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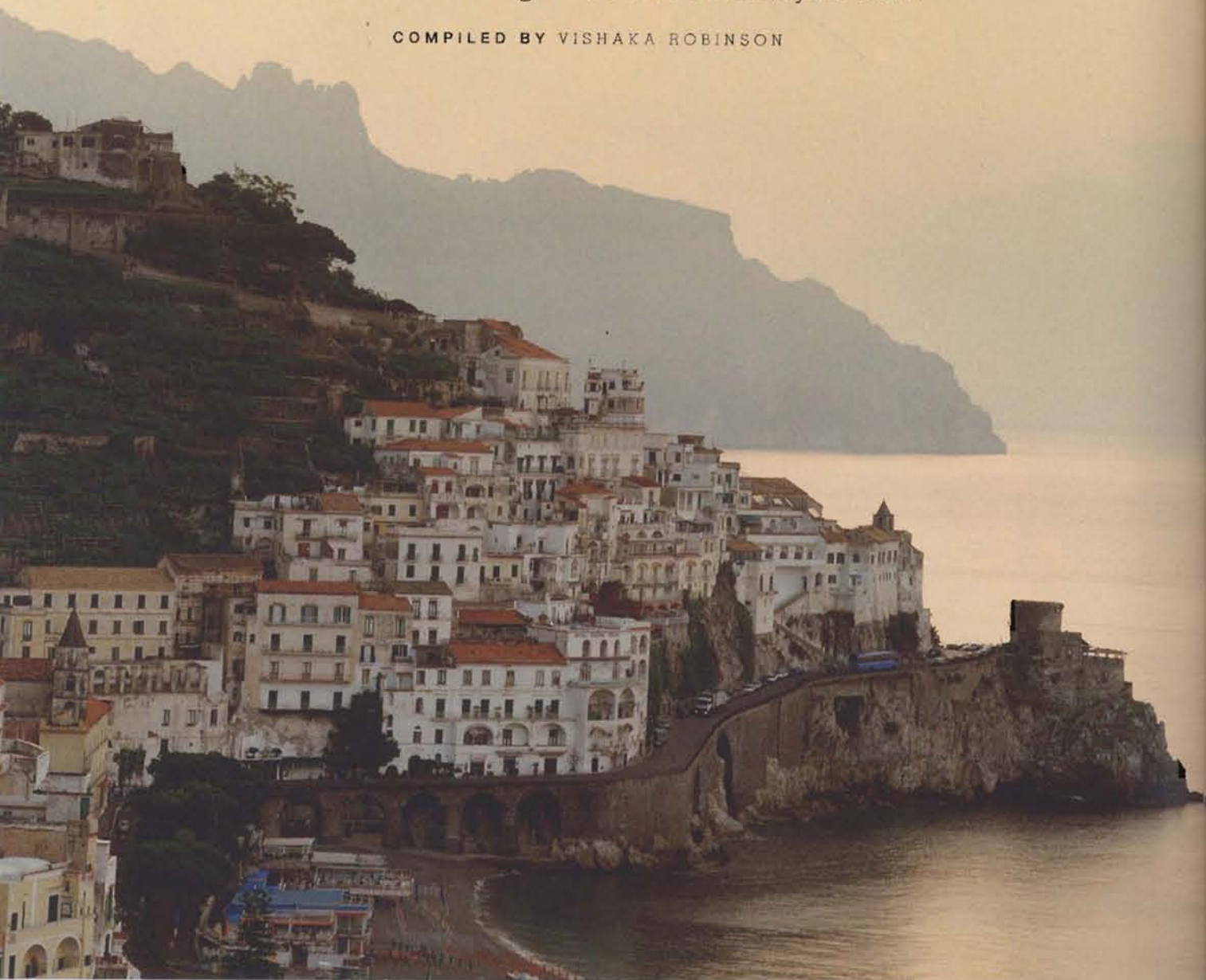


Amazing Amalfi

This sun-soaked slice of Italian coastline has it all. From the frenetic streets of Naples to the peaceful squares of Ravello, there's nowhere better to enjoy some late summer sun.

