Off the Beaten Track

PISCINA MIRABILIS
You’ll need to call ahead to access the Piscina Mirabilis, a cathedral-like cistern and marvel of ancient Roman engineering, hidden away in a Bacoli backstreet.

MONTE EPOMEO & THE HINTERLAND
Beyond Ischia’s beaches and spas is a rugged, lofty interior made for inspiring, contemplative hikes that reward with sensational vistas and natural beauty.

ORTO BOTANICO DI NAPOLI
If you need a break from Naples’ inexhaustible energy, find solace in this historic botanic garden, bursting with flora from as far afield as Australia.

VESUVIUS ON HORSEBACK
Mt Vesuvius is more than its panoramic crater, with slopes rich in flora and fauna. Explore its oft-overlooked wilderness on a horseback tour.

RAVELLO RAMBLES
Right above the Amalfi Coast is a tranquil wonderland of olive groves, atmospheric village streets and hypnotic vistas, all accessible on foot. Go on, escape!

VINTAGE VILLAS
Pompeii and Herculaneum aren’t the only Roman treasures flanking the Bay of Naples, with other survivors including a once-luxurious villa in ancient Oplontis.

PASSEGGIATA DEL PIZZOLUNGO
Escape the selfie sticks, shoppers and poseurs on one of Capri’s most spectacular walking trails, a manageable one-hour saunter that takes in spectacular west-coast sights.

ATRANI
Amalfi town’s humbler sibling offers understated charm, lower prices and an authentic vibe that feels much more local than its more famous coastal rivals.

HIKING IN THE CILENTO
Tie up your hiking boots and explore a Campania of arresting mountain landscapes, soaring golden eagles and, in season, colourful carpets of wild flowers.