

Dear Madam or Sir,

We were in the Cilento at the beginning of September 2009 and we spent a wonderful holiday there. We were 4 adults, my wife, me and our grown-up daughter and her boyfriend.

We were accommodated at Villetta Marirosa in Marina di Ascea. The villetta is very spacious, nicely furnished, has two terraces and a beautiful small garden with palm trees. The kitchen equipment is great and there is a supermarket nearby.

The two bedrooms are on the attic floor (slanting ceiling). As it was exceptionally hot for that time of the year, we really missed air conditioning.

Marina di Ascea is not a nice town – a typical bathing resort without a real town centre. The beach, however, is a perfect dream, a long bay with an almost white sandy beach, a view of the mountains and the beautiful excavation site of Velia.

Besides the beautiful beach and the clear sea, we profoundly enjoyed the fact that we were almost on our own at the beach – 7 km of beach and there were bathers about every 100 m only!! Where else can you find that?

The place is ideal for excursions. From Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius, Paestum, Palinuro to Castellabate. Everything within reach.

Besides all the culture, we mostly enjoyed the landscape and the small villages. The roads are sometimes real adventures, but you are rewarded with fantastic views of the coast – partly rugged, partly lovely. There are vista points from which the sea appears almost Brazilian. We saw white sandy beaches, the sea in all shades of blue and the only thing missing was Sugar Loaf Mountain to give you the feeling of being in Brazil.

We were also fascinated by the numerous small towns, so authentic that we felt like being taken 50 years back. In the evenings, the locals were sitting in the squares, men and women nicely separated. Men playing cards on the one side, widows dressed in black on the other. In between, children were playing. Simply sitting there watching is relaxation at its best.

We fell particularly in love with the town of Pisciotta, which is picturesquely located on a hilltop and which seems bizarrely glued to the hills. From there, you have got a fantastic view of the coast. The evening atmosphere is overwhelming. Especially when dining at the terrace restaurant "Tre Gufi". It can be highly recommended, meals are very good and reasonably

priced. The atmosphere there is romantic, almost even sentimentally kitschy. You should take your bride there. Please make reservations or stop by at 18 h.

All in all, it was a great holiday and the landscape, the sea, the villages and the culture make up for the long journey. We put in stopovers on our journeys there and back, one at Siena and one at Arezzo. That was ideal from our point of view; you can enjoy a nice dinner and also the beautiful evening atmosphere in both towns.

We were highly satisfied with our agency Cilentano, which provided good advice. I, for one, also like the address on and the layout of its homepage.

This was surely not the last time we visited the Cilento. Most probably, we will even go there once more this year. There is so much more to discover!

Best regards

Harald W., Munich, Villetta Marirosa, September 2009