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Language

Italian is the main language spoken.

Hello – ciao (pronounced chi-ow)

Goodbye – ciao

Weather

Italy has four seasons. The weather is warm in autumn but it can be wet. It is hot and dry in spring and summer. In winter it can be warm and sunny in the day but cold at night.

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Italy Things to Eat

There are many yummy things to eat in Italy. Italian food is very popular all around the world. The most famous foods are pizza, pasta and risotto, a rice dish. You can buy some snacks on the street. Pizza is a popular street food and you can buy it by the slice. Italy is also known for cheese and expensive truffles. Italy has many delicious desserts. Tiramisu, ice cream and cannoli are tasty desserts. Panettone is a special cake eaten at Christmas.



pizza



pasta



risotto



Tiramisu



cannoli



panettone

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Italy Things to See

There are many things to see in Italy. It has many old palaces and churches. The Leaning Tower of Pisa, The Colosseum, The Vatican City and the Florence Duomo are very famous Italian tourist buildings. In the old buildings you can see paintings on the walls. In Venice you can travel on water taxis on the canals.



Leaning Tower of Pisa



The Colosseum



Florence Duomo



water taxi



paintings

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Italy Things to Do

There are many things to do in Italy. People can learn to cook. Some people like to do art tours and paint pictures. Many people like to see the old buildings and palaces. You can see many famous paintings in the old buildings. You can go shopping for clothes. There are a lot of famous designers. Versace, Armani, Gucci, Prada and Valentino. You can also go to watch a football match!



shopping



cooking class



art class



football match

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Italy Festivals and Events

Italy has many festivals. In Italy they celebrate Easter and Christmas. The Carnival of Venice is a festival where people can wear beautiful masks. They dance in the streets in their masks. The most fun festival is the Battle of the Oranges where people throw soft, ripe, juicy oranges at each other.



Carnival of Venice



Battle of the Oranges



Christmas in Rome

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Italy Fun Facts

Fun Facts

Around \$24000 of money is thrown into the Trevi Fountain each day. This money is collected and given to charity.

Italy has 3 active volcanoes, Etna, Stromboli and Vesuvius.

The Vatican City in Rome is the smallest city in the world.

Pizza was first made around 1860.

Pasta is even older – 4th Century B.C.

Lilies are the national flower of Italy.

The Italian wolf is Italy’s unofficial national animal and is the legend of the founding of Rome

In northern Italy, last names tend to end in “i”, while those from the south often end in “o.” The most common Italian surname is Russo.

The University of Rome is the biggest university in the world with 150,000 students.

Football is the most popular sport in Italy.

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