## Italy Questions

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- 1. What is the "shape" of Italy? A boot
- 2. What is the dominant religion in Italy? Roman Catholicism
- 3. What are the widely celebrated Italian holidays? Christmas, Easter, All Saints Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and St. Stefan's Day
- 4. What is the biggest meal of the Italian day? Lunch
- 5. What does antipasto mean? Before pasta
- 6. When do Italian's typically serve salad? After the main course
- 7. What is featured in the Northern diet?
  Generous servings of meat, and Rich Sauces
- 8. What is featured in the Central diet?
  Pasta, fresh vegetables, meat, bread, cheese and wine
- 9. What is featured in the Southern diet?
  Olive oil, pasta, breads, some meat and cheese, vegetables, and wines
- 10. What is the basic underlying ingredient in most of the Italian diet? Wheat

- 11. What pastas are often filled with meat or cheese? Ravioli, tortellini, lasagne, cannelloni, capeletti, and manicotti
- 12. What pastas are designed to hold sauce? Fusilli and gnocchi
- 13. What pastas are often baked? ziti and macaroni
- 14. How are Parmesan and Romano cheeses usually used? Grating
- 15. Which cheese is similar to blue cheese? Gorgonzola
- 16. What is Mascarpone? Unripened cheese
- 17. What is the highest quality olive oil?

  Extra virgin olive oil produced from the first cold pressing
- 18. How long is balsamic vinegar aged? 3 to 150 years
- 19. How is prosciut made? Salted and dried
- 20. What is osso buco? Braised veal shanks