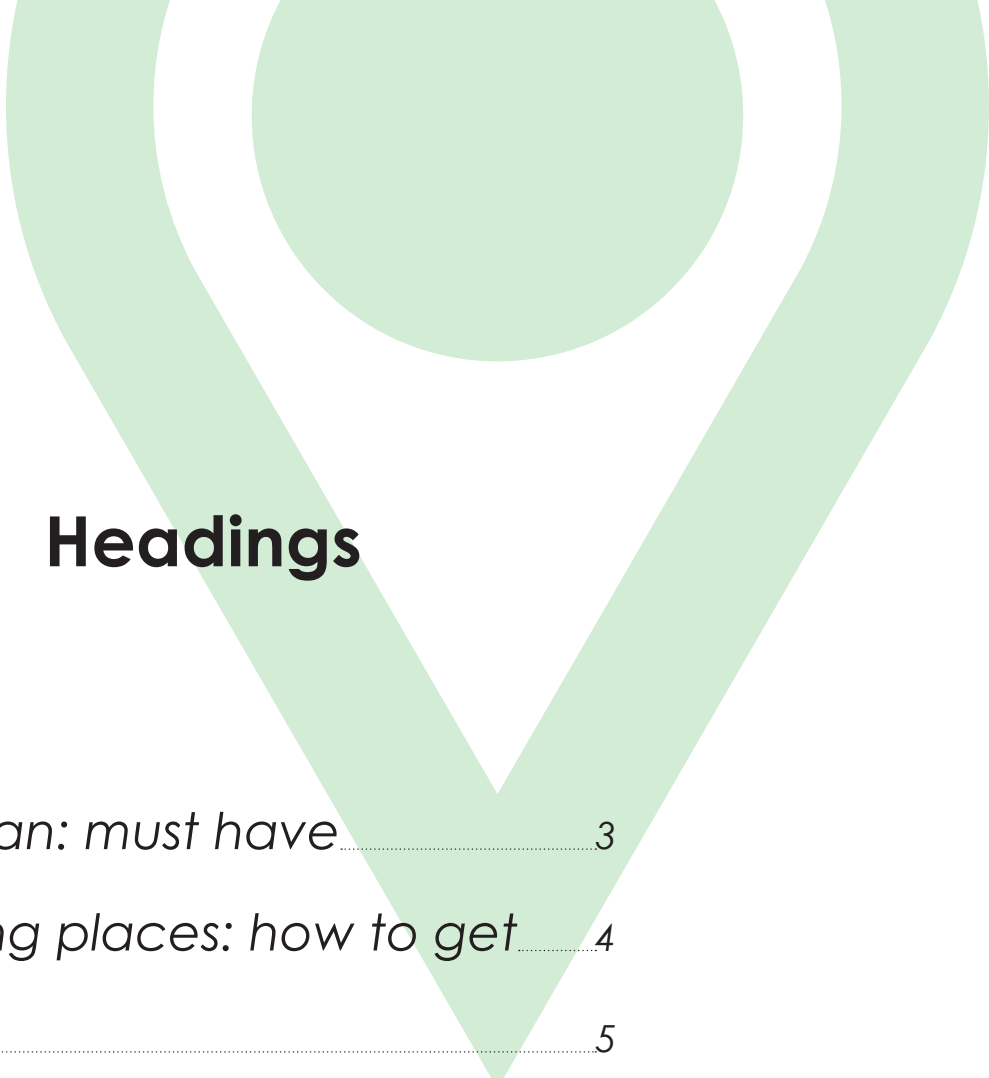


A stylized green map of Europe serves as the background. It features a gradient from dark green in the north to light green in the south. Five black location pins are placed on the map: one in the north of France, one in the north of Germany, one in the south of France, one in the south of Italy, and one in the north of Italy. The word 'TRAVEL' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the middle of the map.

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Travel plan: must have

TUSCANY

We have already mentioned our love for Tuscany and its wineries. Tuscany is one of the most famous wine regions in the world, which is why it was our first wine destination in Italy. In Tuscany, there are numerous wineries that you can visit.

The wineries in San Gimignano are mostly located in small villages on top of hills and therefore also offer a unique view. For your first visit to a wine region, we strongly recommend you to choose Tuscany.

VENETO

Veneto is a wine region with a lot of history and character. It is located in the northeast of Italy and is therefore home to wonderful wineries as well as the popular city of Venice. Veneto is one of the few regions in Italy that produces more white wine than red. But that does not mean that there is not also excellent red wine there.

LOMBARDY

Lombardy is one of the largest wine regions in Italy. Probably the most famous city in Lombardy is Milan. We are located in the northwest of Italy (south of Switzerland).

For example Lake Garda and Lake Como. But now let's get back to wine. Milan was the central marketplace where wine was traded already in the Middle Ages. The best red wines can be found in Valtellina. We recommend you not to leave Milan without a wine tasting.



Interesting places: how to get

NAPLES

One of the busiest metropolitan cities in the country, Naples is the capital of the Campania region in Southern Italy.

As it is nearby famous sites like the Bay of Naples and Pompeii. Naples itself features one of the world's largest historic city centers with one of the highest concentrations of historical monuments,

Many favorite Italian foods originated in Naples and its surrounding area such as pizza, spaghetti and parmigiana.

These dishes are taken seriously in Naples, locally grown ingredients. Other Naples food specialties include fresh seafood, mozzarella cheese.