Here are five stunning hotels on our holiday hit-list...

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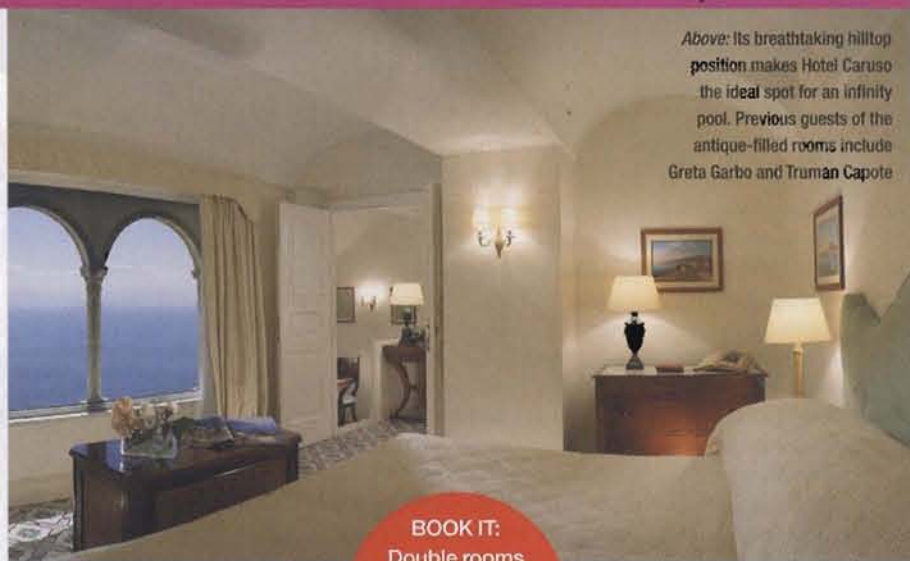


FOR... SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL Hotel Caruso, Ravello

The tour guides who ply their trade in the historic old towns on the Amalfi coast love to tell tourists the old legend of Ravello. The story goes that it was to this breathtakingly pretty hill-top village, with its lofty views out to sea and mountainsides full of lemon groves, that Satan took Jesus during his second temptation in order to show off the beauty of the world's kingdoms. It's a tale that is just as fitting today as it would have been hundreds of years ago. There's a certain magic about the place, with its elegant palaces, its peaceful, car-free cobbled streets and centuries-old rambling gardens swaying with flowers. It's easy to see why the likes of DH Lawrence, Tennessee Williams and Richard Wagner famously found solace, sunshine and inspiration here – its appeal is timeless.

If you're heading here this summer, the place to stay has to be Hotel Caruso, a restored 11th-century palace (which simply oozes supermodel good looks) just a few steps up from the town's main piazza and overlooking the glimmering Bay Of Solerno.

Its long, terraced gardens (on the edge of which you'll discover a staggeringly beautiful infinity pool) hang heavy with the scent of white roses, jasmine and orange blossom,



Above: Its breathtaking hilltop position makes Hotel Caruso the ideal spot for an infinity pool. Previous guests of the antique-filled rooms include Greta Garbo and Truman Capote

and a vine-covered walkway leads you into the blissful cool of the ancient palace. The hotel's incredible history is in evidence everywhere – the ancient frescoes remain, as does the 'golden book', the hotel's register, where you'll find a who's who of previous guests, such as Greta Garbo, Truman Capote and Jacqueline Kennedy. Bedrooms are furnished with Italian

BOOK IT:
Double rooms
cost from €638 a
night. Call 0845
077 2222; hotel
caruso.com

antiques, gleaming white marble bathrooms and private balconies.

The food is spectacular – plenty of hearty local dishes and fresh fish seasoned with herbs picked from the hotel's own gardens. There's even a wood-fired pizza oven for relaxed lunches by the pool. Be prepared to utter the words, "This just might be my favourite place in the whole world." →