

VILLA ASTOR

Accommodation of 12 persons in 4 Suites and 2 bedrooms in main Villa - 21k/night

Extra accommodation of 8 persons in Torre - 4k/night

Max capacity for accommodation - up to 20 people

Event fee is included. Max capacity for events - 200 guests

Comfortable capacity for a seated dinner inside the Villa - 70 persons

Security deposit - 35k (fully refundable if no damages occur)

One day event without accommodation - 17,5k euro

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PARADISE RESTORED ON THE AMALFI COAST

Perched on the cliffs of the Sorrentine Peninsula, overlooking Bays of Naples, Villa Astor is an extraordinary private residence boasting one of the most beautiful gardens and finest botanical collection in Europe. Still standing within the grounds are the ruins of an ancient Roman villa that date back to the 1st century A.D and once belonged to Agrippa Postumus, grandson of Emperor Augustus.

At the beginning of the 20th century the property was acquired by William Waldorf, an US ambassador, diplomat, financier and a property magnate.



Few months after his initial purchase, he bought the adjoining monastery of Saint Vincenzo, and restored the villa at great expense, adding wainscoting, parquet floors, hand-painted ceilings and vast expanses of marble.

A glass-walled dining room was also installed to offer guests the unforgettable views of Naples and the island of Ischia.



The garden was embellished with a display of statues from a medieval tomb and marble fragments from the ruins of a Roman villa that had been used by Jesuit monks to decorate churches.

The folly's frescoed interiors – painted by the Roman artist Mario Spinet, known for his mythological subjects – and rich mosaic floors were so deftly rendered that his guests would assume they were originals from Pompeii or Herculaneum.



Over time, Astor created an elaborate botanical garden around the villa, and filled both the house and the garden with classical antiquities and Renaissance artworks of a quality unequalled by any other 20th century collections.



Following his death in 1919, the Italian government declared that, due to their cultural significance, the collection of antiquities and garden must be protected and stay attached to the villa.

During the Second World War, the property was requisitioned by the British and American Occupation forces as a command center.

In the sequence of events, the villa undergone and survived the bombing of the Bay of Naples and became a place where the Italian government signed the official declaration for the post-World War II.



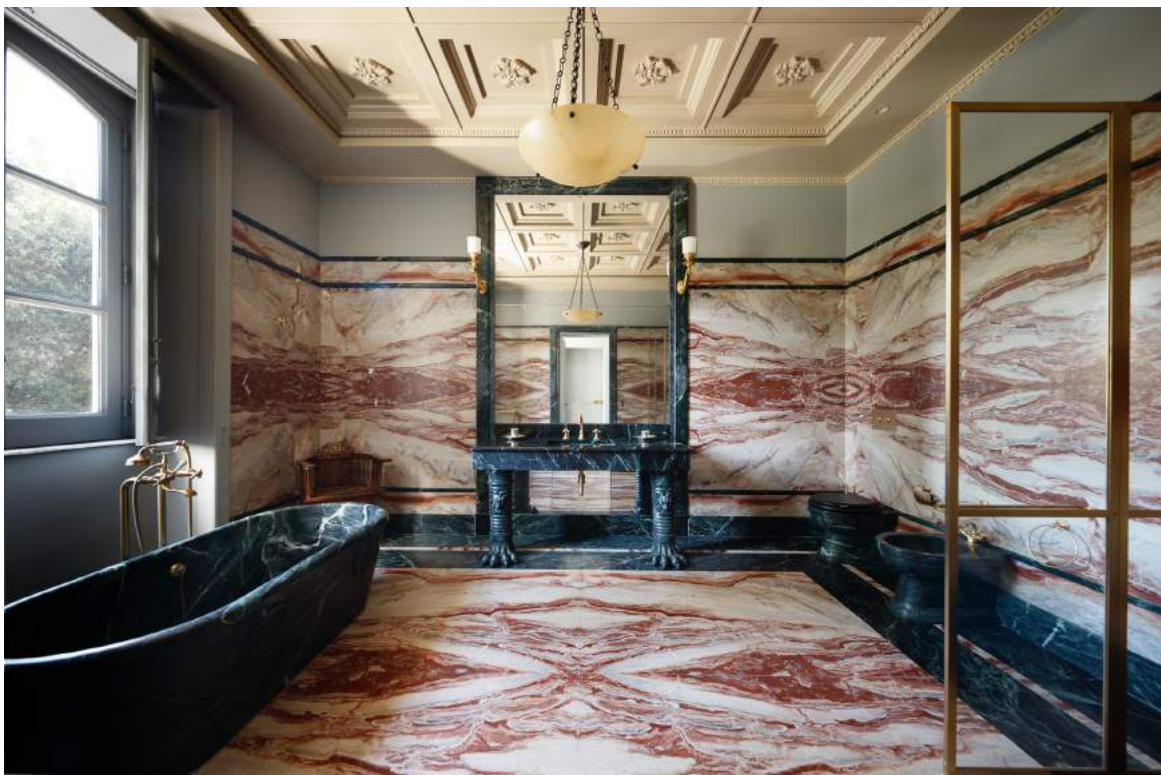
In the 1970s, Villa Astor was bought by the shipping magnate Mariano Pane and his wife Rita, a renowned society hostess, who once more succeeded to transform the estate into one of the most magnificent and enticing worldwide destination for the powerhouses of the intellectual elite.

For over 3 decades, the Pane family hosted and pillared the international cosmopolitan societies: royalty (Princess Margaret), world leaders (President Giscard d'Estaing), artists (Rudolf Nureyev), actors (Gregory Peck) and celebrities.



The Heritage Collection Group, current owner, commissioned French interior designer, Jacques Garcia to restore the villa to its former glory. As a known connoisseur of 17th and 18th-century decorative arts, Garcia has been involved in restoring numerous historical properties, including the Palace of Versailles and his internationally lauded recent exposition in Louvre. His name is also behind the designs of such places as la Mamounia in Marrakech and the NoMad Hotel in New York, as well as the Hotel Costes and La Réserve hotel in Paris.

Jacques Garcia has managed to preserve the elegance of Lord Astor's era, while bringing the property into the 21st century. He created a timelessly beautiful setting for the property's magnificent collection of antiquities. The Villa Astor is a restored paradise that complements Amalfi coast and it is one of most prestigious private residences in Italy.



The Villa Astor offers accommodation in its six luxury suites and in additional four bedrooms in the Torre. It is also an ideal venue for any kind of events, weddings and seminars.

For more information: www.theheritage-collection.com.

Prices on request by telephone: +39 366 4377662 or via e-mail: div@theheritage-collection.com



About the Heritage Collection Group:

The Heritage Collection has revived a number of estates in Europe, among them the Villa Astor in Sorrento, the Villa Balbiano on Lake Como, the Villa Clara in Rome and the Château de Villette near Paris.

The owners of the Group are passionate collectors of fine art and antiques. From the very beginning, their aim had been to restore the splendor of the most beautiful historical estates and bring back the past glory of the residences as a destination for international elite circles and high societies.

All the residences are historic masterpieces of architecture. They are proposed to guests for exclusive rentals with high-end services.

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