

ITALY AS A TOURIST DESTINATION (ІТАЛІЯ ЯК ТУРИСТИЧНИЙ НАПРЯМОК)

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Italy or the Italian Republic is a country in the south of Europe, in the Mediterranean. It occupies the Apennine Peninsula, the Padaan Plain, the southern slopes of the Alps, the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and more. On the land, Italy borders France in the northwest, with Switzerland and Austria in the north and Slovenia in the northeast.

On the territory of Italy are also the following state entities: San Marino, Vatican City, Sovereign Order of Malta.

Rome, the capital of Italy, has for centuries been the political and religious center of Western civilization as the capital of the Roman Empire and the seat of the Holy See. After the decline of the Western Roman Empire, Italy suffered numerous attacks by other peoples, from Germanic tribes such as the Lombards and Ostrogoths, to the Byzantines and later the Normans. Centuries later, Italy became the birthplace of the Medieval Maritime Republics and the Renaissance, an extremely productive intellectual movement that subsequently became universal and shaped the next course of European thought.

For much of post-Roman history, Italy was divided into numerous kingdoms and city-states (such as the Kingdom of Sardinia, the Kingdom of both Sicily and the Duchy of Milan), but united in 1861, during a tumultuous period of its history known as the Risorgimento. At the end of the nineteenth century, during the First and Second World War, Italy possessed a colonial empire that extended its power to Libya, Eritrea, Somalia, Ethiopia, Albania, Dodecanese and the Tianjin concession.