

The Villa Book discovers paradise in Positano: a totally unique property to rent, available for the first time on the U.K. market, exclusively with The Villa Book..

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A recent addition to The Villa Book's (<http://www.thevillabook.com/>) enticing Amalfi Coast (http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Amalfi_Coast) programme is the magnificent Palazzo Santa Croce (http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Amalfi_Coast/villa/PALAZZO_SANTA_CROCE/). Dating from the early 1700's, this sumptuous Baroque style Palazzo is situated high in Positano, about 10 – 15 minutes walk up from the town and beach, and with the most wonderful views over the town, the dramatic coastline and the sea. Decorated by the best craftsmen at the time, the property has been wonderfully preserved and still features the marvellous lacquered doors, painted ceilings and original stucco works. The property was bought in 1926 by the artist Edward Ghillhausen, who lived here until 2000 and frequently entertained writers and artists, including Picasso, Steinbeck and Alberto Moravia. The current owners have restored the palazzo to all its former glory and more! With the most incredible eye for detail and exquisite taste, they have created a haven of relaxation, combined with enormous beauty, and a true sense of the palazzo's history and culture.

Palazzo Santa Croce

(http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Amalfi_Coast/villa/PALAZZO_SANTA_CROCE/) is on five levels, with is an enchanting garden at the highest level, planted with citrus trees and figs, and with a gazebo for relaxing in the shade. The next level down houses the two guest bedrooms, then down from here are the two exceptional master bedrooms, with panelled, frescoed ceilings and decorated and furnished in an opulent, Baroque style, with enormous paintings, columns, mirrors and silks. The entrance level features a large terrace, furnished for sitting and dining outdoors, and with a long hydro-massage tub. Also on this level is the large and beautiful kitchen, with stone archways, and tiled with ancient majolica tiles. A lower level houses a luxurious spa, with heated swimming pool, with fountain, oxygen therapy and contra flow jet, a Turkish bath, sauna, showers and a massage room.

The amenities at Palazzo Santa Croce

(http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Amalfi_Coast/villa/PALAZZO_SANTA_CROCE/) are numerous, including top quality embroidered linen and towels (changed daily), silver cutlery, air conditioning throughout, plasma screen TV, Wi-Fi internet access and indoor and outdoor music in all rooms. Breakfast is served each morning with juice squeezed from the property's own lemon and orange trees, homemade marmalade and home baked pastries. Other services, which can be arranged by The Villa Book (<http://www.thevillabook.com/>), include a professional private chef, babysitting, boat services, guided excursions to Pompei, Amalfi, Ravello, Capri, small private concerts with typical Neapolitan 'mandolino' and songs, and airport transfers from Naples by limousine or by helicopter to S. Agata (20 kms from Positano).

The Villa Book (<http://www.thevillabook.com/>) offers an excellent selection of other beautiful villas on the Amalfi Coast (http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Amalfi_Coast) and the islands of Capri and Ischia (http://www.thevillabook.com/country/Italy/region/Capri_and_Ischia).

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