DINNER

Spaghetti alla Carbonara
Pasta with egg, cured pork cheek (guanciale), pecorino cheese, and black pepper, a Roman classic.

Risotto alla Milanese
Creamy saffron-infused rice dish from Milan, often served alongside braised veal shank.

Lasagna · Lasagne al Forno
Layered baked pasta with ragu, bechamel, and cheese, a staple of Emilia-Romagna cooking.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Prosciutto and Cheese · Prosciutto e Formaggio
Cured ham paired with regional cheeses, a common antipasto plate found nationwide.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Gelato
Dense, slow-churned Italian ice cream, traditionally lower in fat and air than American-style ice cream.

Tiramisu · Tiramisù
Layered dessert of coffee-soaked ladyfingers and mascarpone cream, dusted with cocoa.

DRINKS

Espresso · Caffè
A short, strong shot of coffee drunk quickly, usually standing at a bar counter.

Wine · Vino
Italy is one of the world's largest wine producers, with regional styles from Piedmont's Barolo to Tuscany's Chianti.

Aperol Spritz
A bittersweet orange aperitif mixed with prosecco and soda water, a staple of the early-evening aperitivo.

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Safety & health

Capri is very safe for visitors. Violent crime is rare, and petty theft is uncommon, though crowded buses and boats deserve a little care.

- Check the price before you take a boat tour or a drink on the main square.
- Paths are steep and often have no handrail. Take water, a hat and good shoes in summer.
- Sea conditions change quickly. Swim only in calm weather, and respect warning flags.
- Pharmacies and a small hospital are on the island. For serious emergencies, patients are taken to the mainland by boat or helicopter.

History

Capri has been settled since ancient times. The Greeks and then the Romans loved the island. The emperor *Augustus* made it an imperial property, and his successor *Tiberius* lived here for his last ten years. The ruins of Villa Jovis are the main surviving trace of that time.

In the early 20th century the island attracted writers, artists and wealthy foreigners. *Axel Munthe* built Villa San Michele, and the German industrialist *Friedrich Alfred Krupp* paid for Via Krupp. Earlier, the monks of Certosa di San Giacomo, a Carthusian monastery founded in the 14th century, shaped the island's religious life. The monastery is now a cultural site in Capri town.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Italy at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

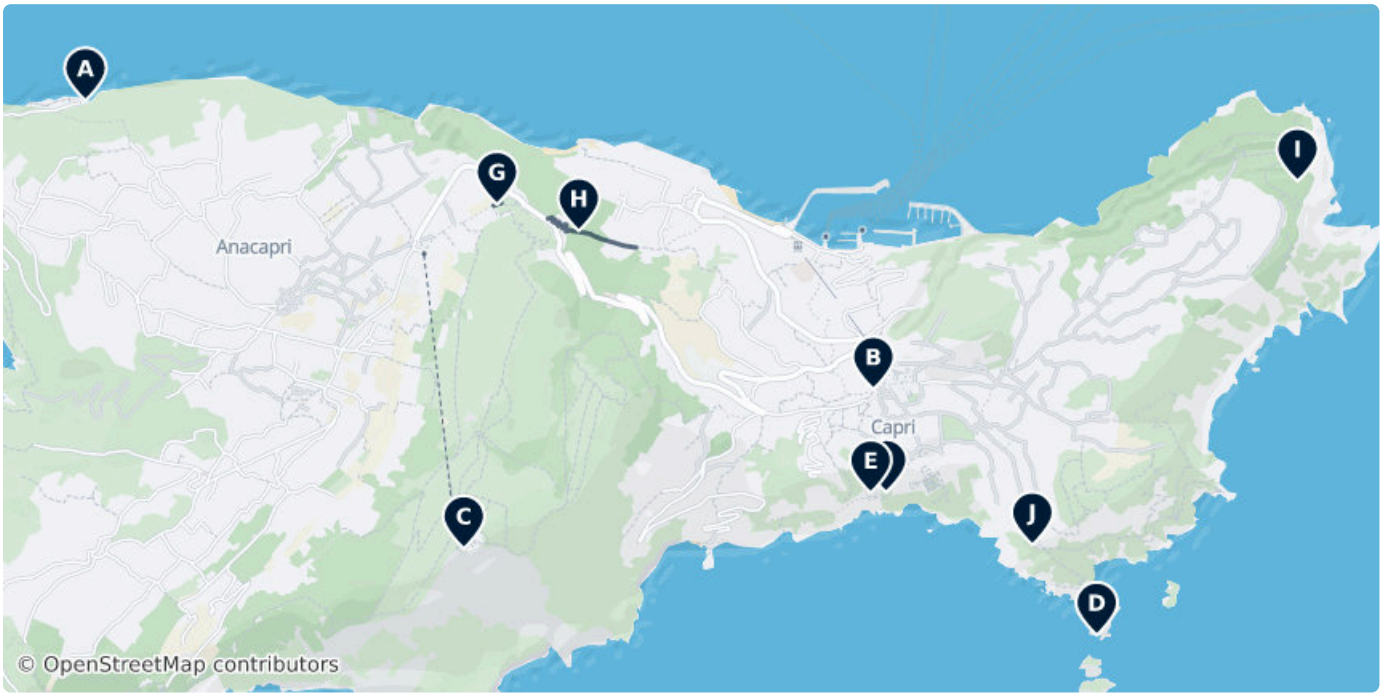
ELECTRICITY
Type C / Type F / Type L
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Italian

