



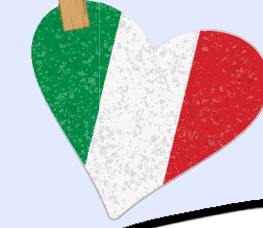
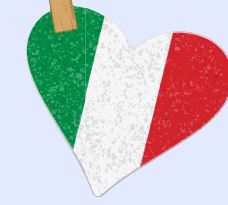
WELCOME TO ITALY!

FOLLOW OUR TRIP AROUND ITALY TO DISCOVER OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY!

The Geography of Italy



- It is located in Southern Europe
- it is a boot-shaped peninsula that extends in the Mediterranean sea
- There are two major islands: Sardinia and Sicily



it looks like a boot! Can you see it?



Italy and its regions

- Italy is made up of 20 regions
- the biggest region is Sicily, the smallest Valle D'Aosta
- the region with highest population density is Lombardy



Quick facts

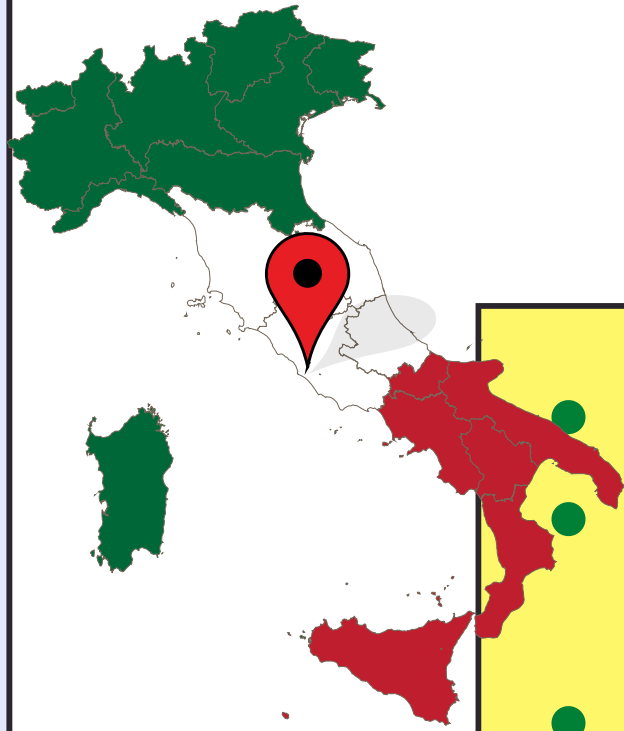
- Capital city: ROME
- Government: Parliamentary and Democratic Republic
- President: Sergio Mattarella
- Currency: Euro €
- Language: Italian (official language), minor German, French, Slovene speaking communities
- National sport: football





Italy's largest cities are Rome, Milan, Naples, Turin and Palermo.





Quick facts about Rome



- It was the historical capital of the Roman Empire
- Rome is the most populous city in Italy and third most populous city in the European Union with its 4.3 million people
- It is also the most visited city in Italy
- Vatican City is a city-state inside of Rome
- Rome is a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Milan



- Milan is one of the most important fashion cities in the world
- It is the wealthiest and the most expensive city in Italy to live in
- It has the largest stadium in Italy
- It has the tallest building in Italy (Unicredit Tower bank)



Naples



- You can see the famous *Mount Vesuvius* from Naples
- The historic center of Naples was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Naples is the Italian city with the most Michelin Star restaurants
- The pizza was invented in Naples





Other major Italian cities are Florence, Venice and Bologna.



Venice



- Venice (The City of Water) is a unique city built on water in the middle of a lagoon
- It is known as 'The city of Canals'
- Venice is one of Italy's most beautiful and romantic cities as well as one of the most popular for visitors
- The heart of Venice is Piazza San Marco with its magnificent church





Florence



- It is known for its famous museums, architecture and artworks
- Florence is one of the world's most visited cities because of the amazing paintings and statues
- The Historic Centre of Florence is a UNESCO site
- Florence is the birthplace of the piano



Italy is amazing!

- 13 of Shakespeare's 38 plays are set in Italy
- Italy has more World Heritage sites than any other country



Mediterranean diet

Oil

Much of the land in Italy is used for farming. Olive trees are grown in the South. Olive oil is a very important ingredient for Italian cuisine.



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Cheese

Italian cheeses like parmesan and mozzarella are also popular all around the world. Mozzarella is an essential ingredient for the very popular pizza Margherita.



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Wine

Italy is the world's largest wine producer. All 20 regions in Italy produce wine that reflects the region's cuisine.





Italy is a place where food, wine, and love are immensely intertwined. Italian cuisine is considered a form of art by many, since each region offers something unique. Enthusiasts of food and wine visit Italy to seek passion and adventure. Thin crust pizza cooked to perfection in a brick charcoal oven, pasta cooked al dente that comes in different shapes, widths, and lengths, and vino that speaks the truth.



You are welcome to Italy!

Enjoy your stay!

