



## LUMINARIA di SAN DOMENICO

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### Praiano (SA)

from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2009

For more than 400 years the people of Praiano have decorated their balconies, terraces, gardens and streets with candles and oil lamps to celebrate the feast day of San Domenico (Aug. 4). The tradition originates from 1599 when Dominicans monks founded a Monastery, Saint Maria a Castro, high above Praiano.

"The Luminaria di San Domenico", a spectacular event centred around candles and fires, is celebrated each year from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Each evening thousands of candles decorate the houses and streets of Praiano, Saint Maria a Castro, and the wonderful majolica pavement of Piazza San Gennaro.

The legend: Domenico's mother, before giving birth, dreamt of a dog holding a burning torch in its mouth, with which to illuminate (spread the word of Gods) the world. This became the life mission of Saint Domenico.

From 2003 the event, has been commended by President of Italian Republic, and in 2006 was awarded the prestigious special medal.

### Program

#### LUMINARIA di SAN DOMENICO 2009

**July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.30pm**

**"I Piatti nel bicchiere e piatti di fiori"**

**Hotel Margherita - Praiano**

Music and theatre shows performed on flowers theme: audience will be involved in an amusing and exciting show between flowers and food.

**July 31<sup>st</sup> at 10.30pm**

**"Rêve"**

**performed by the french Company "La Salamandre"**

A show where the fire is the main character. A creation with a great visual impact made by the Theatre Company "La Salamandre".

A spectacular series of performances of great charm and elegance with acrobatic moments and fire images. Music will scan the action rhythm and the viewer will be involved in an engaging and evocative atmosphere.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Luminaria First Evening**

At the sound of bells, at 9pm, on the majolica pavement of Piazza San Gennaro, at the Convento di Santa Maria a Castro and by gardens, terraces of houses, thousands of candles will be light.

Through lights and music the viewer will be caught up in a magical atmosphere.

**Along the Capo Vettica area, tasting of typical local products of Campania.**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Luminaria second Evening**

At the sound of bells, at 9pm, on the majolica pavement of Piazza San Gennaro, at the Convento di Santa Maria a Castro and by gardens, terraces of houses thousands of candles will be light.

Through lights and music the viewer will be caught up in a magical atmosphere.

**Along the Masa and Rezzola areas, tasting of typical local products of Campania.**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Luminaria third Evening – San Domenico Eve**

**Piazza San Gennaro**

At the sound of bells, at 9pm, on the majolica pavement of Piazza San Gennaro, at the Convento di Santa Maria a Castro and by gardens, terraces of houses thousands of candles will be light.

Through lights and music the viewer will be caught up in a magical atmosphere.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**San Domenico Feast Day by the Monastery of Santa Maria a Castro**

Early in the morning (first Mass is at 7am) people will begin to climb to reach Convento di Santa Maria a Castro and celebrate the Saint.

As an old tradition, will be distributed a twig of myrtle.

**Piazza San Gennaro, at 10pm.**

**Domini Cani "the dream of San Domenico's mother"**

At the end of religious services will be represented San Domenico's Legend. A dog-actor bringing a torch in its mouth, will run from the Church to the centre of the square where will start a spectacular fire effect: small fire balloons will be launched in the sky of Praiano.

**Free entrance**

**For all the Luminaria Events**

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