

Dear Cilento-Ferien,

We have now returned home to Australia after our wonderful holiday in Il Mosaico, Le Terme di Velia, Marina di Ascea from 5th to 17th July. In between we have had a conference in Naples and travelled back through Rome and Hong Kong. This accounts for the delay in submitting our survey form.

Our time in the Cilento region was truly delightful and our landlord, Pantaleo De Luca, was a wonderful, kind and charming host. He invited us to his village, Ceraso, where we met his wife and friends for an evening of poetry reading, swallows, pizzas and wine in a park beside a small stream with rapids.

Our accommodation was immaculate and delightfully located in an olive grove with archaeological remains within 20 metres of our door, the beach about one kilometre away and the village centre with all necessities, supermarkets, bakeries, fruit and vegetable stalls and gourmet food shops not much further. As an added benefit, the heights of the cool green mountains above the village could be reached in 20 minutes by car. We toured extensively along the coast with its magnificent cliffs and views to nearby Pisciotta and Palinuro and further afield to Maratea and Fiumicello. The blue grotto at Palinuro is stunning and our trip inland across the mountains to Padula with its enormous monastery was especially memorable. We also loved the tiny villages clinging to the mountain sides and frequently ate tasty lunches in the village restaurants and squares while looking out over amazing vistas. Altogether it was an excellent holiday.

Even though we would prefer to keep the secret of Cilento to ourselves and our friends, to avoid it becoming too popular with other tourists, we are happy to let you know how much we enjoyed it. In fact, even before we visited, we told our daughter, Tessa Bretag, about it and she and her partner joined us for several days at the end of our stay, finding accommodation for themselves through your agency at La Fattoria del Cilento in Ascea/Velia.

With our very best wishes,

Allan and Lesley B., AU – Eden Hills, Ferienwohnung Le Terme di Velia, Juli 2010