

In May 2009, the Cilento saw us for the 4th time, because we became thoroughly fascinated with this Southern Italian region during our first visit in 2001. The landscape is spectacular and some parts of the coastal road need not – or hardly – shun comparison with the Amalfi coast. Here, you can enjoy peaceful views almost undisturbed by traffic and you need not line up with a continuous row of cars and coaches. Even the beaches were – at least in May – mostly deserted and the water temperature was pleasant enough for a swim.

For the second time, we chose Pisciotta as our destination, because this town had immediately given us the feeling of being in the “real” part of Italy. The locals here have still got time for a “chit-chat”. In order to be able to better communicate in Italian, we had decided on a course with Anita Sigrist (see Cilentano’s homepage). As we had an infant with us, she came to teach our small group at our holiday home. We can recommend Mrs. Sigrist without hesitation, because she matched her lessons with our knowledge of the language. It was just the right mixture of relaxed holiday atmosphere and successful learning.

Our accommodation, Villa Alba, is a newly built house with good furnishing and a fantastic sea view. You should have a car for excursions and for shopping, as most shopping facilities – several small alimentari – are to be found in uphill Pisciotta. Walking along the road takes you about 20 minutes. Larger supermarkets are to be found at Palinuro or Ascea. We can recommend the fishmongers’s at Marina di Pisciotta, the district located at the seaside.

All in all, a really beautiful holiday region, the only downer being the long drive from Germany. However, we always considered our drive down south according to the motto “the journey is the reward” and enjoyed a stopover in Tuscany.

We are looking forward to our next holiday there.

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