SORRENTO WALKS

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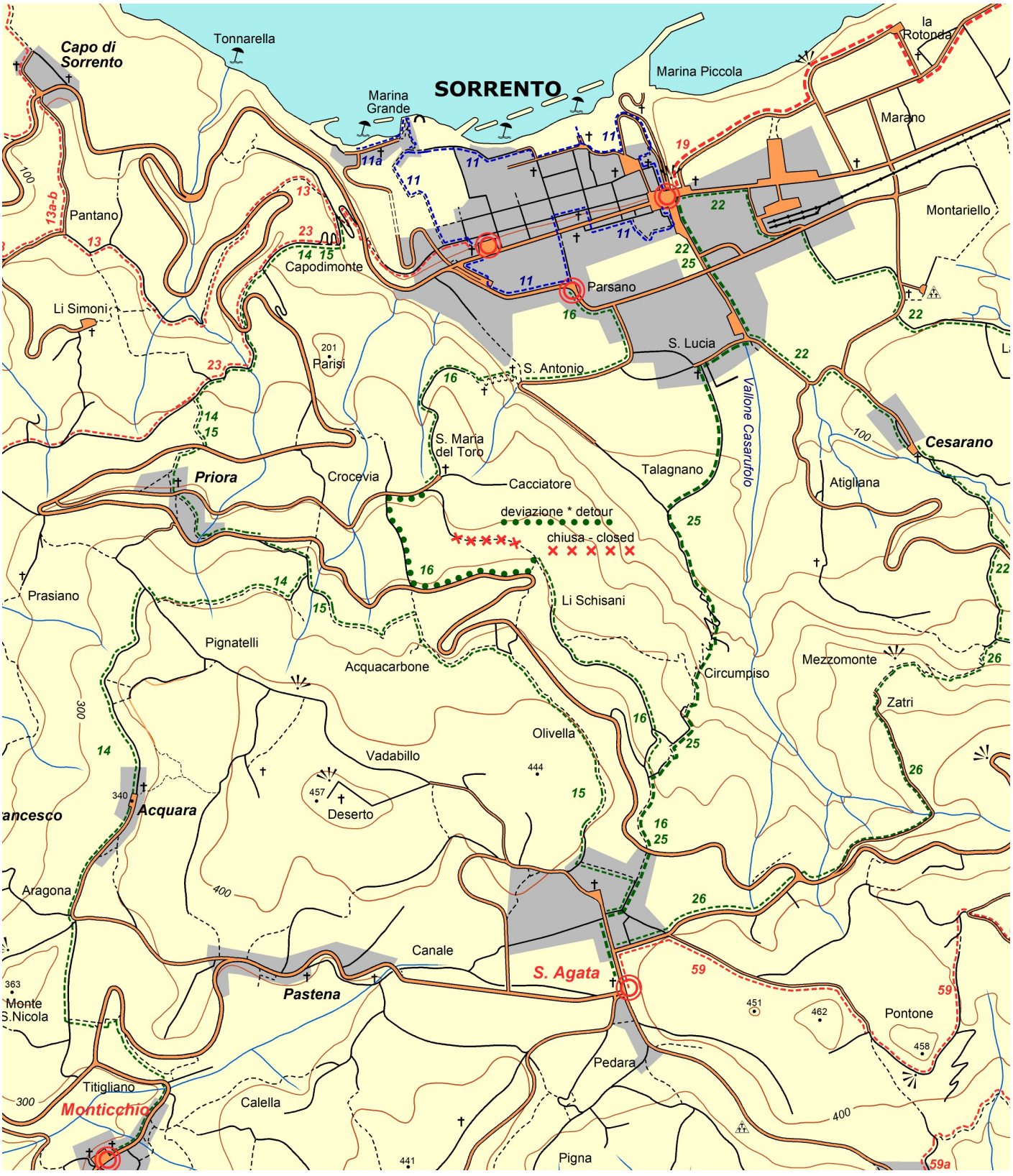
Itinerary 25 - Sorrento – Sant'Agata via Circumpiso

Departure point: Sorrento (Piazza Tasso) **Arrival point :** Sant'Agata (largo Padre Ludovico da Casoria)

Waymarking: Waymarks Green waymarks, red/white CAI signs and tiles **Difficulty:** T

Total distance: 2800 m **Elevation:** + 343 - 0 m **Min altitude:** 52 m **Max altitude:** 395 m

Shared departure points: 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 59 - **Parts in common with itinerary:** 16, 25



0 200m 400m 600m 800m 1km

equidistanza / contour 50m

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How to get to the starting point:

From the port: Proceed uphill along via Luigi De Maio. After 400 metres you will come to a hairpin bend with steps opposite taking you directly to Piazza Tasso. You can also take the shuttle bus to the centre if you prefer.

From Sorrento station: Go down the steps of Piazza De Curtis to Corso Italia. Turn left along the Corso and walk for around 400 metres, until you arrive in Piazza Tasso

Information:

A truly historical itinerary between Sorrento and Sant'Agata, recommended and described in guides already a century ago (eg. *Frenkel*, 1927, page 144). The Club Alpino Italiano also included it some years ago as one of its suggested itineraries under number **344** (Sorrento – Sant'Agata – Crapolla) and therefore **you will also often find the red/white CAI signs** as well as the green **Tolomeo waymarks.**

The upper part is steep (average gradient around 25%) and slippery for many months being on a hillside facing north-east that in the winter rarely sees the sun. It is the steepest path between Sorrento and Sant'Agata with an average gradient of 12,3%.

From Piazza Tasso (the ancient Porta del Piano), walk along Viale Caruso under the linden and plane trees and, after walking along the side of the Vallone dei Mulini, go under the viaduct of Via degli Aranci, past Piazza Gangi and right towards the district of Santa Lucia.
Continue to the church before turning left into Via Talagnano. The centre of the road is made of classical Massa Lubrense sandstone and continues for around 300 metres uphill before turning left into Via Casarufolo. Keep on going uphill taking shortcuts up the steps wherever possible. Since you are now above Sorrento, look out to sea and you will be able to admire the Bay of Naples, Vesuvius in the background and Monte Faito, the highest peak of the Monti Lattari. After the third shortcut, ignore the paved road continuing left and go straight ahead up the pedestrian Via Casarufolo, that continues alternating wide steps, a series of bends and other stretches without steps. Halfway up, do not take the only lane with steps to the right and, once near the top, make sure you follow the waymarks and indications of the many tiles along the way. You will see a tile commemorating the historical name of the road Circumpiso *(Cierco de lo 'Mpiso* – Tree of the hanged man). The next part is in common with itinerary **16** walking along Via Pagliaio di Santolo, crossing Via Nastro Verde by the underpass and arriving in Sant'Agata.
On the right is the turning onto itinerary **15** and high up on your right you will see a marble plaque commemorating the Neapolitan poet Salvatore di Giacomo who used to stay there in the summer. Straight afterwards turn right along Via Termine and shortly afterwards left onto Corso Sant'Agata.

The itinerary finishes in Largo Ludovico da Casoria by the tourist information point and the bus stop.

Description of the itinerary:

piazza Tasso, **viale Caruso**, **via Fuorimura**, **via Santa Lucia**, **via Talagnano**, **via Casarufolo**, **via Pagliaio di Santolo**, **via Termine**, **corso Sant'Agata**, **largo Padre Ludovico da Casoria**