## What countries border Italy?

The countries that border Italy include Austria, France, Slovenia and Switzerland.

## Which are Italy’s largest lakes?

The five largest lakes in Italy include Garda, Maggiore, Como, Trasimeno, and Bolsena.

For more information on other lakes around Italy.

## How about the Longest River in Italy?

The longest river in Italy is called The Po. Flowing approximately 405 miles long, it runs from the North-western side of the Alps, ending in the Adriatic Sea.

## What are the different regions in Italy?

There are 20 regions throughout Italy. Here is a map showing the name of each region, as well as where it is located within Italy.

## Can you describe the Climate of Italy?

The climate around Italy varies dramatically from the northern to the southern regions.

In Northern Italy the climate is usually very harsh with extremely hot, and humid summers and very cold winters.

Typically, central Italy has a milder climate. The intense cold winters are shorter.

## What is the population of Italy?

At the beginning of 2016 it was recorded that about 60,656,000 people live in Italy. That means approximately 201 people live per square kilometre. However, the population is very uneven throughout the land, with a surplus of people populating major metropolitan cities and less living in the rural areas.

## What is Italy’s Official Languages?

The official language of Italy is Italian.

### Tell me about Italian Dialects?

Dialects were more common before the turn of the 20th century. Different regions would have slight variations in the way they would word something. *For example,* people from Venice might say “we are arriving” as “sémo drio rivàr” which is quite different than the standard Italian “stiamo arrivando.”

Today, multiple dialects are not as common. With the establishment of a national education system, and the popularity of television and mass media in the 1950’s, a noticeable decrease in dialect followed.

## Is there an official religion of Italy?

While the majority of people in Italy identify as Roman Catholic (~80%), it is no longer officially the state religion. Although, in the past two decades, the number of minority religions has increased significantly, creating more diversity among communities.

## How does Italy’s economy compare to others?

Italy is recognized as one of the world’s most industrialized countries. Here are a few facts about how Italy’s economy ranks compared to the rest of the world.

* Italy is ranked as the 3rd largest economy in the Euro Zone, 8th largest by nominal GDP in the world and 12th largest by GDP.
* Italy is the world’s 6th largest manufacturing nation.
* As of 2016, Italy is the world’s 8th largest exporter.
* Italy is considered a highly developed country, ranking as the 8th highest in quality of life.

## What type of currency is used in Italy?

Italy has been using the Euro since 2002. Before that it was the Lira.

## How is Italy’s Unemployment rate?

As of April 2015, the unemployment rate is 11.4%. To compare Italy’s unemployment rate to other countries.