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Capri's Absolute Essentials

Capri's landscape is defined by dramatic limestone cliffs and significant Roman history. This collection features the Blue Grotto, a sea cave illuminated by refracted sunlight, and Mount Solaro, the island's highest point at 589 meters. Historical landmarks include the ruins of Emperor Tiberius's Villa Jovis and the 19th-century Villa San Michele. The island's unique infrastructure is represented by the 921 Phoenician Steps and the engineered hairpins of Via Krupp, while the central Piazza Umberto I serves as the primary social hub overlooking the iconic Faraglioni rock formations.





A Blue Grotto

The Blue Grotto is a sea cave on the coast of the island of Capri, southern Italy.

Via Grotta Azzurra, 80071 Anacapri NA, Italy
(40.56094, 14.20574)



B Umberto I Square

Piazza Umberto I is the most famous square of the island of Capri, Italy.

Piazza Umberto I, 80073 Capri NA, Italy
(40.55068, 14.24260)

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C Mount Solaro

Monte Solaro is a mountain on the island of Capri in Campania, Italy. With an elevation of 589 m, its peak is the highest point of Capri.

80071, Italy (40.54502, 14.22344)

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D Faraglioni

In Italian, faraglioni are stacks, coastal and oceanic rock formations eroded by waves.

Italy (40.54194, 14.25306)



E Via Krupp

Via Krupp is a historic hairpin turn paved footpath on the island of Capri, connecting the Charterhouse of San Giacomo and the Gardens of...

Via Krupp, 80073 Capri NA, Italy (40.54700, 14.24248)



F Gardens of Augustus

The Gardens of Augustus, originally known by the name of Krupp Gardens, are botanical gardens on the island of Capri, Campania, Italy.

Via Matteotti, 80073 Capri NA, Italy (40.54702, 14.24320)

it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giardini_di_Augusto



G Villa San Michele

The Villa San Michele was built about the end of the 19th century on the isle of Capri, Italy, by the Swedish physician and author Axel...

V. le Axel Munthe 34, 80071 Anacapri, Italy (40.55725, 14.22499)

Mo–Su	09:00–18:00

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H Phoenician Steps

The Phoenician Steps of Capri are a long and steep stone stairway that unites the population center of Capri with that of Anacapri.

80073, Italy (40.55631, 14.22882)



I Villa of Jupiter

Villa Jovis is a Roman palace on Capri, southern Italy, built by emperor Tiberius and completed in 27 CE.

Via Tiberio, 80073 Capri NA, Italy (40.55808, 14.26245)

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Mar Mo–Su	10:00–15:15
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Jan-Feb Mo–Su	Closed

