

Naomi and Liev's Italian getaway in

Ischia

The couple bask in the sun — and their *amore* — in the Bay of Naples



Naomi Watts and her boyfriend, Liev Schreiber, really know how to mix business with pleasure!

The actors recently jetted off to the Italian island of Ischia, where they were honored at the Ischia Global Film & Music Fest. (Naomi, 37, nabbed the Regina Isabella Acting Award on July 16, and Liev, 38, who just finished a run of *Macbeth* in NYC, snapped up the Film & Theater Award.)

While the official reason for their trip was work, the couple—who reportedly met at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute Gala in May 2005—seemed most interested in enjoying each other.

The duo spent their days on the gorgeous island (where *The Talented Mr. Ripley* was filmed in 1998) yachting, sunning and swimming. "They are deeply in love," says a Schreiber family insider. The island just fit their

mood to perfection. When they finally do decide to get married, it would be a great spot for their honeymoon."

A little kick from Nic

Speaking of marriage, it seems that Naomi's best friend, fellow Aussie Nicole Kidman, has been bringing up the topic plenty since tying the knot with country star Keith Urban on June 25. "Nic sent Naomi a message that said, 'Come on in, the water's lovely,'" a friend of the Kidman family says. "She's so happy with Keith that she's eager to see her close friend happily married, too."

From the look of Naomi's glow during her recent Italian excursion with Liev, she won't need much more encouragement. "She says she's sure Liev is the one," says the family insider. "Who knows? Maybe next time Naomi's in Ischia she'll be a bride."



FROM LEFT: SANDRO VIGNINI/CORBIS; INSETS FROM TOP: BAUER-GRIFFIN; FILMMAGIC

Naomi and Liev spent a day yachting around Ischia's coastline, checking out secluded coves and inlets that can be reached only by boat.



"They love Ischia," says a Schreiber family insider of Liev and Naomi, who made a splash at local sights during the Ischia Global Film & Music Fest from July 11 to July 16.

MORE STARS IN ISCHIA



Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Matt Damon enjoyed this spectacular view while shooting 1999's *The Talented Mr. Ripley* in Ischia. After long days of filming, Gwyneth often unwound with massages at Il Moresco hotel's famed spa.



Ischia: all the details

■ How to get there:

Ischia is a one-hour ferry ride or a 40-minute hydrofoil trip from Naples.

■ **Where to stay like a star:** Naomi and Liev checked into L'Albergo della Regina Isabella, where prices range from \$365 per night for a double to the if-you-have-to-ask-you-can't-afford-it Imperial Suite (rates are quoted by request only). The cast of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, which was filmed in Ischia, stayed at Il Moresco, where prices start at \$375 a night. reginaisabella.it, ilmoresco.it

■ Where to stay on a budget:

The three-star Don Pedro is on a hillside overlooking both the harbor of Ischia and the Bay of Naples. Rooms at this family-run hotel start at \$150 per night. 39-081-991178

■ **What to do:** Visit the Castello Aragonese, a fifth-century castle atop an offshore rock, enjoy a mineral-water treatment at Parco Termale Tropical, a famous local thermal spa, or tour La Mortella, considered one of the most magnificent private gardens in Europe. Hungry? Kate Moss and Matt Damon have dined at Ristorante Alberto, known for stunning waterfront views courtesy of glass walls. ischia.org; parco-tropical.com; lamortella.it; Ristorante Alberto, 39-081-981259



Rosanna Arquette (left), *Helen of Troy* star Diane Kruger, Gina Gershon and Matthew Modine all stayed at L'Albergo della Regina Isabella while in town for this year's film festival.

