

USEFUL WEBSITES ON ITALY

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Note: Sites only in Italian are marked as “(I)”

Planning

www.italiantourism.com

Italian government tourist board

www.enit.it

Italian government tourist board (ENIT)

www.italia.it

Italian tourism portal (The Italian government [over]paid €45 million for it!)

www.slowtrav.com/italy

Slow Travel Guide to Italy (The “Travel Notes” section [especially those by region] is the most helpful.)

www.goitaly.about.com

Trip planning information on Italy

www.initaly.com

Trip planning information on Italy

www.italylogue.com

Italy travel guide

www.italiamia.com

Italian culture and travel

www.justitaly.org

Trip planning information on Italy

www.ricksteves.com

Practical information for budget travelers

www.europeforvisitors.com

Information on travel to Italy & Europe

www.budgettravel.about.com

Online budget travel newsletter

www.budgettravel.com

Archive of travel articles from *Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine*

www.transitionsabroad.com

Archive of travel articles on Italy from *Transitions Abroad* magazine.

www.frommers.com

Travel information and newsletters

www.fodors.com

Travel information and newsletters

www.travel.nytimes.com

New York Times archive of travel articles on Italy

www.virtualtourist.com

Reader-generated travel guide

www.bugeurope.com

Backpacker travel guide

www.tripadvisor.com

Reader-generated travel guide

www.igougo.com

Reader-generated travel guide

www.lonelyplanet.com

“Thorn Tree” travel forum

www.familytravelforum.com

Family travel forum

www.familytravelnetwork.com

Tips for family travel

www.travelbuddiesworldwide.com

Travel for single travelers

www.italiapertutti.it

Travel for disabled travelers

www.coinsociale.it

Travel for disabled travelers

www.initaly.com/travel/gay.htm

Travel for GLBT travelers

www.travelchums.com

Matches travel mates

www.bestofsicily.com

Travel planning for Sicily

www.lifeinitaly.com

Italian culture, travel, current events

www.italiatours.com

Travel excursions in Italy

www.puebloingles.com

Villaggio Inglese, a program providing free room and board in exchange for English conversation in rural villages

Regional Tourist Boards

www.regione.abruzzo.it/turismo

Abruzzo

www.aptbasilicata.it

Basilicata

www.turismo.regione.calabria.it

Calabria

www.turismoregionecampania.it	Campania
www.emiliaromagnaturismo.it	Emilia-Romagna
www.turismo.fvg.it	Friuli-Venezia Giulia
www.turislazio.it	Lazio
www.turismoinliguria.it	Liguria
www.lombardiadautore.regione.lombardia.it	Lombardia (“Lombardy” in English)
www.le-marche.com	Le Marche
www.regione.molise.it/turismo/	Molise
www.regione.piemonte.it	Piemonte
www.pugliaturismo.it	Puglia
www.sardegnaturismo.it	Sardegna (“Sardinia” in English)
www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo/	Sicilia (“Sicily” in English)
www.turismo.toscana.it	Toscana (“Tuscany” in English”)
www.trentino.to	Trentino-Alto Adige (southern Italian-speaking area around Trento)
www.suedtirol.info	Trentino-Alto Adige (German-speaking “Süd Tirol”/Alto Adige)
www.english.umbria2000.it	Umbria
www.regione.vda.it	Valle d’Aosta (French-speaking region)
www.turismo.regione.veneto.it	Veneto

Tourist Boards for Cities/Islands/Tourist Regions

www.tuttoalberobello.it	Alberobello
www.amalfitouristoffice.it	Amalfi
www.apr.arezzo.it	Arezzo
www.comune.ascoli-piceno.it	Ascoli Piceno
www.paesaggi.umbria2000.it	Assisi