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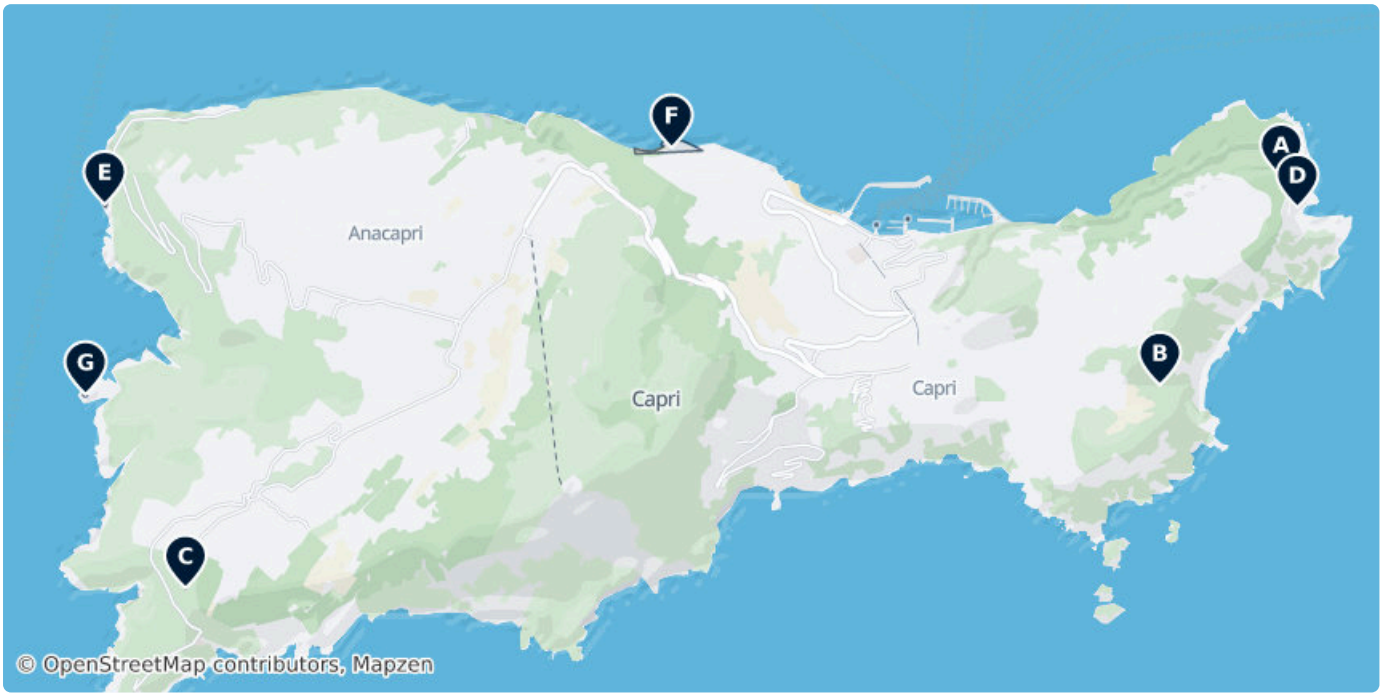
J Tragara Viewpoint

This observation deck provides an enthralling view of Faraglioni Rocks. Perfect for an evening stroll.

Via Tragara, 80073 Capri NA, Italy (40.54515, 14.25005)

Island Archaeological Sites

Capri's archaeological landscape is dominated by the legacy of Emperor Tiberius, most notably at the sprawling Villa Jovis and the coastal Bagni di Tiberio. The island also features a network of defensive structures, including the well-preserved La Guardia Tower and the coastal forts of Orrico and Mesola along the western cliffs. Natural formations like the Grotta di Matermania provided spaces for ancient rituals, while various Roman ruins scattered across the heights offer insight into the island's strategic and residential history during the first century.





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B Matromania Cave

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C La Guardia Tower

The alone-standing tower was a part of a powerful fortification of the island. Remarkably well preserved.

52 Via La Guardia, 80071, Italy (40.54105, 14.20269)

D Torre del Faro

Ruins of an ancient Roman lighthouse used for signaling to the mainland, located in close proximity to the Villa Jovis complex.

(40.55683, 14.26333)

E Fortino di Orrico

A coastal defensive structure situated along the western Path of the Forts. It was utilized during the Napoleonic Wars to guard the island against naval attacks.

80071, Italy (40.55695, 14.19828)

F bagni di Tiberio

Archaeological remains of a Roman seaside villa featuring ancient harbor structures and thermal baths once used by Emperor Tiberius.

Capri 80073, Italy (40.55930, 14.22921)