PISA

Located along the Arno River in the northwestern region of Tuscany, the city of Pisa still bears the striking remnants of its former golden days as a commercial empire during the Middle Ages. While the Leaning Tower is a must see, to take a photograph of it's most popular landmark is like looking at one tree and missing the whole forest.

Italian Lake District

The Italian Lake District stretches across Northern Italy. The southern ends of most of the lakes are relatively flat but as the lakes reach deep into the Alps.

Starting in the west is Lake Maggiore, a narrow lake known for its lush vegetation and picturesque islands. The 40-mile-long lake sits on the southern side of the Alps and extends into the Canton of Ticino in southern Switzerland.

Its most popular attraction is Isola Bella, a charming island famed for its royal palace and immaculate.

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Costs

Italy is one of the cheapest countries to live in. In fact, Italy is the 4th cheapest country in Western Europe.

So how much does it cost to live in Italy?

Expense	Average cost
Housing 85 m2	€860(US\$923)
Utilities	€138(US\$149)
Internet 8 mbps	€27(US\$29)
Monthly pub	€35(US\$38)
lic transport pass	€46(US\$50)
Fitness club	€300(US\$32)
Groceries	€200(US\$216)
Leisure	€200(US\$216)
Total	€1,606(US\$1,736)

“ The further South you go,
the lower average salaries are. ”



Map: routes

Italy trains offer a wide range of routes with high-quality service all over the country. Hence, one of the most important components of Italian infrastructure is the railway system, which stretches over 24,227 kilometers (15,054 mi), of which 16,723 kilometers are active tracks.

Want to see Italy like a local, not a traveler? Travel by train! Nothing beats the experience of exploring Italy by train. It's the perfect option if you want to relish the beautiful landscapes and fabulous architecture.

Thus, checking the schedule is the first step towards your dream journey. In just a few clicks, you can choose the date, check the prices, and book your trip! Take a look at the most popular train stations in Italy before planning the perfect itinerary for Italy train travel.

With an extensive network of train routes providing connections to cities all over the country, the stations boast different facilities and amenities to ensure a pleasant train travel experience.

Public transportation in Italy

- Brusutti
- Prestia e Comandè
- Lamezia
- Sais Autolinee
- Sita Sud
- Gruppo Torinese
- Trasporti
- Azienda Trasporti
- Automobilistici
- Pubblici
- Arriva Italia
- Busitalia Nord
- DolomitiBus
- Brescia: Gruppo Brecia Mobilità
- Catania: Ferrovie Circumetea
- Genoa (Genova): AMT (in Italian)
- Milan: ATM
- Naples (Napoli): ANM (in Italian)
- Rome: Roma Metropolitana (in Italian)
- Torino: Metropolitana Automatica di Torino



Check list

Surely, you have your favorite go-to luggage for traveling. But if you are looking for something new, here are a few bags I recommend:

- *Suitcase. I'm a recent convert to hard-sided suitcases since they tend to last longer. Most airlines allow you at least one suitcase of 50 lbs. (around 24kg) or less for free.*
- *Carry-on bag. I like a sturdy backpack since it can carry a lot and can be used during the day for sightseeing. But another good choice is a sleek, bag or duffel that can double purse.*
- *Crossbody bag.¹ Stylish and practical, a crossbody bag is ideal for keeping your small things—wallet, hotel key, phone—close to you.*

“ Nobody likes packing. The first agonizing decision is what not to pack. The best advice is probably still this maxim: Lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then, take half the clothes and twice the money. ”

¹ - Fit everything you need in our bags, from mini cross body bags



My stories

Italy is one of our favorite countries to travel in Europe and definitely one of our favorites in the world.

The iconic countryside, fantastic wine, rich history, and strong culture keeps us coming back year after year, always learning about new travel tips for Italy.

Each time we have a new reason for visiting Italy. There is something for every type of visitor from the Alps in the North Mediterranean and the vast country in between. If it's your first time visiting Italy, you may be overwhelmed with the information and routing to consider.

So, I wanted to share with you my top Italy travel tips for first-time visitors after visiting the country over 10 times throughout the years.

Many Italians speak some basic English, especially the younger ones. Still, it's always a good idea to learn a few basic Italian phrases like "grazie" (thank you), "ciao" (hello/goodbye), and "scusa" (excuse me/sorry).

My favorite phrase to use when we travel Italy is "non capisco"

Which means I don't understand – perfect when people ask me directions somewhere! Before traveling to Italy, brush yourself up on a map of the country.

Most people don't know that there are actually 20 regions to this boot-shaped country.

Italy is a relatively small country that is easy to get around with an efficient train, so it's definitely possible to see multiple regions in Italy on just one trip!



The train networks are extensive and fairly affordable. Fast trains cost between €30 – €70, regional slow trains can cost €6 – €30 depending on distance traveled.



Conclusion

Destination Italy, a Nations Online country profile of "Bella Italia" - beautiful Italy, how many Italians love to call their country.

Italy is located in southern Europe on the Apennine Peninsula. Its distinct shape, resembling a kicking boot, makes it easy to recognize it on maps or even from space.

The country is known for its more than 3,000 years of history, in 753 BC. Rome was founded. Italy was a center of ancient Greco-Roman culture, and in the 15th-century, they invented the Renaissance. Caesar, Galileo and Columbus were Italians. Italy was a center of ancient Greco-Roman culture and in the 15th-century they invented the Renaissance.

And remember:



**People don't take trips,
trips take people.**

