June 2nd: Republic Day

Republic Day is a national holiday in Italy on June 2nd each year. The day commemorates the institutional referendum held by the first universal suffrage in 1946, in which Italians voted to abolish the monarchy in 1946 so their country could become a republic. The public was hostile to the monarchy which had supported Mussolini.



The official ceremony of the Rome celebration includes the solemn flag-raising ceremony at the Altare della Patria and the tribute to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with the deposition of a laurel wreath by the President of the Italian Republic.

After the execution of the "Il Canto degli Italiani", the "Frecce Tricolore" cross the skies of Rome. Then all the Italian Armed Forces take part in the military parade. The ceremony concludes in the afternoon with the opening to the public of the gardens of the Quirinal Palace.



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