# Italy **Travel Facts**

# US State Department Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution due to terrorism. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

# Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

# US Embassy/Consulate

(+39) 06-4674-1; US Embassy Rome, via Vittorio Veneto 121, 00187 Roma, Italy; uscitizenrome@state.gov; https://it.usembassy.gov/

### **Disabled Travelers**

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/travelingwith-disabilties.html

### LGBTQ+Travelers

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html Women Travelers

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/womentravelers.html

# **Telephone Code**

39

### Local Emergency Phone

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Ambulance: 112, 118; Fire: 112, 115; Police: 112, 113
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#### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Italy: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. http://www.who.int/

#### Climate

Predominantly Mediterranean; alpine in far north; hot, dry in south

#### Currency (Code) Euros (EUR) Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types (s): C, F, L





Type C

Type F Type L **Major Languages** 

Italian, German, French, Slovene

#### **Major Religions**

Christian (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim

# **Time Difference**

UTC+1 (6 hours a head of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

# Potable Water

Yes, but some opt for bottled water

**International Driving Permit** Suggested

**Road Driving Side** Right

# **Tourist Destinations**

Rome (includes Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Castel Sant'Angelo, Roman Forum); Venice Canals; Pompeii; Leaning Tower of Pisa; Lake Como; Florence (includes Ponte Vecchio, Cathedral, Uffizi Gallery); Sicily; Mount Vesuvius; Amalfi Coast; Hadrian's Villa; Milan (includes Cathedral, La Scala)

# **Major Sports**

Soccer, basketball, rugby, cycling, water polo

# **Cultural Practices**

It is common for Italian friends and families to kiss on the cheek when they meet, irrespective of their gender. Dress neatly and respectfully.

# **Tipping Guidelines**

A service charge, ranging from 1-3 euros, is sometimes added to a restaurant bill, but you can round up for good service. Tip a bartender 1 euro for a round of drinks. Tipping in hotels is not required, but always appreciated. It is appropriate to tip a porter 5 euros, the concierge 1-2 euros (if they provided a service), and housekeeping between 75 cents to 1.5 euros per day. Round up taxi fares.

#### Souvenirs

Leather goods, designer fashion, artwork, ceramics and pottery, wine and liqueurs, olive oil, cheese, pasta, crystal and blown-glassitems

#### **Traditional Cuisine**

Pasta dishes; pizza





