



PRO LOCO MINORI
Costa d'Amalfi

Path of

Lemons



*... walking from
Minori to Maiori
between the unmistakable
fragrance of the lemons
and the stunning view
of the Amalfi Coast sea ...*

"Amalfi Coast"



Location: Amalfi Coast

Start: Minori

Arrival: Maiori

Duration: about 60 minutes **Difficulty:** easy

Welcome in Minori, also known as Antica Regina Minor. Before heading to the path of the lemons we invite you to visit the Maritime Archaeological Roman Villa of the first century AD., whose monumental complex probably dates back to Julian-Claudian age and represents a typical example of residence for the OTIUM (leisure time in which romans enjoyed themselves), and The Basilica of S. Trofimena Martyr built with a Latin Cross plan with three naves whose presbytery contains a valuable table of the Crucifixion attributed to Marco Pino from Siena. Here in Minori, there is also The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, which is the headquarters of the group of flagellants or "battenti", particularly active in the evocative celebrations during the Holy Week.

Minori

The **lemon path** was the only connection between Minori and Maiori, an alternative to marine navigation, before the construction of the main road to reach Amalfi.

The path passes through one of the most important "Sfusato Amalfitano" cultivation, a typical lemon of this land famous all around the world for its size, aroma, flavor and high in vitamin C. The farmers' hard work have created this unique and striking landscape, and we highly invite you to walk through it to admire its



wonders and beauties. Just imagine e blood, sweat and tears the lemon's carriers, who once carried kilos of lemons on their backs to the beaches of Minori and Maiori, onto ships departing for the Mediterranean, Great Britain and the very far United States.

But let's now begin our walk along Via Lama, which at its end, we will find, on the right, the stairs to "Village Torre" called Path of the Lemons.

The route on the left leads to the bell tower of the "Annunziata", of the Arab-Norman period, but you have to turn right to go straight to Torre-Maiori "Sentiero dei limoni". We arrive, then, at Mortella lookout, whose name originates from the presence of myrtle trees:



from here you can enjoy an amazing view of Minori and of the entire Amalfi Coast, and when the sky is clear and blue you could even



spot the Faraglioni of Capri.

Below you will see the majestic Basilica of S. Trofimena; and above you there is the village "Monte" with its Church of the SS. Guardian Angels, and Villa Amena with the Romanesque church dedicated to St. Gennaro and Giuliano of the XXII century, with adjoining Confraternity of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Going through the village Torre we meet a porch with a small shrine that reminds us of the faith of its people.

The route continues to reach the heart of the Village Torre, with the church dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel. The foundation date is uncertain but it is certainly older than 936 A.D. Inside there is a single rectangular nave, the altar is covered by two arches supported by four spiral columns with a kind of Corinthian capitals.

A fountain and a bench under a large plane tree, seems to cover the facade of the Church, to the right stands a balcony overlooking the Amalfi Coast, with Atrani and Amalfi in the distance, and Ravello up above. We now enter into a tree-lined avenue of oleander shrubs, while lemons appear from the pergolas. To your left there is an arched wall in memory of a watchtower from which perhaps derives its name. As you continue walking by this path you will see a fountain at the beginning of the stairs that lead to the Monastery of St. Nicholas, but you must continue towards Maiori while enjoying the breathtaking view of the Gulf of Salerno and of the Cilento Coast.

Maiori



You are now in the middle of San Francesco valley and, just ahead of you, you can glimpse from a gate a garden full of lemons. This is an evocative and emblematic image of the local rural culture. A short downhill section begins from here, and as you are walking down you will see a pergola of lemons and grapes hanging above you, it's a blaze of yellow gold and green colours.

As you start walking down to via S. Giuseppe you can enjoy one of the most beautiful view where the blue sky mixes with horizon of the sea.

The panoramic terrace opens itself up like a window on the village of Maiori and the dome of Santa Maria a Mare Church covered with green and yellow ceramic majolica tiles, whose name originates from the statue of the Virgin Mary found on the shore of Maiori in the 1200 A.D.



We highly suggest you to visit the church mentioned above and its Museum of Sacred Art. Continuing along Via Vena and Via Pedamentina, you can spot the Mezzacapo Palace, now the headquarter of Maiori Town Hall, and its gardens of the XVIII century designed with a "Maltese cross" plan upon request of Filippo Mezzacapo, who became knight of Malta in 1708.



Continue along the main street of Reginna Major and the seafront of Maiori to visit the Convent of St. Francis. In the picture above you can see the Mezzacapo Castle of Minori in Via Torricella, once called Hotel Miramare, in which during the first decades of the 1900 was the meeting point of a group of artists called "The Costaioli".

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