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TREVILLE POSITANO

## Cinematic Dream

Once the private estate of a famed Italian director, Villa Treville is now an exclusive getaway on the Amalfi Coast.

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The scent of lemon fills the air, the light dances across the surface of the bay of Positano, and the decor, inspired by cultures in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, beckons with a dreamlike, timeless beauty. If Villa Treville seems cinematic, it's not surprising: This is the former home of legendary director Franco Zeffirelli. The Italian maestro, who died in 2019 at the age of 96, was known for his extravagant renditions of operas and films, including "La Traviata" with Maria Callas and the 1968 film version of "Romeo & Juliet." He tapped the renowned designer Renzo Mongiardino, who had worked with him on many productions, to design the villa's interiors.

Set on a steep, nearly five-acre seaside property, Villa Treville encompasses 16 grand suites. Recent significant renovations ensure the setting remains more luxurious

private home than boutique hotel. The suites are named after Zeffirelli projects—Turandot and Tosca, for example—as well as the luminaries, like Leonard Bernstein and Rudolf Nureyev, whom he hosted over the years.

The most alluring of all is the Zeffirelli Suite, where the maestro himself once lived and worked. The sweeping space is designed with original furnishings collected by Zeffirelli, with two bedrooms and ensuite bathrooms, private terraces, and a private, heated plunge pool.

Guests are pampered by a staff of 80 and enjoy luxe amenities including an outdoor gym and private boat excursions to nearby Positano and a sand beach just minutes away. A must-do experience? Climbing up the 1,800 steps to the Path of the Gods, a hiking trail celebrated for its breathtaking views. >



The expansive Villa Treville property features 16 grand suites. The sweeping Zeffirelli Suite is designed with original furnishings (below) collected by Zeffirelli himself.



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## EXPERIENCE

A Villa Treville greenhouse was redesigned as a luxury spa where treatments incorporate the property's aloe and olive oil.



Executive Chef Vincenzo Castaldo helms the kitchen, where cuisine showcases fresh, local ingredients including seafood, vegetables grown on site, and eggs from in-residence chickens. In the evening, diners can savor a Chef's Table experience. "The highlight is the vegetarian set menu," says Villa Treville's general manager, Martino Acampora. "So much effort goes into obtaining the best quality ingredients."

Tradition is important here, but Villa Treville is ever-evolving. It recently transformed a greenhouse into a luxury spa, with treatments that spotlight aloe and olive oil made with olives grown on the property. The spa also features products by

a frequent guest to the resort, Dr. Barbara Sturm, a German aesthetics expert whose skin-care treatments have a cult following. And new for 2023, the resort has acquired the neighboring Villa Maura, adding six more majestic suites to the grounds, including a three-bedroom stunner with kitchenette and private pool.

As evening approaches, guests mingle at the villa's Bianca Bar, where a mini laboratory was created to distill and blend estate-grown fruits, herbs and vegetables into stunning cocktails. The bar features a sultry Moroccan motif, originally conceived by Mongiardino, as well as views of the nearby Li Galli islands. As Acampora puts it, "It's truly magical." [villatreville.com](https://villatreville.com) ○

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Built into the steep hillside, the majestic Villa Treville looks out over the bay of Positano.

