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## CAPRI WALKS: The Best Way To See The Island

If there's one thing *Capri* is not short on, it's beautiful views. Arriving by boat to the island's Marina Grande harbor, the peak of *Monte Solaro* soars above, dividing the island into its two villages of Capri and *Anacapri*. Most day-trippers to this popular travel destination get to enjoy plenty of panoramic views from spots like the Gardens of Augustus in Capri and overlooks high up in Anacapri. Even if there are crowds at the island's most visited viewpoints, it is impossible to deny the incredible natural beauty of Capri.

However, some travelers are turned away by the rushed and busy feel of



Piazzetta

Capri. It is true, you will rarely be alone when taking in those dreamy views if you stick close to the most popular locales on the island. Yet it's surprisingly easy to escape from the hustle and bustle of Capri and delve deeper into the quieter side of the island. If you enjoy walking, it takes only a matter of minutes to be surrounded by nature and experience that iconic beauty firsthand — rather than just admiring it from a distance.

Setting out in nearly any direction on Capri will reveal incredible views and a peaceful atmosphere. The selection of walks featured here highlights a *continued on page 2*

## Magical Castle Restoration

Against a backdrop of the Euganean Hills, 30 miles from Venice and just outside *Padua*, is one of the largest castles in Italy, but few people know about it. That's because, until now, the 16th-century *Castello del Catajo* has never been open to the public until now.

The castle originally belonged to the noble *Obizzi* family, who settled in Italy in the 12th century after leaving France. In 1573, *Marchese Pio Enea I Degli Obizzi* transformed Castello del Catajo from a modest villa to the extravagant castle that stands today. The castle has 350 rooms and was built to be part military fortress, part royal residence.

Situated on the Battaglia Canal, which was built in the 13th century to connect the city to Venice, the castle was a luxurious home for its residents. External staircases that accommodate horses ensured noble residents could ride their horses up to the first floor. The courtyard could be flooded to stage miniature re-enactments of naval battles to entertain aristocrats in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Castello del Catajo changed hands in the 19th century to Duke of Modena Francis V, then to Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. Following Franz Ferdinand's assassination at the start of World War II, it was seized by the Italian government and auctioned off in 1926 to the *Dalla Francesca* family. Three elderly Dalla

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# Capri is a large, limestone and sandstone rock.

variety of options so you can choose which is the right fit for your interests, time availability and fitness levels. So, lace up some comfortable walking shoes and get ready to really experience the natural beauty of Capri.



## WALKS IN AND AROUND CAPRI

Just a few steps from the top of the funicular train that connects *Marina Grande* to Capri town is the *Piazzetta*. This diminutive yet hectic square is the heart of Capri and is the starting point for the walks featured here.

### WALK #1: Quick and Scenic Capri

If your time in Capri is limited, there's one short walk you won't want to miss that meanders through the town's famous shopping streets and leads to the beautiful Gardens of Augustus. Starting out in Capri's *Piazzetta*, follow *Via Vittorio Emanuele* as it leads down a gentle incline past designer boutiques like *Dolce & Gabbana*, *Roberto Cavalli*, Capri-based luxury jewelry store *Chantecler* and tempting shops selling local fashion of linen and cashmere in colorful shades.

When you reach the elegant entrance to the *Grand Hotel Quisisana*, decked out in front with a row of flags fluttering in the breeze, take a brief detour to the left along Capri's iconic *Via Camerelle*, lined with boutiques by

the world's top names in fashion. Even if you're not a shopper, this is the finest street in Italy to enjoy a good dose of window shopping.

Ready for a refreshing view after the sticker shock of those prices along *Via Camerelle*? Take a left at the *Grand Hotel Quisisana* and follow *Via Federico Serena* to where it ends. Stop to admire the *Certosa di San Giacomo*, a 14th-century Carthusian monastery, and enjoy the sweet scent in the air from the *Carthusia* perfume factory nearby. Founded in 1948, Carthusia produces beautiful scents with flowers grown on the island. You can even stop in to catch a glimpse of their

factory at their main shop along *Via Matteotti*. Follow your nose and you won't miss it!

