Country Profile: Italy

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Read the Department of State Background Notes on Italy, the Holy See, and San Marino for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Country Name:	Italy
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Rome
Boundary Countries:	Austria, France, Holy See (Vatican City), San Marino, Slovenia, Switzerland
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Naples: Clinica Mediterranea, Columbus Hospital Rome: Concordia Hospital, European Hospital, Ospedale Bambino Gesu, Rome American Hospital
Main Cities:	Rome, Naples, Milan, Florence, Venice, Genoa, Palermo
Country Size:	301,230 sq km
Population:	58,057,477

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Italian (official), German (parts of the Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German-speaking), French (small French-speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area)
Currency:	Euro (EUR)
Predominant Religions:	approximately 90% Roman Catholic (about one-third regularly attend services); mature Protestant and Jewish communities and a growing Muslim immigrant community
National Holidays:	Republic Day, 2 June (1946)
Economic Status:	Italy is a developed democracy with a modern economy. The Holy See is a sovereign entity that serves as the ecclesiastical, governmental and administrative capital of the Roman Catholic Church, physically located within the State of the Vatican City inside Rome, with a unique, non-traditional economy. San Marino is a developed, constitutional democratic republic, also independent of Italy, with a modern economy.
Security:	Army (Esercito Italiano, EI), Navy (Marina Militare Italiana, MMI), Air Force (Aeronautica Militare Italiana, AMI), Carabinieri Corps (Corpo dei Carabinieri, CC)
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