

Natale in Italia (Christmas in Italy)

Christmas in Italy is quite fascinating. Nearly every year, Italy has customised its famous landmarks with captivating decorations.



Decorations in Italy are fabulous and colourful. This is Italy when it snows and people are buying things from the Christmas markets. Italy really likes to decorate their towns and villages when Christmas comes its way.



People in Italy decorate their famous landmarks. As you can see here, Italy is a perfect place to celebrate Christmas with your family.

Did you know that Italy has some rather different traditions? The Italians don't eat meat on Christmas Eve, or la Vigilia. Instead, they eat a variety of fish dishes - sometimes up to seven courses of seafood!

A popular Christmas tradition in Italy, for those who live or are staying in Rome, is visiting the Vatican for midnight mass with the Pope on Christmas Eve. This actually happens at 9.30pm, rather than midnight, and is free to attend. But if you don't fancy midnight mass, head to the ski slopes! Whizzing down the slopes on Christmas Day is great fun. In northern Italy, people ski down the mountains at midnight, carrying torches as a festive celebration!