A pleasant stroll past Carthusia leads to the woody

entrance and the Gardens of Augustus. With a small entrance fee of 1€, you can explore the gardens and find a picture-perfect view of the *Faraglioni* rocks and the zig-zagging *Via Krupp*. While once a gorgeous way to reach *Marina Piccola*, the *Via Krupp* is currently closed due to the risk of falling rocks. When peering over the edge from the

Gardens of Augustus, it's easy to see why!

The walk from the *Piazzetta* to the Gardens of Augustus is about 10 to 15 minutes at a leisurely pace, but plan slightly longer for the return to account for the uphill walk.

### WALK #2: Natural Beauty Up Close

To enjoy a more peaceful side of Capri, this walk circles around Capri town as it leads to the *Arco Naturale* (Natural Arch), then skirts along the rugged coastline on *Via Pizzolungo* to the *Punta Tragara* overlook before returning to the center of town. In the *Piazzetta*, look for the archway in the building marked "*Municipio*" in larger letters. Start off there and along the way you'll find plenty of colorful ceramic signs (this is Capri after all!) indicating the pathway to follow.

As you leave the hubbub of the *Piazzetta* behind, the pedestrian only walkway climbs out of the center of Capri town. Soon you're surrounded by a very different Capri, a peaceful residential area with one beautiful villa after another. Peek

through elaborate wrought iron gates to see lush gardens and imagine life in this idyllic spot.



Gardens of Augustus



Arco Naturale

Capri has 12 churches, 7 mus

At a well-marked crossroads, bear right along *Via Materniana* until you reach steps leading down to several viewpoints of the impressive Arco Naturale. Gaze through the arch to catch a glimpse of little boats passing by far below. With the sound of seagull calls and wind rushing through the pine trees, this is the Capri that captures your heart and doesn't let go.



Punta Tragara overlooking Faraglioni

walkway leads past a spectacularly close-up view of Capri's famous Faraglioni rock formations. Continue on until *Punta Tragara*, another popular

overlook — and for very good reason. From here you enter back into the buzz of Capri. Follow the walkway until it becomes the *Via Camerelle*, the most elegant shopping street in Capri. Take a right at the Grand Hotel Quisisana, decked out in flags, and in a few minutes you'll be back in the heart of Capri at the Piazzetta.

This roundtrip walk takes approximately two hours and involves a fair amount of steps going down between Arco Naturale and Grotta Materniana.

To delve even deeper into the natural beauty of the island, climb the steps up from the Arco Naturale and look for signs marked "*Materniana*." A steep staircase zig-zags down the mountainside and passes by the *Grotta di Materniana*, a natural cavern that was once home to an ancient Roman nymphaeum. Although little remains, the dramatic setting evokes stories of the past.

Soon the vista opens to the sea with the tip of the Sorrento Peninsula in the distance. The walk along *Via Pizzolungo* is pure nature, with few signs of modern life and only the sounds of boats and bird calls filling the air. Stop along the way to look down at the unusual *Villa Malaparte* nestled on top of *Punta Massullo*. With its modern design and brick-red color, the house stands out strikingly against the blue sea. It was built in the late 40s as the home for Italian writer *Curzio Malaparte*, but with such a view it's hard to imagine being able to focus on writing!



Exploring Villa Jovis

While the ruins of Pompeii attract most of the attention in the *Campania* region, there are a number of archaeological sites to explore without the same crowds. Go further afield on Capri and take a step back in time on a walk that will interest history buffs. *Villa Jovis* sits atop the second-highest peak in Capri and was once the lavish home of Emperor Tiberius.

Here he ran the Roman Empire from 27 AD until his death in 37 AD. The ruins of this once grand estate sit right at the edge of a cliff with a sheer drop over 1,000 feet to the sea. Tiberius, it seems enjoyed a rather dramatic view!

The hike to reach Villa Jovis follows

the same route leaving the Piazzetta and heading east across the island. At the crossroads for the Arco Naturale, bear left this time and follow the walkway through a quiet residential area of the island. Toward the end the climb becomes steeper as it meanders through a forested area to the top of *Monte Tiberio*.

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View of Sorrento Peninsula

## WALK #3: Hike for History Lovers

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# eums and several monuments.

Take some time to wander through the archaeological site and enjoy those views that have been admired since ancient Roman times. The hike back follows the same walkway and can be combined with a detour to the Arco Naturale or the entire walk above for a full day walking on the island.

The roundtrip walk to Villa Jovis takes about two hours and includes a moderate climb to reach the archeological site.