www.turismo.bergamo.it	Bergamo
www.comune.bologna.it/bolognaturismo	Bologna
www.cagliaridascoprire.it	Cagliari
www.capritourism.com	Capri
www.cinqueterre.it	Cinque Terre
www.parconazionale5terre.it	Cinque Terre
www.sd2.provincia.fe.it/Turismo/Tea.nsf	Ferrara
www.firenzeturismo.it	Florence (“Firenze” in Italian)
www.turismo.comune.genova.it	Genoa (“Genova” in Italian)
www.infoischiaprocida.it	Ischia
www.lakecomo.org	Lake Como (Lago di Como)
www.turismo.provincia.le.it	Lecce
www.luccaturismo.it	Lucca
www.turismo.mantova.it	Mantua <i>(M)</i> (“Mantova” in Italian)
www.turismo.comune.milano.it	Milan (“Milano” in Italian)
www.inaples.it	Naples (“Napoli” in Italian)
www.orvietoturismo.it	Orvieto
www.turismopadova.it	Padua (“Padova” in Italian)
www.aapit.pa.it	Palermo
www.turismo.parma.it	Parma
www.perugiaonline.com	Perugia
www.pisaturismo.it	Pisa
www.pompeiturismo.it	Pompeii (“Pompei” in Italian)
www.aziendaturismopositano.it	Positano
www.ravellotime.it	Ravello

www.turismo.ravenna.it

Ravenna

www.romaturismo.it

Rome ("Roma" in Italian)

www.comune.sangimignano.siena.it

San Gimignano

www.terresiena.it

Siena

www.apt-siracusa.it

Siracusa

www.sorrentotourism.com

Sorrento

www.gate2taormina.com

Taormina

www.turismotorino.org

Turin ("Torino" in Italian)

www.turismovenezia.it

Venice ("Venezia" in Italian)

www.tourism.verona.it

Verona

www.vicenzae.org

Vicenza

Transportation

Trains

www.himinnesota.org

Hostelling International-Minnesota. Buy your European rail passes here. No service fees & no shipping fees! Located in the St. Paul office.

www.ricksteves.com

Rail pass information

www.raileurope.com

Rail pass information

www.railpass.com

Rail pass information

www.alleuroperrail.com

Rail pass information

www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html

Trenitalia (Italian Railways)(Timetables and other information)

www.italiarail.com

Information about train travel in Italy

www.vesuviana.it

Regional trains around Naples (*SI*)

Boats

www.navigazioneelaghi.it

Ferries in the Italian Lake Region

www.traghettonline.it

Ferry information

www.aferry.ot

Ferries

www.cemar.it

Ferries

www.ferrytravel.com

Ferries

www.traghetti.com

Ferries

www.caremar.it

Ferries to Capri and to Ischia (*S*)

Planes

www.alitalia.com

Italian state airline with air passes for travelers on Sky Team Alliance tickets (Northwest, Delta, Continental, KLM, Air France, etc.)

www.flyairone.it

“Air One” is a domestic airline with air passes for travelers arriving on Star Alliance flights (United, Lufthansa, Austrian, etc.).

www.adr.it

Rome airports (Aeroporti di Roma)

www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it

Milan airports (Aeroporti di Milano)

www.veniceairport.it

Venice Airport

www.bologna-airport.it

Bologna Airport

www.aeroporto.catania.it

Catania Airport

www.aeroporto.firenze.it

Florence Airport

www.gesac.it

Naples Airport

www.gesap.it

Palermo Airport

www.pisa-airport.com

Pisa Airport (the main gateway to Florence and to Tuscany)

Driving

www.autostrade.it

Highway Conditions, Route Planning, Gas Prices (*S*)

