

Italy



Italy is a travel destination that seduces from the start. Encompassing attributes from opera to Armani, Italy's legacy of art, food and culture satiate the senses at every turn. While soaking in the Italian culture, travelers here can stroll among Roman ruins, absorb the masterful art and architecture, explore medieval hill towns, ski in the Alps, or cruise along its breath-taking waterways and coastal splendors. Italy is a living, breathing art class, history lesson and cookbook all rolled into one.



Capital
Rome



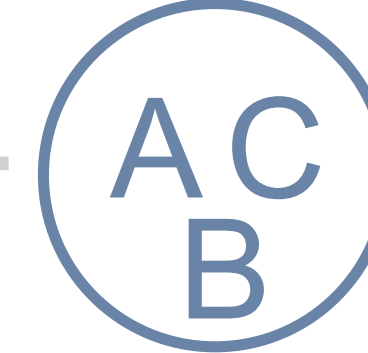
Population
60.782 million



Area
116,350 sq mi



Currency
Euro (€)



Language
Italian



Time Zone
UTC+1/GMT+1

The weather

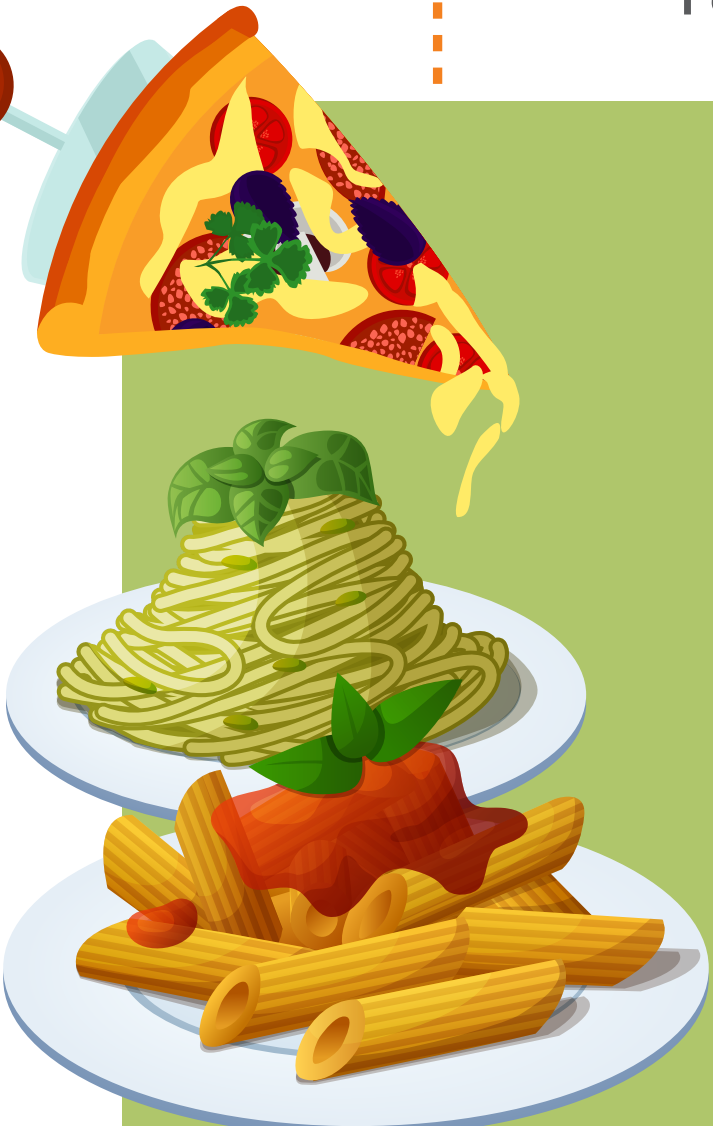
Italy experiences a mediterranean climate. In general, the climate in Rome and especially Florence and the Tuscan region is very mild. There are little differences between the regions, the summers are hotter than in the hilly areas at the coast and in the valleys, where the climate is very continental – rain falls are more often.



Food

Italy's national food is **Pasta**, It is served in many varieties : ravioli, lasagne, tortellini, and spaghetti with tomato or clam sauce.

Favorite Italian dishes include is **Pizza**, which originated in Naples.



Drink

Italy is the world's largest wine producer, and **wine** is served with most meals.

Espresso, a very strong coffee drink, is popular throughout Italy.

