There are only three active volcanoes in all of Europe. Guess where all three are? That's right. Italy.

Vatican City isn't a city at all. It's a country and it's the smallest country in the world.

The beloved children's story, "Pinocchio" was first published in an Italian newspaper.

The national flower of Italy is the Lilly.

People love to travel to Italy. In fact, it is the fourth most visited destination in the world with an abundance of things to do.

Italian cuisine is the best in the world. This is a fact. Just ask Rough Guides.

The battery was invented in Italy in the 1800s by a man named Alessandro Volta.

Italy exports more wine than any other country in the world. So the next time you get drunk on wine, blame Italy.

Italy is not really called Italy. It's real name is the Italian Republic. And no-one really knows how where Italy got it's name from, no matter what you call it.

People have been eating yummy pasta in Italy since the fourth century.

Although Shakespeare was English, he chose Italy as the setting for some of his plays, including the Merchant of Venice and Othello.

The thermometer was invented by Santorio Santorio in Italy in 1612.

Italy has more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other country on earth. Fifty, to be exact.

​Italy has the fourth largest population in Europe.

Italy is on a fault line, which isn't too great considering those active volcanoes we mentioned.