## Capri Picnics from Ristorante Michel'angelo

What could make a walk on Capri even more enjoyable? A picnic basket full of Capri specialties! *Ristorante Michel'angelo* in Capri has come up with the ideal solution to make picnicking simple and delicious. Owners Gianluca and Holly created *Capri Picnics* to share their love of local cuisine and inspire travelers to enjoy exploring the island's most scenic picnicking spots.

Each one of their picnics (starting at 17€ per person) comes packed with traditional Caprese dishes and everything you need for a gourmet picnic. Simply order your choice of picnic online and stop by the restaurant tucked away on a quiet little street near the Piazzetta in Capri to pick it up. They also offer a choice of suggested walks within comfortable distance of the restaurant and provide detailed maps to help you find the most scenic picnic locations like the Arco Naturale or Via Pizzolungo.

If you're hiking further afield, like to *Villa Jovis*, you can always treat yourself to a fabulous meal after your walk at *Ristorante Michel'angelo*. For more information, call (39) 081 837 7220 or visit [www.caprimichelangelo.com](http://www.caprimichelangelo.com)



## WALKS IN AND AROUND ANACAPRI

High above Capri on the western side of the island is the sprawling town of Anacapri. Besides a few spots centered around the busy *Piazza Vittoria*, Anacapri is a peaceful village and offers countless walks and hikes. From the heights of *Monte Solaro* down to a lesser-known view of the pretty pink lighthouse at *Punta Carena*, here are a few very different walks to experience Anacapri's most beautiful qualities.

### WALK #4: Quick and Scenic Anacapri

Even if you only have a very short time in Anacapri, it's possible to reach one of the island's prettiest little overlooks with only a short walk from Piazza Vittoria. Follow the pedestrian-only pathway called *Via Capodimonte*, which is lined with cute shops and plenty of trees and greenery.

Along the way, you'll pass the entrance to the *Villa San Michele*. This was once the home of Swedish-born physician, writer, and longtime Capri resident Axel Munthe. Now a museum, its peaceful gardens and elegant rooms offer a quiet respite. Stroll to the end of the gardens where you'll find a lovely overlook marked with an oft-photographed statue of a sphinx. (Read more about Villa San Michele in the November 2010 issue of *Dream of Italy*.)

Looking down you'll see the Marina Grande harbor far below and Capri in the distance. Across the Bay of Naples Vesuvius looms over Naples and closer by you can spot the tip of the Sorrento Peninsula.

You can enjoy a similar view by following *Via Capodimonte* as it turns into *Via Axel Munthe* and continue beyond the Villa San Michele. For those looking for a more adventurous hike, you can follow the *Scala Fenicia*, the Phoenician Steps, that lead all the way down to Marina Grande. Before the road was built, these ancient steps were the main pathway connecting the two villages on the island. However, at over 900 steps, the Phoenician Steps are certainly not quick or easy!

The walk from the Piazza Vittorio to the overlook takes about 10 minutes, but plan longer if visiting the Villa San Michele along the way.

### WALK #5: If You Like Heights

One of the best viewpoints on Capri is from its highest spot atop Monte Solaro in Anacapri. The peak is easily reached by the *Seggiovia Monte Solaro* — a chairlift that departs from Piazza Vittoria, the hub of taxis and buses. If you have limited time in Anacapri and would still like to enjoy a hike, you can choose



View of the Fraglioni from Monte Solaro



Seggiovia Monte Solaro

to hop on the chairlift to the top of Monte Solaro and then walk back down.

However, if you prefer a good climb, you could hike up instead and then take the chairlift down. Whichever way you choose, do spend some time exploring the top of the mountain and across the Bay of Naples to *Ischia*, *Procida* and the Sorrento Peninsula. This is Capri at its most astounding and quite literally breathtaking best.

Setting out from the top of Monte Solaro, expect a more rugged climb on the hike down to the center of Anacapri. The trail varies from a well-worn cement walkway to a rocky dirt path with stone footholds and exposed tree roots.

Here it's just you among the hardy, windblown Mediterranean vegetation with sweeping views across the island. The meandering path down the mountain ends near the Villa San Michele Museum. Take a right on via Axel Munthe when you reach the bottom to find yet another spectacular view looking over Capri and Marina Grande below.