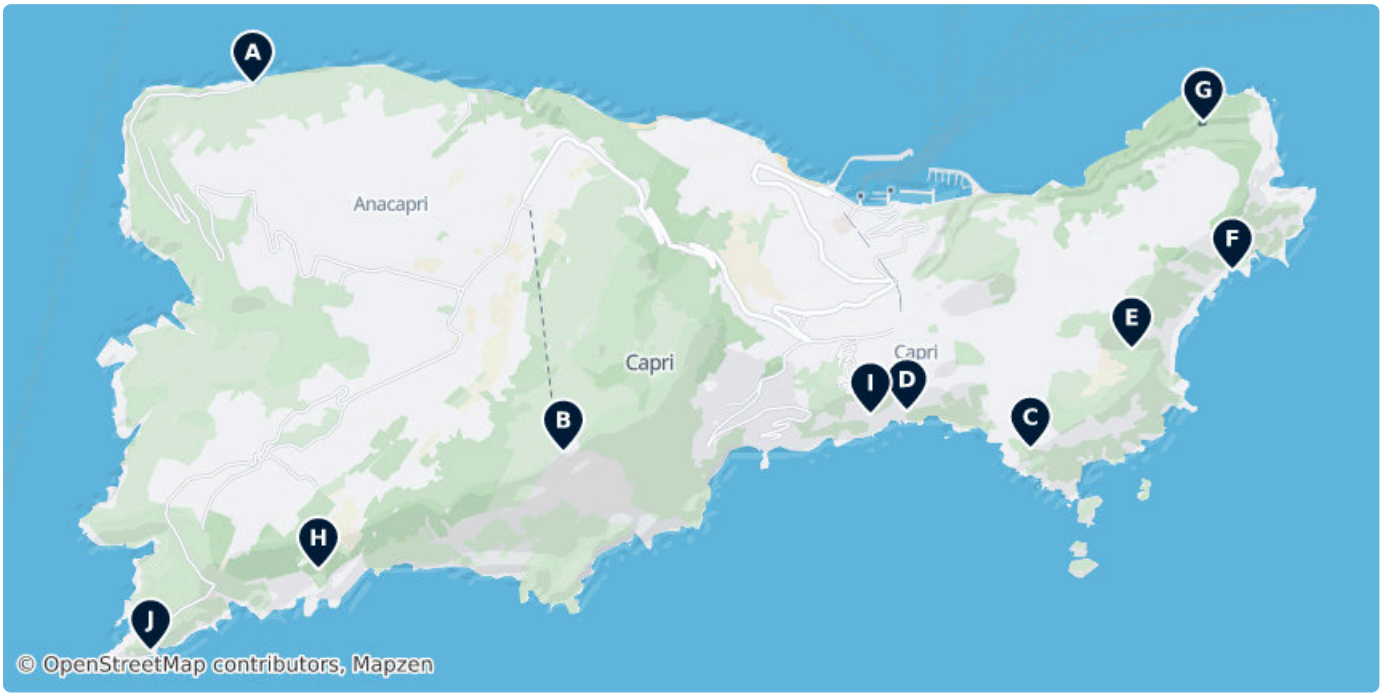
G Fortino di Mesola

A circular defensive fortification located on the western coast of the island, forming part of the historical military defenses between the Blue Grotto and Punta Carena.

(40.54907, 14.19724)

Capri's Natural Wonders

Capri's landscape is defined by dramatic limestone cliffs and unique geological formations. This collection features the island's most prominent natural sites, including the world-famous Blue Grotto and the stalactite-filled Grotta Bianca. High-altitude locations like the summit of Monte Solaro and the terraced Giardini di Augusto offer views of the Faraglioni rock formations and the hairpin turns of Via Krupp. The list also highlights historical vantage points like the 19th-century Cannon Viewpoint and the secluded Belvedere del Sognatore near the Punta Carena lighthouse.





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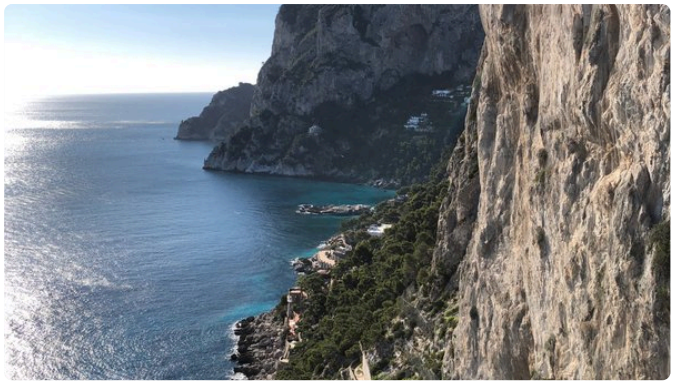

D Giardini di Augusto

These terraced botanical gardens, established by German industrialist Friedrich Alfred Krupp, offer panoramic views of the Faraglioni rock formations and the winding Via Krupp.

Via Krupp, 80073, Italy (40.54678, 14.24302)



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F Grotta Bianca

Accessible only by boat, this sea cave is named for the white stalactites and stalagmites that line its entrance and interior.

Italy (40.55287, 14.26155)



G Villa Lysis/Fersen

A 1905 villa built by French poet Jacques d'Adelswärd-Fersen, featuring Neoclassical architecture and a marble-pillared portico overlooking the sea.

80073, Italy (40.55930, 14.25990)

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H Migliara Viewpoint

This is a popular vantage point from where you can admire the turquoise sea and rocks scattered by the shore.

Str. Migliara, 80071 Anacapri NA, Italy (40.53993, 14.20948)

I Cannon Viewpoint

The cannon dating to the 19th century marks an amazing vantage point - come here to admire the rocky shore.

Via Krupp, 80073, Italy (40.54663, 14.24094)

J Belvedere del Sognatore

A secluded observation point located near the Punta Carena lighthouse on the southwestern tip of the island, offering unobstructed views of the sunset over the Tyrrhenian Sea.

(Unnamed Road), 80071, Italy (40.53639, 14.19992)

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