Urban public transport

www.ataf.net

www.atm-mi.it/ATM/eng/

www.anm.it

www.amat.pa.it

www.metrebus.it

www.actv.it

Regional buses

www.lazzi.it

www.trainspa.it

www.sita-on-line.it

www.campaniatrasporti.it

www.unicocampania.it/ing/home.htm

Lodging

Alternative lodging information

www.joomla.servas.org

www.beyondhotels.net

www.initaly.com

Hotels

www.alberghi-in-italia.it

www.hotelsitalyonline.com

www.hotelsweb.it

www.initalia.it

www.italy-hotels-discount.com

www.travel-to-italy.com

Public transport in Florence

Public transport in Milan

Public transport in Naples *(S)*

Public transport in Palermo

Public transport in Rome

Public transport in Venice

Regional buses *(S)*

“Tra-In” buses around Siena

Regional buses

Regional buses around Naples

Regional buses around Naples

SERVAS

Alternative lodgings beyond hotels

Various lodging options

Alberghi in Italia

All Hotels in Italy

Hotelsweb.it

In Italia

Italy Hotels Discount

Travel to Italy

Hostels

www.HIhostels.com

Hostelling International information & reservations worldwide

www.hostelworld.com

Hostel reviews & reservations worldwide

www.hostelz.com

Hostel reviews & reservations worldwide

www.hostelitaly.com

Hostels in Italy

Monasteries

www.monasteriesofitaly.com

Monasteries of Italy

www.santasusanna.org/comingToRome/convents.html Monasteries in Italy

www.initaly.com/agri/convents.htm

Monasteries of Italy

Camping

www.camping.it

Camping in Italy

www.camping-italy.net

List of Italian campsites

“Agriturismo” (Farmhouse stays)

www.agriturismo.it

Farmhouse stays

www.agriturist.it

Farmhouse stays

www.it-farmholidays.it

Farmhouse stays

www.tuscanyumbria.com

Farmhouse stays in Tuscany & Umbria

Home rentals

www.italianvillas.com

Home rentals

www.italyfarmholidays.com

Home rentals

Food

www.slowfood.com

Website of the “Slow Food” movement

www.homefood.it

“Home Food,” a program for foreigners and Italians to enjoy home cooked regional specialties in an Italian home.

www.deliciousitaly.com

Italian food and wine

Art and Culture

www.arthistory.about.com

Italian art history

www.beniculturali.it

Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali
(Cultural heritage and cultural events
throughout Italy) *(S)*

www.italiamia.com

Italian art and culture

Money

www.xe.com/ucc

Universal currency converter

www.oanda.com

Exchange rates

<http://faro.pattichiari.it>

ATM locations in Italy

www.mastercard.com

MasterCard ATM locations in the world

www.visa.com

VISA ATM locations in the world

Sightseeing

www.selectitaly.com

Online reservation service for major
tourist attractions in Florence, Rome,
Venice

www.ticketeria.it

Online reservation service for the Galle-
ria Borghese and other museums

www.firenzemusei.it

Official website for the major museums
of Florence

www.galleriaborghese.it

Galleria Borghese Museum (Rome)

www.mv.vatican.va

Official Website of the Vatican Museums

www.trambus.com/servizituristici.htm

Hop-on-hop-off, narrated, double decker
buses that allow tourists to visit the ma-
jor attractions of Rome. *(S)*

www.napoli.city-sightseeing.it

Hop-on-hop-off buses in Naples

www.museiciviviceneziani.it

Doge's Palace, Clock Tower, other mu-
seums in Venice

www.gallerieaccademia.org

Gallerie dell'Accademia (Venice)

www.cappelladegliscrovegna.it

www.padova.city-sightseeing.it

www.pompeiiisites.org

Age-related discounts

www.myisic.com

Travel Packages

www.gate1travel.com

www.octopuspackages.com

www.europeasap.com

www.go-today.com

www.offpeaktraveler.com

www.nwaworldvacations.com

www.icelandair.com/packages/

www.aavacations.com

www.deltavacations.com

www.covacations.com

www.unitedvacations.com

Scrovegni Chapel (Padua)

Hop-on-hop-off buses in Padua

Pompeii Archeological Site (You can reserve online for entrance to the Suburban Baths and the House of the Gilded Cupids.)

Discount cards for students, teachers, young adults. Lists discounts for each city.

Gate 1 Travel

Octopus Travel

Europe ASAP

Go-Today.com

Off Peak Traveler

Northwest World Vacations

Icelandair Vacation Packages

American Airlines Vacations

Delta (Airlines) Vacations

Continental Airlines Vacations

United (Airlines) Vacations