Plan about one hour for the hike from Monte Solaro down to Anacapri, or a little more if you're hiking up. The trail is rough in parts, so appropriate shoes are suggested.



View of Ischia



Lighthouse



View looking down from the Belvedere Migliara

## WALK #6: Anacapri's Gardens

From the entrance to the Monte Solaro chairlift in Piazza Vittoria, follow the walkway to the left along *Via Caposcuuro*. In moments, the sounds of the crowds are far behind, replaced instead by birdsong and only a few passing locals.

Watch for signs marked *Via Migliara*, which is a flat and well-maintained concrete and brick walkway that leads all the way to the southern edge of the island. Although it's a long walk, it's one of the flattest on the island. Plus, there's a gorgeous reward waiting at the *Belvedere Migliara* at the end.

While it might not look like it at first glance, the *Via Migliara* has origins dating back to ancient Roman times. Here there was once a pathway through cultivated gardens that grew *miglio* — millet — where the name *Migliara* was derived. This mostly pedestrian-only walkway still leads through terraced gardens where you'll see grape vines, fruit trees and little vegetable patches. That is, if you can pull your eyes away from the spectacular view of *Ischia* across the bay of Naples!

1€ = \$1.16 at press time

Near the end of the *Via Migliara*, a wooden sign marks the entrance to a rather unusual little garden called the *Parco Filosofico*, or the Philosophical Park, where hand-painted ceramic tiles feature quotations (also in English) from great minds around the world nestled into a wooded landscape.

Just beyond is the *Belvedere Migliara*, a small, shaded spot with benches that overlook one of Anacapri's best views. Breathe in the sea air as you look over a straight drop down to the sea below. To the right is the *Punta Carena*, the island's southwestern tip with its distinctive pink lighthouse.

Before leaving, look for a tiny ceramic sign near the ground that says "*Belvedere dei Filosofi*" (Belvedere of Philosophers). It points to a rugged track leading up to a second lookout point. This one is not to be missed! Marked with a large iron cross, follow the few steps down to the left to find an incredible view of the *Faraglioni* rocks in the distance.

While enjoying the leisurely walk back, you'll have the perfect view to your left over the white rooftops of Anacapri with the brilliant blue sea and the islands of *Ischia* and *Procida* in the distance.

Set aside more than an hour for this walk at a minimum. Plan two hours for a more leisurely pace or to spend time wandering through the *Parco Filosofico*.

—Laura Thayer

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# was a 17th-century Frenchman.

# News, Tips, Deals

## Olivia: New Food Space in Florence

**F**ollowing the global trend of combining dining and shopping experiences in one location, *Olivia* in Florence is a new restaurant-store-street food vendor that just opened (Piazza Pitti, 14r) to rave reviews. It is the brainchild of *Serena Gonnelli*, part of a family that has been producing olive oil since 1585, who came up with the concept of creating a place that focuses on the culture of olive oil and encourages its customers to get to know the extra virgin good stuff in new ways:

**Taste.** Take an olive oil tasting lesson in a dedicated room (complete with light fixtures created from the typical nets used to collect the olives at the harvest). Learn how to taste oil, assess an oil's strengths and weaknesses and even how to read a label so that you are able to detect the best quality of oil at home. Lesson I learned: darker does not mean better.

**Shop.** You can buy a wide choice of oils produced at *Frantoio di Santa Tèa*. There is also a chocolate line produced by *Vestri*, chocolatiers from *Arezzo*, based on Gonnelli's extra virgin olive oil. The shop also offers delicious local specialties like organic almond cookies (all made from olive oil), cookbooks and beauty products that are all

... a place that focuses on the culture of olive oil and encourages its customers to get to know the extra virgin good stuff in new ways...



displayed in the baskets that olive pickers used to wear around their waists as they collected the olives at harvest time.

**Streetfood E.V.O.lution** focuses on *fritti*, fried street food. From the front of the shop, you can watch the chef prepare

these delectable bits (of course in extra virgin olive oil) and then take away to enjoy as you stroll the *Oltrarno*. I sampled *ribolitta fritta* (a version of the hearty Tuscan vegetable stew) and apple fritters in cinnamon, both on my list for a redo for my next visit to Florence. It's a nice way to enjoy a quick lunch either before or after the Pitti Palace/Boboli Gardens visit as it's directly across the street.



