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Villa Treville, Positano

The former home of Franco Zeffirelli delivers all the goods: top notch panoramas, knockout location and home living on the grandest of scales. A mashup of Italian Moorish style, the jet-set pad, spread over five acres, is a bit of a dreamland. Dramatic glimpses of Positano are a given at every corner, and as the late director himself once said, the place is 'a riot of Mediterranean vegetation, pines, flowers, trees, and cacti.' Scurry along its coastline digs and there are more surprises from a veggie garden, grotto and a sea view spa kitted out with potions from German skincare whizz Barbara Sturm. Tennessee Williams, Laurence Olivier, Leonard Bernstein, Liza Minnelli, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were all fans, hence the several odes to them throughout (suites and all), plus the several cinematic totems scattered up and down the place. It's, in a nutshell, Hollywood at best. The food kicks a punch with fresh, line caught catches of the day, making up much of the menu, best finished off with a kick-ass granita. Breakfast? Made-to-order and vacuumed early on the terrace to catch a glimpse of those killer sunrise hues. villatreville.com