

WELCOME TO ITALY





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Main information







- Italy was unified in 1861 and became a Republic in 1946
- The population is about 60 million
- The surface is 301,338 km2
- It is divided in 20 regions
- Italy hosts 2 foreign countries, the Republic of S.Marino and Vatican City.
- The capital and largest city is Rome
- More than 75% of Italy is hilly or mountainous.
- Italy is the fourth most visited country in the world, with about 5 million visitors annually.
- About 85% of Italians are Roman Catholic.
- The average Italian eats about 30 kg of pasta per year and drinks 98 liters of wine.
- The climate is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and mild, rainy

The great Rome











The north





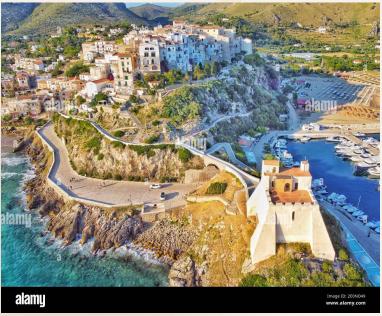




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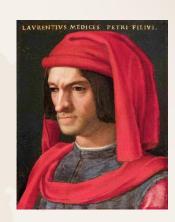




Renaissance



Lorenzo the Magnificent Lover and patron of every art, under his rule, the Tuscan city of Florence started the Renaissance movement.





Cristoforo Colombo Columbus is the first European to have discovered the Americas when he landed in the Caribbean in 1492. Pio II Piccolomini Great humanist and promoter of the arts. He renewed his birth city that took the name Pienza after him



Paintings





Raffaello

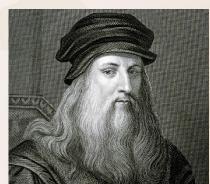
In Rome he was known as the "Prince of Painters". He spent the last 12 years of his life in Rome creating many of his most famous works.



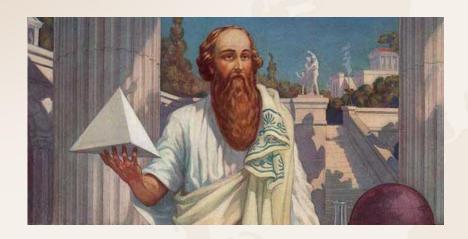
Leonardo Da Vinci Painter, scientist, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, sculptor, architect, botanist, musician and writer. Leonardo is the biggest genius of humanity.



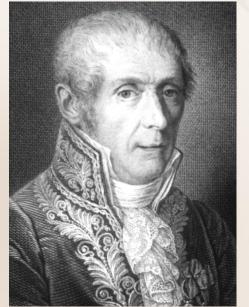




Sciences

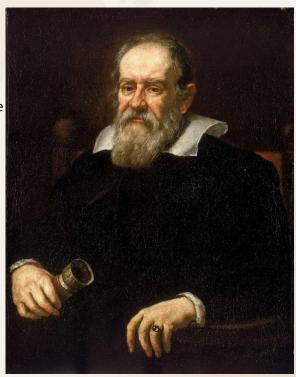


Pythagoras Mathematician, mystic and Scientist from Sicily. His most famous work is the Pythagorean theorem



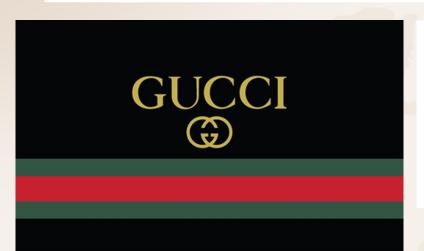
Galileo Galilei Thanks to his discoveries he can be considered the Father of modern observational astronomy, modern physics and of modern science".

Alessandro Volta Volta wrote the "Law of capacitance". The unit of electrical potential has been named the "volt" after him. The battery he made is the first electrochemical cell.



Fashion design

VALENTINO



EMPORIO ARMANI









Cars and motors







Cuisine













Interesting facts

- Italy's last king ruled for just 36 days
- Italy's flag is green, white and red
- Tourists throw €1,000,000 into the Trevi Fountain each year
- Pinocchio was first published in an Italian newspaper
- The Vatican City is the world's smallest country
- Italy has over 1500 lakes
- Batteries were invented in Italy
- Italians invented eyeglasses