**Dine.** The restaurant at Olivia prepares seasonal foods prepared with the correct oil pairing. The room is set with communal tables but they will be adding some smaller ones for those who prefer to dine privately and hope to have tables set outside for the warm weather.

—Rosanne Cofoid

### Olivia

Piazza Pitti, 14r  
Florence

(39) 055 267359

[www.oliviafirenze.com](http://www.oliviafirenze.com)

Open Tuesday to Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.



## Castles *continued from page 1*

Francesca sisters tried for years to sell it. In 2016, businessman *Sergio Cervellin* happened upon it while out on a drive and decided to buy it and restore it.

*Marquess Pio Enea I degli Obizzi* commissioned Venetian painter *Giambattista Zelotti*, a student of Paolo Veronese, to paint frescoes in the house in 1571. The frescoes depict the Obizzi family's military battles, beginning in Roman times and

ending with the Marquess' own military victories, as well as family events such as weddings. They are remarkably well-preserved, as they had been concealed by shutters.

The gardens, fountains, statues, the state apartment, the Gothic chapel and the arched main entrance and gate are among the castle's newly restored and cleaned features.

—Elaine Murphy

### Castello Del Catajo

Via Catajo, 1

Battaglia Terme (Padua)

(39) 049 910 0411

[www.castellodelcatajo.it](http://www.castellodelcatajo.it)

Open March through November on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, 3 to 7 p.m.

To get there, take the train from Venice to Battaglia Terme (50 minutes, 4.90€ one way) and then walk 15 minutes along the Battaglia Canal to Catajo.

Admission: 8€

# Florence was the capital

# and Events



## Godfather Movie Tour in Sicily

Fans of both classic cars and classic movies will love 500 Vintage Tour's *Godfather*-themed tour, which takes visitors through the movies' filming locales while cruising the streets in a vintage Fiat 500. *The Godfather Movie Tour* combines iconic pop culture, small-town charm, history and vintage cars into a half-day itinerary that might just be the coolest tour in Sicily.

If following the footsteps of the Don himself wasn't exciting enough, the tour ups the cool factor by letting guests drive the vintage convertible Fiats themselves. (Ability to drive a stick shift is essential!)

Although the *Mafia* originates from *Palermo* and surrounding towns, including from the movie family's namesake town of *Corleone*, the area was too developed by the time the first *Godfather* movie was filmed to realistically portray a town from the 1950s. Instead, director *Francis Ford Coppola* decided to film his iconic trilogy — *The Godfather* (1972), *The Godfather Part II* (1974) and *The Godfather Part III* (1990) — in the neighboring province of *Messina*.

Follow the tour guide's car outside Taormina



through the towns of *Savoca* and *Forza D'Agro*, both of which became famous due to the films' success and have remained mostly unaltered since due to locals' desire to preserve their authentic nature. The first stop is *Savoca*, a hilltop village with a population of about 1,600, where guests can sip a lemon *granita* — an icy drink resembling a slushie — outside *Bar Vitelli* and wander the cobblestone streets near the Church of St. Nicholas.

In the first film, *Bar Vitelli* is where character *Michael Corleone* (Al Pacino) asks the bar's owner, Mr. Vitelli, permission to date his

daughter *Apollonia* (Simonetta Stefanelli), and is also where Michael and Apollonia get engaged and celebrate after their wedding ceremony. It is still a functioning bar today, and photos of movie scenes filmed there still hang on its walls. The small but stately Church of St. Nicholas (also called the Church of St. Lucia) was built in the 13th century, and is the location of Michael and Apollonia's wedding ceremony and procession.

The *Forza D'Agro* locations appear in all three movies. The Cathedral of *Maria Santa Annunziata* is seen in *The Godfather* when Michael goes to the town of *Corleone* for the first time, and in *The Godfather Part II* when a young *Vito Corleone* (Marlon Brando) escapes to the United States. The church as it stands today was built in 1707 in the Baroque style. In *The Godfather Part III*, a house in *Forza D'Agro* plays the role of the family home where Michael's father, *Vito*, was born. Michael brings his American wife *Kay* (Diane Keaton) to see the house. *Forza D'Agro* is nearly half the size of *Savoca* in population, and has coastal views from its hilltop perch.

