

Twenty things around the door

The best of what is within reach of the four beds — measured from each hotel's own front door, not from the middle of the town. Eight in Rome, six on the Sorrento coast, six on the Amalfi coast. Nothing here needs a car you do not have, and most of it needs nothing but shoes.

20 THINGS

4 DOORS

3 BASES

HOW THE DISTANCES WORK	WHAT IS ALREADY BOOKED	PRICES THAT MOVED IN 2026
Every figure is straight-line from the hotel door , geocoded, not estimated. Real walking is always longer once streets, stairs and hills get involved — the walk times already allow for that at roughly 14 minutes a kilometre.	The Vatican tour, Pompeii and Vesuvius, and dinner at Kasai are held and are not on this list. Neither is the Colosseum, which still needs its ticket. This is what fills the hours around them.	Trevi's inner terrace now costs €2 and caps at 400 people; the piazza is still free. The Pantheon went to €7 on 1 July 2026 and is timed — book a slot rather than queue.

Rome

FROM VIA DELLE CONVERTITE 5 · 15-18 SEP

4 NIGHTS

1	Fontana di Trevi Closer to the door than most people's hotel breakfast. The €2 now buys the inner terrace down by the water; the piazza above it is free and is honestly the better photograph. Go before 08:00 or after 22:30 — the 400-person cap bites all day	0.31 km 4 MIN WALK
2	Piazza di Spagna & the Spanish Steps Bernini's sinking-boat fountain at the foot, the Keats–Shelley House on the right, and the whole staircase turning gold about an hour after sunrise. Note sitting on the steps is fined · free · first thing is the only quiet hour	0.38 km 5 MIN WALK
3	Sant'Ignazio di Loyola Andrea Pozzo painted a dome the church could not afford. Stand on the marble disc set into the nave floor and it is a dome; walk five paces and it collapses into a flat ceiling. Free · ten minutes · the best trick in Rome and almost nobody is in there	0.36 km 5 MIN WALK
4	Pantheon Nineteen centuries old, still the largest unreinforced concrete dome on earth, and still open to the sky. A ten-minute building — stand under the oculus, look up, then leave. €7 timed ticket since 1 July 2026 · book ahead, the door queue is long	0.53 km 7 MIN WALK
5	Galleria Doria Pamphilj A private palace the family still owns, hung floor to ceiling the way galleries were before museums were invented. Velázquez's Innocent X is here, and the audio guide is narrated by the prince whose house it is. Rome's best-value gallery · rarely a queue · the one to do on a hot afternoon	0.54 km 8 MIN WALK
6	Piazza Navona Built on the footprint of Domitian's stadium, which is why it is that shape. Bernini's Four Rivers in the middle, and the Campo de' Fiori market five minutes further on. Free · best at night, when the restaurant touts have given up	0.72 km 10 MIN WALK
7	Santa Maria Maggiore — LAST NIGHT Fifth-century mosaics running the whole length of the nave, and Pope Francis's tomb in the left aisle: one slab of marble reading Franciscus , and nothing else. Free · open to 19:00 · 0.18 km from Relais Santa Maria Maggiore	0.18 km 3 MIN WALK
8	Santa Prassede & the Chapel of St Zeno — LAST NIGHT Across the street from the last hotel. A room the size of a garage, lined floor to ceiling in ninth-century gold Byzantine mosaic, and almost always completely empty. Free · bring a coin for the light · forty metres from your door	0.04 km ACROSS THE ROAD

ROME Both Rome hotels are in the historic centre, so nothing above needs a bus or a metro ride. Numbers 7 and 8 belong to the last night at Via di Santa Prassede — do them on the afternoon of the 24th, when everything else is shut or too far.

Sant'Agnello & Sorrento

FROM VIA IOMMELLA PICCOLA 59 · 18-22 SEP

4 NIGHTS

- 9

Spiaggia La Marinella

Sant'Agnello's own scrap of waterfront, under the cliff below Villa Crawford. Not a spectacular beach — the point is that it is yours, fifteen minutes down, and no day-tripper has heard of it.

