



Island of Procida

A tour of secret and hidden Italian islands

I don't know about you, but the start of springtime makes me start plotting a sunny escape and nothing lifts my spirits more than mentally teleporting myself to the peace and quiet of a beautiful island.

Aside from its stunning countryside, picturesque towns, vibrant cities and art at every turn, **Italy** counts amongst its many gems a number of relatively unknown **islands** that beg to be discovered. Here's a list of my favourite **Italian islands** and you can combine a city stay with one of these sparkling jewels!

Procida

No doubt you will have heard of the islands of **Capri** and **Ischia** in the **Gulf of Naples** that have for centuries attracted visitors, especially the rich and famous and you probably have already been spellbound by their beauty and splendid scenery. But venture to the **Bay of Naples** smallest island and explore **Procida**, its best-kept secret.

Its pastel-painted houses, narrow pathways and fishing village atmosphere give it an undeniable charm. You can reach it by ferry or hydrofoil from the port of **Mergellina** or from the **Molo Beverello in Naples** and the port of **Pozzuoli**. Just don't forget to bring your camera!





Isole Tremiti (Tremi Islands)

They are an archipelago in the Adriatic Sea, north of the **Gargano Peninsula** in **Puglia**. These islands are a picturesque sight of ragged cliffs, sandy coves and thick pine woods, surrounded by a sparkling dark blue sea.

The **Tremi** are a very popular diving destination due to the number of coves and underwater caves in the archipelago's waters. Most tourists are Italian weekenders, although these stunning islands are slowly gaining popularity among overseas visitors too. You can reach them by ferry in summertime from the **Puglian** towns of **Vieste**, **Peschici**, **Manfredonia** and **Rodi Garganico**.

Can you see yourself catching this breathtaking sunset on **Cala delle Arene**, its only sandy beach?



Gargano (Isole Tremiti)



Isola di Levanzo (Levanzo Island)

Levanzo is the smallest of the three **Egadi Islands** off the western coast of Sicily. The island's little port is hugely picturesque; a small cluster of pale square buildings huddled around a little harbour of an amazing blue sea. If you feel in need to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and immerse yourself in the scenic beauty of this unspoilt island, then you can easily reach it by ferry from **Trapani's** dock. Wash your worries away by swimming in this impossibly blue sea or visit the '**Grotta del Genovese**' where you will find Neolithic cave paintings.

I can already see myself swimming in that clear blue sea, how about you?



Egadi



Isola d'Elba (Elba Island)

If thoughts of **Tuscany** instantly conjure up throbbing crowds in Florence, Pisa and Siena, but you long to get away from the tourists and enjoy a slower pace of life, then don't miss exploring **Elba**. The **island of Elba** is a green oasis within the **Tuscan Archipelago** and also its largest. In the setting of crystalline sea and 150 spotless beaches, romantic villages and breathtaking mountains, this island is rich of pleasant surprises.

Although Elba is a National Park of outstanding beauty, it's probably best known for being the place for **Napoleon's exile** and in fact the defeated emperor was confined here briefly after the battle of Trafalgar.

You can reach this idyllic island by ferry from the port of **Piombino** in Tuscany. I have to confess that I don't understand Napoleon's hurry to leave this enchanting island, as it seems to me like the perfect place for a very long exile!



Tuscan Archipelago

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I hope to help you make your travels to Italy memorable!



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