



The islands near Naples: which ones to visit?

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Vous cherchez quelle(s) île(s) visiter pendant votre séjour à Naples ? Pas de panique, nous vous présentons ci-dessous les **îles près de Naples**, comment vous y rendre ainsi que les **principales activités** à faire.

Imagine an archipelago where each island has different characteristics. The **islands near Naples** invite you to a getaway where natural charm mingles with cultural richness. **Capri, Ischia, Procida**... these names are sure to ring a bell, offering you a natural getaway at the gateway to Naples.

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Capri, the island of elegance

Capri, souvent surnommée l'**île des rêves**, nous avons compris une fois sur place pourquoi l'île de **Capri** était si réputée et nous vous conseillons de profiter de [vos vacances à Naples](#) pour la visiter.

As soon as we arrived by boat, we were greeted by breathtaking scenery: majestic cliffs rise proudly out of the sea, while the scent of lemon trees and wild flowers fills the air. It's worth noting, however, that Capri is a very touristy island. Off the beaten track, you'll soon find yourself in the middle of nature, with beautiful views all to yourself (Capri), I promise!

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Discover Capri: scenery and atmosphere

The Piazzetta, Capri's beating heart, is the perfect place to start your exploration. Here, narrow streets open onto spectacular panoramic views. Don't miss a visit to the **Jardins d'Auguste**, where you can admire the famous **Faraglioni rocks**, emblems of the island. For a truly unforgettable experience, take a boat trip around the island to discover the famous **Grotta Azzurra**, a natural wonder where the water sparkles deep blue.

For more information on the island, read our full article on [planning your visit to Capri](#).

Must-do activities in Capri

- Pour les amateurs d'**activités nautiques**, évidemment partir en [croisière explorer la Grotte Bleue](#) est selon nous la meilleure façon de découvrir l'île.
- For **hiking enthusiasts**, the path leading to Villa Jovis, the sumptuous residence of Emperor Tiberius, offers breathtaking sea views.
- For **fashion fans**, the island is renowned for its luxury boutiques and local artisans offering unique products.
- And for those looking to **relax**, the sunny terraces of the cafés are the ideal place to sip a local **limoncello** and watch the comings and goings of visitors and locals alike. A final option for relaxing, of course, is to laze on one of Capri's beautiful beaches!

Ischia, the spa paradise

Ischia, nicknamed the Green Island for its lush vegetation. Unlike its neighbor Capri, Ischia offers a more **relaxed** atmosphere, where nature and thermalism meet to create a unique vacation experience.

The charms of Ischia: nature and thermalism

Ischia is less touristy and therefore, in our opinion, a little more authentic than its neighbor. Thermal gardens such as **Parco Termale Castiglione** offer not only thermal pools with healing properties, but also breathtaking sea views. **Aragonese Castle**, perched on a rock connected to the island, is a historical must-see. This

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majestic monument, accessible via a charming pedestrian bridge, reveals centuries of history and a panoramic view of the Bay of Naples.

What to do in Ischia Suggestions and advice

Ischia is not just a haven for spa enthusiasts. Hikers will be delighted to discover trails winding through forests and vineyards, leading to spectacular viewpoints such as Mount Epomeo.

For gourmets, Ischia's restaurants offer tasty local cuisine where fresh seafood meets local produce. And for a day of relaxation, Ischia's beaches, such as **Spiaggia dei Maronti**, await you with their soft sand and natural thermal waters.

Procida, a colorful jewel

Procida, the smallest and most secret of the islands in the Gulf of Naples, is a living canvas of colorful houses and charming alleyways. Less crowded than its neighbors, this island offers an authentic, peaceful atmosphere, ideal for those looking to immerse themselves in local Italian life.

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Exploring Procida: a picturesque village

Strolling through the narrow streets of Procida, you'll discover a kaleidoscope of colors: yellow, pink and blue facades line the narrow streets, creating a photogenic setting at every corner. The port of Corricella, a car-free fishing village, is a magical place where time seems to stand still. Sitting on a seafront terrace, you can enjoy a dish of fresh seafood while admiring the colorful boats dancing on the water.

The best experiences in Procida

[A visit to Procida](#) is not only a feast for the eyes, but also for the soul. The beach at **Chiaiozza**, with its crystal-clear waters and relaxed atmosphere, is perfect for a lazy day. For history buffs, the Abbey of San Michele, perched on a hill, offers not only fascinating architecture, but also a breathtaking view of the island. And for a unique cultural experience, take part in the Festa di San Michele, a local celebration full of color, music and tradition.

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Other islands to explore

Beyond Capri, Ischia and Procida, the Gulf of Naples hides other little-known gems, each with its own unique character. Among them, the **island of Vivara**, linked to Procida by a bridge, is an unspoilt nature reserve, perfect for nature lovers. **Nisida**, although closer to Naples, offers a quick escape with its charming coves and rich historical past.

Why include these islands in your itinerary?

Including these lesser-known islands in your itinerary allows you to enjoy a more authentic and tranquil experience, away from the tourist crowds. It's a chance to discover the true beauty of the region, immerse yourself in unspoilt nature and connect with local history.

Practical tips for visiting the islands near Naples

To make the most of your visit to the islands near Naples, here are a few practical tips:

How to get to the islands

The islands are easily accessible by **ferry** from Naples and Sorrento. Timetables vary according to the season, so check in advance.

You can, however, opt for organized day tours to visit the various islands.

Best times to visit

The best time to visit these islands is from May to September, when the weather is warm and sunny. However, if you prefer to avoid the crowds, the months of May and June are ideal.

As you explore the islands near Naples, from Capri to Ischia, from Procida to hidden gems like Vivara, each island reveals its unique character, its natural and cultural treasures. Whether it's a romantic getaway, a family adventure or a solitary retreat, these islands offer a variety of experiences to suit every travel desire.

Each island, with its own unique atmosphere, invites you to return, explore further and discover new secrets.

So which of these magnificent islands will you choose for your next adventure? If you're curious to discover other wonders of the region, you can read our article on what to do around [Naples in 3 days](#).

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