



**STARLIGHT**

A COMMON HERITAGE

**AMALFI COAST'S INITIATIVES**

## Amalfi Coast

A unique natural and cultural heritage  
that needs to be preserved.



Its landscape, history, countless traditions and variegated culture need to be constantly safeguarded and protected because of their rarity and fragility.



**The culture** of Amalfi Coast sprouts during the Middle Ages, when the glorious Maritime Republic of Amalfi had close business relations with the whole Mediterranean Basin and especially with the Middle East countries which influenced it a lot, often bringing styles, traditions, flavours, techniques and innovations. This was the place where both Nordic and Arabic cultures met each other.

**Amalfi's people** have traditionally been navigators. They have always been used to orient themselves in the sea looking at the stars. They were observers of what they met on the horizon, but also sharp observers of the starry sky.



**One millennium later** the Amalfi Coast is ready to rediscover its own night sky thanks to the Starlight programme, aiming to protect it and use it as a formidable resource for tourism.



# STARLIGHT AND AMALFI COAST

Thanks to the Starlight programme, it was possible to start off several initiatives for raising awareness of the need to protect the night sky from the light pollution.





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The great show of the night sky, filled with thousands of stars, galaxies and celestial bodies which are visible from our territory, represents a huge potential as a touristic attraction.

# THE OBSERVATORY

The creation of a little astronomic observatory, the first in the Amalfi Coast, was the first initiative promoted. That was possible thanks to the great effort of the Riserva Biosfera Costiera Programma MAB Unesco's promoting committee and the help of CANA (Centro Astronomico Neil Armstrong Salerno).



# G-ASTRONOMIC

The second initiative is called G-Astronomic, an experiment made between gastronomy and astronomy, in order to combine the pleasure of observing the vault of heaven with the pleasure of eating.



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**G-Astronomic  
Experience in Tramonti**

**Osservazione astronomica e cena con prodotti tipici**  
*Astronomical observation and traditional local cuisine*

Vivi l'esperienza di una memorabile serata a Tramonti in un angolo incontaminato della Costiera Amalfitana, in compagnia degli astrofili del Centro Astronomico Neil Armstrong osservando il firmamento alla scoperta di costellazioni, pianeti e galassie. Meteo permettendo ammirerai il cielo stellato con l'ausilio di telescopi in un ambiente suggestivo.

L'esplorazione del cosmo accompagnata a un "viaggio" del palato in una sintesi unica ed originale.

*Experience a truly memorable evening above the magnificent Amalfi Coast. You will be joined by a group of local amateur astronomers from the Astronomical Center Neil Armstrong. They will provide explanations about the firmament and the constellations, planets and galaxies. Weather permitting, you will be able to share your passion for the luminous night sky with telescopes from a fascinating point of view immersed in unspoiled nature.*

*The exploration of the universe will be combined with a "journey" of the palate in a unique and original synthesis.*

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# G-ASTRONOMIC

Tourists could participate to real astronomic observations and see how the scientific researches get carried out.

The gastronomic moment instead, aim to reevaluate the old typical flavours of the Amalfi Coast and, in the same time, let the tourist enjoy the beauty of the starry sky.



## STELLE IN PIAZZA

“Stelle in Piazza” is an initiative created from popular will and carried out by the citizens of the village of Figlino in the Amalfi Coast. The whole event was centred on signing the popular declaration in favour of an action plan for the night sky protection. The signature of the oldest lady in the village (100 years old) was very significant, and she handed over the declaration to three young guys.



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Hundreds of citizens signed the declaration as well, to claim their will of safeguarding the night sky. This event turned out to be the first example of a popular initiative in favor of the protection of the night sky from light pollution.



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Here the Mayor and the Provincia di Salerno's councilor  
have joined the event.

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After this important act, a feast has been held in the middle of the square. Citizens and tourists had the possibility to observe the moon and other celestial body, thanks to several telescopes prepared for the

occasion. Along with observations, a group of musicians from Salerno have played classic music,

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And there also were stands with typical local products. This shows how the discovery of the night sky can easily be a great chance for tourism as well.



# ALL THE PARK'S STARS

Our next project, which will be realized in the next months, plans to train the Parco the Monti Lattari's educators in the Amalfi Coast, in order to let them make tourists and citizens more aware of the need to protect the night sky. Moreover the project aims to involve schools and spread the culture of respect of the night sky.

The following video will show the characteristics of this project.