Besides stopping at the movie locations, the tour also shows guests around the towns' other noteworthy landmarks. In *Savoca*, guests also stop by a *Cappucini* convent to visit an 18th-century crypt filled with mummies — maybe scarier than being chased by the Mob.

If you're wondering where perhaps the most shocking *Godfather* scene in Sicily took place — the murder of *Apollonia*...that was at *Castello degli Schiavi* (in *Fiumefreddo di Sicilia*) which has come to be known as the *Godfather Villa*.

The *Godfather Movie Tour* is available Tuesday and Friday with pick-up and drop-off locations in *Taormina* and *Giardini Naxos* and costs 250€ for two people. For more information, call (39) 349 7234906 or visit [www.500vintagetour.com](http://www.500vintagetour.com)

—Elaine Murphy



# of Italy from 1865 to 1870.

## Taste Venice With Insiders

**One is a cichetti-making class held in a private Venetian home. Cichetti are the Venetian equivalent of tasty appetizers that Venetians enjoy with a glass of wine before dinner.**

Sometimes the best ideas are created in the most ordinary places:

*TasteVenice* was created a few years ago on a playground in Venice by two mothers who were both looking for an outlet for their passions (outside of their children, of course!)

With backgrounds in food, wine, language and the Venetian culture, *Cecilia Sitran* and *Daniela Casanova* have created fun, unique and customizable private tours that focus on these areas.

Cecilia, a Venetian from the beginning, having studied Economics and Art Management at university in Venice, found her true calling after graduation and became a certified FISAR (*Federazione Italiana Sommelier Albergatori Ristoratore*) sommelier. Daniela, an adopted Venetian, is a translator who has taught Italian around the world.

*TasteVenice* currently has five offerings for their guests, but can also customize experiences at



reasonable prices. One is a *cichetti*-making class held in a private Venetian home. Cichetti are the Venetian equivalent of tasty appetizers that

Venetians enjoy with a glass of wine before dinner.

*TasteVenice* also offers full cooking classes which includes a visit to the *Rialto Market*, a *traghetto* ride and instruction inside an historic Venetian home (that of Daniela's mother-in-law) with gorgeous views out onto the lagoon.

And for those who just want to eat and drink and skip the cooking, there's a wine tasting stroll with Cecilia which includes a market visit and a walk to *Cannaregio* to visit a couple of bacari (local wine bars) and taste cichetti. Another stroll explores Cannaregio as well as the neighborhood of *Dorsoduro* through food and drink.

—R.C.

### **TasteVenice**

(39) 393 9966122

[www.tastevenice.it](http://www.tastevenice.it)

**Price:** Start at 60€ per person for walks and 120€ per person for cooking lessons.

## One Day Chef in Rome

Located in the *San Giovanni* in *Laterano* area of Rome, *One Day Chef* is a casual cooking experience for those looking for something more relaxed than touring the Eternal City's ancient sites.

The storefront setting is warm and friendly with traditional brickwork, comments from happy and sated guests written on the walls, and multiple cooking stations (16) so that everyone in the class has their own workspace with everyday utensils, pots and pans—just like at home.

Chef *Matteo Ferroni* shares his passion for Roman cooking and his enthusiasm is contagious. Typical



classes for visitors include learning how to make two pasta dishes, such as *cacio e pepe* and *bucatini all'amatriciana*, and a dessert, such as *tiramisu*. (Classes can also focus on *secondi* or *dolci*, you are not confined to pasta.)

After instruction from Chef Matteo, clients go to their own work stations and have a completely hands-on experience — they make the dough, shape the pasta,

create the sauce, cook it, plate it and of course, savor it! All the while, Matteo is circulating, gently instructing and engaging the guests in the process.

Matteo is very flexible and is willing to work with

guests in creating the type of class they are seeking. I joined a group that was focused on stuffed pastas — we made *ravioli*, *faggotini* and *tortellini*, which are not considered to be simple to create. But Matteo's instructions were easy to follow and it was fun to create in a convivial atmosphere. Contrary to what the name implies, these are skills you can duplicate at home for friends and family — they are not just for one day.

—R.C.

### **One Day Chef**

(39) 06 60666557

[www.onedaychef.it](http://www.onedaychef.it)

Classes available most days and typically last three hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Price:** 120 € per person

Seafood plays an important role in Venetian life.