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With the sea up ahead and a good path underfoot, life in Italy is glorious.

On Italy's Path of the Gods

The famous and glittering Amalfi Coast can boast astonishing scenery, but one great way to really absorb the breath-taking beauty is by hiking up above it all. The Path of the Gods truly is heavenly, so if you're in decent shape, it's a fabulous outing that gives you eye-popping panoramas of Italy's most revered coastline.

The Sentiero degli Dei runs between Positano and Bomerano, but I did it in reverse to avoid the fatiguing uphill climb from Positano. A car service or bus can get you to the starting point. Bomerano is high above the resorts and is called "little Switzerland." Indeed, if you like hiking, this is a good base as several paths start from here. Signs direct you to the trail and following it is easy. It runs along the steep mountain, following the folds of the landscape into wooded canyons and past rock faces.

But the primary attraction is the unhindered views of the coast that leave you gasping. Of course, parts of the path that cling to the cliff may do that, too; in places it really hangs over the edge, so keep your eyes on the trail, too!

It's not a level path; it is rocky and there are stairs in places. But it is well-signed and the hike is one of the most spectacular you can experi-

ence. When the trail arrives in Nocelle, you can either continue on and walk all the way to Positano, or you can grab the bus to take you those last couple of miles. Expect

about two hours of hiking from Bomerano to Nocelle.

Pack a picnic and bring plenty of water; there are two fountains along the way to refill your bottles. And bring a camera; it's the most spectacular scenery on the Amalfi Coast.—*Valerie Fortney-Schneider.*

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Lamai Viewpoint, Koh Samui

Thailand is known worldwide for its magnificent tropical islands. One of my favorites is Koh Samui on the lower east coast. Lamai Viewpoint on the island's eastern shoreline is a spot I've recently discovered. A 10-minute drive through tropical rainforest gets you to the entrance, where you walk past a waterfall just inside the entry to the large "Valentine"

stone—a rock formation which from some angles looks like a heart. A 10-minute hike up the hill, through virgin rainforest, will take you to Lamai Viewpoint and the rewards of panoramic views of the sea and jungle-clad mountains. Once there, you can try a zip line ride skimming at 260 feet above the forest or chill out with an ice cream while taking in the panorama.—*Michael Cullen.*

Tricky Temple Tiling

Malaysia has temples on every corner; it's easy to get tempted out. But the Arulmigu Sri Rajakaliamman Glass Temple takes creativity and resolve to another level. The building, in Johor Bahru, is the world's first all-glass Hindu temple.

The original building, which was more of a hut, was built on land donated by the Sultan of Johor in 1922. It was rebuilt in 1996 by the current chief priest, who inherited the temple's administration from his father.

A decade later, that same priest was on a sojourn to

Bangkok when he spotted something glinting in the sun. His tuk-tuk driver drove him to a temple, and he was mesmerized by the glass artwork around the entrance.

Upon his return to Malaysia, he couldn't stop thinking about that glass artwork. It inspired him to rebuild his temple again, but this time entirely out of glass. It took over a year to complete the painstaking adornment of 300,000 small glass pieces of every color imaginable to the structure, inside and out.—*Kirsten Raccuia.*

Nibbles in Pacific Peru

There are close to 100 restaurants in the small beach town of Huanchaco, Peru, and most of them feature seafood. My favorite is the Huanchaco Beach Restaurant. It's best to choose a table on the second floor so you can enjoy the refreshing sea breeze and view of the ocean across the street.

Along with traditional *ceviche*, a dish of fresh raw fish marinated in citrus juices, it offers its own popular creamy version.

For something less formal,

find any group of street food vendors in Peru and you are likely to find everyone's favorite Peruvian delicacy, *picares*. In Huanchaco, these donut-shaped sweet potato-based treats are available near the beach almost 24/7. The batter is whisked into shape by a nimble twirl of the vendor's fingers before being dropped into hot oil to sizzle until golden brown. Before being served, they are smothered in sweet *chancaca* sauce or honey, and often sprinkled with cinnamon.—*Steve LePoidevin.*

DID YOU KNOW? The airport at Frankfurt Am Main, Germany, offers free use of two fully equipped yoga rooms to travelers. Find them near gate C-14 in terminal 1, and near gate D-1 in terminal 2.