Welcome to Italy!



Italían geography corner



From the north-west to the north-east there are Alpi. The most important mountain is Monte Bianco. In the south of Alpi there is Pianura Padana. In the centre of Italy there are Appennini. Sicily and Sardinia are two Italian isles. Here is Monte Bianco.



This is Basilicata region. We are here! It is surrounded by Campania region to the north-west, Puglia region to the north-east and east, Calabria region to the south-west and the Ionio Sea to the south-east. The most important cities are Potenza, Matera, Venosa and Melfi. In this region you can see one of the most beautiful little town: Pescopagano. Pescopagano is a very little town in the south of Italy . In this little town you can see an old castle, two fountains: the Fontana Vecchia and the Fontana Nuova, the hospital, the clock tower, Sibilla Square and a green area called Villa. During the winter it is very snowy.

Here is one of the most important snowfall.



The castle



Vílla



Fontana Nuova

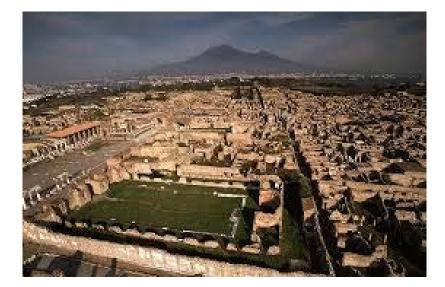


Clock tower





This is Campania region. It is surrounded by Lazio region to the north-west, Molise region to the north, Puglia and Basilicata region to the east and The Tirreno Sea to the west. The cities are Naples, Salerno, Avellino and the most important historical places are Ercolano and Pompei. Pompei is an old town in the south of Italy near Vesuvio. During 79 b.C. there was a volcanic explosion. During this explosion Pompei was covered by volcanic ash and lapillus and destryed. After this explosion it was created a new city called Pompei too. In the excavations of Pompei you can see old buildings , different things and petrified bodies. You can also visit Tempio di Apollo, Tempio di Giove, the Anfiteatro Romano and see the most famous volcan called Vesuvio.



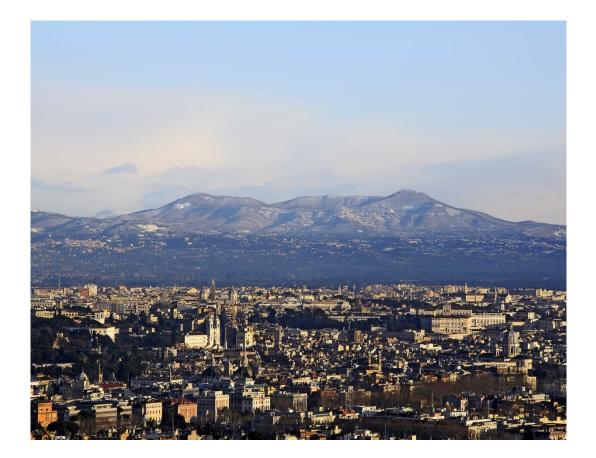


Petrified bodies





This is Lazio region. It is surrounded by Toscana, Umbria and Marche region to the north; Abruzzo and Molise region to the east and Campania to the south-east. The most important cities are Rome, Latina, Frosinone, Viterbo and Rieti. Rome is the capital and the chief town of Italy. This city is the heart of our country and is famous for its history, literature, old culture and religion. The most important monuments are Colosseo, Arco di Costantino, Circo Massimo, Pantheon and Fontana di Trevi.



Here is Colosseo



Colosseo also called Anfiteatro Flavio is the most famous monument in Rome. It is the symbol of Rome and Italy. In the past it was used for some Gladiator's shows and public festivals. It was called Nerone's Colosseo. It was built by Vespasiano and Tito.

Thís is Arco dí Costantino



Between Colosseo and Arco di Tito there is Arco di Costantino. This monument was built to celebrate the Costantino's triumph near Massenzio. There are a lot of decorations.

This is Fontana di Trevi, another monument in Rome





This is Toscana region.

It is surrounded by Liguria region to the north-west, Emilia-Romagna region to the north,Umbria region to the east and Lazio region to the south. The most important cities are Firenze, Arezzo, Prato, Lucca, Siena, Pisa,Massa-Carrara, Grosseto and Livorno.



Firenze is the chief town of Toscana region and the most important monuments are Firenze cathedral also called Saint Maria del Fiore cathedral, Uffizi Gallery, Saint Giovanni baptistery and Michelangelo's David.



Saint Maria del Fiore cathedral is the most important church in Firenze. It was built by Arnolfo di Cambio in 1296.

There are a lot of polychrome marbles,Carrara's white marble, Prato's green marble and Maremma's red marble.

Here is Saint Giovanni cathedral





This is Michelangelo's David, it is one of the famous sculpture realized with marble. It is consided a perfect ideal of beauty.



This is Veneto region. It is surrounded by Trentino-Alto-Adige region to the north-west, Friuli-Venezia Giulia region to the east, Lombardia region to the west, Emilia-Romagna region to the south and Adriatic Sea to the south-east. The most important cities are Venice, Verona and Padova.

Here is Venice





This is Ponte dei Sospiri, one of the most important bridge in Venice. It is near Saint Marco Square, Palazzo Ducale and New Prisions. It was built in XVII century and it is very old. It is called Ponte dei Sospiri because a lot of prisioners walked here doing a sigh in the past.

This is Saint Marco's cathedral



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