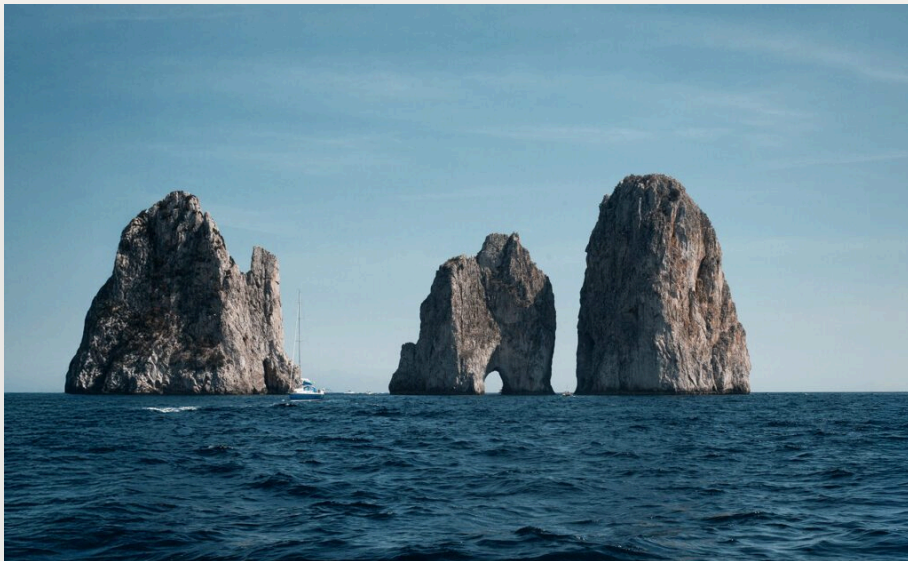


A PHOTO GUIDE TO ITALY

Victoria's Italy

The Most Beautiful Places



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A LITTLE NOTE

The places that made me fall for Italy

These are the corners of Italy I keep coming back to, the ones I photograph again and again, and the ones you ask me about most. Some are famous, some are quieter, and every one of them is worth the trip.

I've kept each to the essentials: where it is, when to go, and how I'd get the shot. When a place pulls you in, the full guide on my site has the rest, where to stay, where to eat, and how to plan your days.

Consider this a starting point for the trip you're dreaming about. Wander it slowly.



ATRANI, CAMPANIA

The Amalfi Coast

- WHERE** The stretch of cliffside towns south of Naples, where pastel houses tumble down to the sea.
- WHEN** May, June or September, before the August heat and crowds arrive.
- THE SHOT** Looking down onto Atrani from the coast road above the town.

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AMALFI COAST

Positano

- WHERE** The vertical village on the Amalfi Coast, a cascade of pastel houses above a pebble beach.
- WHEN** Early June or late September for warm water without the peak-summer crush.
- THE SHOT** Spiaggia Grande, the main beach, from the cliff path above, umbrellas out for summer.

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MARINA PICCOLA, CAPRI

Capri

- WHERE** The island off the Sorrento peninsula, all sea stacks, gardens and impossibly blue water.
- WHEN** Late spring or early autumn, when the light is soft and the day-trippers thin out.
- THE SHOT** Marina Piccola on a warm afternoon, the beach clubs tucked below the cliffs.

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ABOVE THE AMALFI COAST

Ravello

- WHERE** A hill town set high above the coast, known for its gardens and its endless sea views.
- WHEN** Spring, when the terraced gardens are in full bloom.
- THE SHOT** The cliffside staircase winding down through the gardens.

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CAMPANIA, ITALY

Naples

- WHERE** The loud, beautiful heart of the south, wedged between Vesuvius and the bay.
- WHEN** Autumn, when the city is warm but the summer haze has lifted.
- THE SHOT** The seafront at Castel dell'Ovo, with the water opening out behind.

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LAZIO, ITALY

Rome

- WHERE** The eternal city, layered with three thousand years of ruins, fountains and piazzas.
- WHEN** Just after sunrise, before the crowds fill the historic centre.
- THE SHOT** The Trevi Fountain early morning, with the water almost to yourself.

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TUSCANY, ITALY

Florence

- WHERE** The cradle of the Renaissance, small enough to cross on foot in a single morning.
- WHEN** Golden hour, when the Arno turns to copper and the bridges glow.
- THE SHOT** The Ponte Vecchio from the riverbank as the sun drops.

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CENTRAL ITALY

Tuscany

- WHERE** Rolling hills, cypress rows and stone villages between Florence and Siena.
- WHEN** Late spring or early autumn, when the countryside is green and the light is long.
- THE SHOT** Among the vines below a hilltop villa, cypresses standing guard.

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EMILIA-ROMAGNA

Bologna

- WHERE** The food capital of Italy, wrapped in terracotta and forty kilometres of porticoes.
- WHEN** Autumn, for truffle season and cool walks under the arcades.
- THE SHOT** The Santuario di San Luca on its hill at sunset, the long portico climbing to meet it.

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VENETO, ITALY

Venice

- WHERE** A city built on water, where the streets are canals and every corner is a painting.
- WHEN** Off-season, November to March, when the light is soft and the crowds are gone.
- THE SHOT** By the basilica of Santa Maria della Salute at the mouth of the Grand Canal.

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VENETO, ITALY

Verona

- WHERE** A rose-coloured city on the Adige, between Venice and Lake Garda.
- WHEN** Summer evenings, when the rooftops glow and the opera fills the arena.
- THE SHOT** On the banks of the Adige by the Ponte Pietra, the hill of Castel San Pietro behind.

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LOMBARDY, ITALY

Lake Como

- WHERE** A deep alpine lake ringed with villas and gardens, an hour north of Milan.
- WHEN** May and June, when the gardens flower and the mountains still hold snow.
- THE SHOT** A villa terrace above the water, cypress and lake stretching out below.

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LOMBARDY, ITALY

Milan

- WHERE** Italy's capital of fashion and design, built around its marble cathedral.
- WHEN** Autumn, during design week and the first crisp evenings.
- THE SHOT** The Duomo at dusk, its spires lit against a deepening sky.

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NORTHERN ITALY

The Dolomites

- WHERE** The pale limestone peaks of the Alps, laced with meadows and mountain villages.
- WHEN** September, for clear trails, golden larches and the first snow on the summits.
- THE SHOT** A slow morning coffee on an alpine terrace, the peaks rising straight behind.

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ITALIAN RIVIERA

Portofino

- WHERE** A tiny fishing village turned harbour of pastel houses on the Ligurian coast.
- WHEN** Early summer, when the bougainvillea is out and the harbour is calm.
- THE SHOT** The path to the lighthouse, with the harbour and headland below.

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LIGURIA, ITALY

Cinque Terre

- WHERE** Five painted villages strung along the cliffs of the Ligurian coast.
- WHEN** May or September, for warm days and quieter coastal paths.
- THE SHOT** Manarola from the viewpoint at sunset, houses stacked above the sea.

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Keep exploring

This is just a taste. There are more places, more photographs, and a full guide for each one on the site. Wander the galleries by destination whenever you're ready to start planning.

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