The zero-effort day · a book, a swim, and lunch on the water

1.04 km

15 MIN · DOWNHILL
- 10

Museo Correale di Terranova

The peninsula's serious museum, in an 18th-century villa: Sorrentine inlaid woodwork, Capodimonte porcelain, and a garden belvedere that runs out to a cliff edge over the bay.

Closed Tuesdays · nearly empty · the answer to a grey afternoon

1.71 km

24 MIN WALK
- 11

Vallone dei Mulini

A ruined flour mill at the bottom of a green gorge in the middle of town, abandoned since the 1860s and swallowed whole by ferns. Seen from the railing on Via Fuorimura.

Free · thirty seconds of looking · you will not forget it

2.20 km

31 MIN WALK
- 12

Villa Comunale & the Cloister of San Francesco

The terrace everyone photographs — the whole Bay of Naples with Vesuvius behind it. The 14th-century cloister next door, wound in bougainvillea, is free and almost silent.

Free · go for the last hour of light, then walk into town for dinner

2.40 km

34 MIN WALK
- 13

Marina Grande

The old fishing village under the cliff, reached by steps down from the Villa Comunale end of town. Still a working marina rather than a set — boats pulled up on the shingle, and the coast's best fish restaurants.

Late afternoon · the lift saves the climb back up

3.01 km

42 MIN WALK
- 14

Bagni della Regina Giovanna

The ruins of a Roman villa wrapped around a natural sea pool cut into the rock, joined to the open sea through a stone arch. Out at Capo di Sorrento, then fifteen minutes on foot along the cape.

Morning — it is small and it fills · bus or taxi to Capo, no shade, no facilities

3.9 km

BUS + 15 MIN

Praiano & the Amalfi Coast

FROM VIA ROMA 61 · 22-24 SEP

2 NIGHTS

- 15

San Gennaro & the majolica dome

The village church, its dome tiled in green and yellow majolica, and the terrace on the piazza in front of it. Praiano faces west, so this is a free front-row seat for the sunset.

Free · the ceramic Stations of the Cross run down the steps below

0.74 km

UPHILL · 15 MIN
- 16

Marina di Praia & the Saracen tower

A sliver of beach wedged into a cleft in the cliff, with a footpath cut along the rock out to the Torre a Mare. Il Pirata's tables hang over the water at the far end.

Swim, then the tower walk · the Africana cave club is on the same path

0.9 km

STEPS DOWN
- 17

Spiaggia della Gavitella

The one beach on this stretch that keeps the sun all afternoon, because it faces west while everything else has gone into shadow. Positano sits framed across the water.

400 steps down — or take the little shuttle boat and save the knees

1.02 km

STEPS OR BOAT
- 18

Sentiero degli Dei — the Path of the Gods

The ridge walk above the coast, 8 km from Bomerano west to Nocelle with the sea and Capri in front of you the whole way. The purist's start is a thousand steps up from your own front door.

4-5 hours · no shade, no shops · 2 L of water each, proper shoes, early start

2.5 km

BUS TO BOMERANO
- 19

Fiordo di Furore & the Grotta dello Smeraldo

A genuine fjord slicing into the cliff under a road bridge, and three kilometres on, a flooded sea cave where the light comes up through the water and turns the whole chamber green.

Both east on the SS163 · SITA bus or a short drive · lift and boat at the grotto

2.2 / 3.3 km

BUS · 15-25 MIN
- 20

Ravello — Villa Rufolo & Villa Cimbrone

Up the hill behind Amalfi, six hundred metres above the sea and a different climate. Cimbrone's Terrace of Infinity — a stone parapet lined with busts, and nothing beyond it — is the view people mean when they say Amalfi coast.

Half a day · pair it with Amalfi's striped Duomo and the Cloister of Paradise

7.8 km

45 MIN BY ROAD