

Informazioni

Saluti

Italians tend to be more formal than Americans when greeting and addressing each other.

Among adults, acquaintances are addressed as **Signore**, **Signora**, or **Signorina** or by their titles: **Professore(ssa)**, **Dottore**, **Ingegnere**, etc. The greeting **Ciao!**, which has become so popular abroad, is reserved in Italy only for very close friends, members of the family, relatives, and young people. When they are introduced, Italians customarily shake hands, without distinction between sexes, and when they meet they often kiss each other on both cheeks.