

HOTEL SPOTLIGHT

# HOTEL VILLA ROMANA

ON OUR  
AMALFI COAST TOUR



## BENVENUTO A CASA NOSTRA!

Take a peek into the Russo's family album and let us tell you the story of 4-star Hotel Villa Romana. Inspired and named after a nearby ancient Roman villa in Minori, it lies by the gleaming turquoise Amalfi coast.

The hotel evolved from a humble family restaurant – named 'A funtelli' after the historic fountain in the courtyard. Keen to open their house to guests and put the charming coastal town on the map, six pioneering Russo children had a vision to create Minori's first hotel.

## A LABOUR OF LOVE

Originally, the hotel had just five rooms, but things soon escalated onwards and upwards, with each sibling - Barbara, Anna, Lucia, Alfonso, Paolo and Antonio - taking on a special role. It was a real team effort - Antonio, Alfonso and Lucia were in charge of the kitchen, truly the heart of the hotel. It was definitely a labour of love - Antonio would get up early to source fresh eggs for the breakfast, while Lucia would be busy filling the hotel with the mouthwatering aroma of rustic, freshly baked bread.

## A JOB FOR EVERYONE

Charming Alfonso brought music to the ears of his guests, playing traditional Italian folk melodies with his band. Every night, decked out in a stylish suit and bow tie, he would make sure the guests were having a wonderful time. Anna was the eyes and ears of the hotel, making sure everything ran smoothly, the rooms were sparkling and that the linen was always clean and pressed. She supported the renovation of the interior, while behind the scenes, Paolo carefully took care of the finances.

But it was Barbara who took charge of managing the hotel, devoting her working life to sharing Italian hospitality with the guests. She really made sure they felt special and gave them advice to help them discover Minori's secret spots. Barbara made everyone feel like part of the family!



## IT'S IN THE FAMILY

Barbara and Anna are now retired and live in the hotel alongside their guests. Now, Barbara's children - charismatic Alessandro and Andrea - have taken the reins and brought new life into the hotel, with a careful renovation that celebrates its timeless style. They have used original material from ancient villas in Minori and the surrounding area, including tiled floors and columns.

Andrea says "I'm so proud that we can carry on the legacy of our family's hotel – it's our lifeblood and it's always been our home. We're delighted to welcome Travelsphere guests into our casa! I'm so passionate about this little town - I'm also the Mayor of Minori. Through my work I look after the local community and make sure we set a great example, carrying on decades of our family's hard work."

## WELCOME HOME

At Hotel Villa Romana, Alessandro and Andrea really make you feel welcome and help you to discover the local cuisine. You'll enjoy delicious Mediterranean food, expertly created from seasonal and local produce in the hotel's dining room. It's centred around a unique skylight with trees growing up towards the ceiling – it needs to be seen to be believed!

The Russo family is at the heart of everything the hotel is today. Be warned, once you stay here, you may become hooked – some of the hotel's loyal guests have been returning for 30 years!