

* A country in the continent of Europe.
* Its mainland is in the shape of a boot.
* As well as having a mainland, Italy also includes 450 islands.
* Its capital city is Rome.
* Italy is in the Northern Hemisphere but southern Europe.
* Italy’s neighbouring countries are France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia.
* There are 4 marginal seas that surround Italy: Adriatic, Ionian, Tyrrhenian, Ligurian.
* The Mediterranean is the large body of water between Southern Europe and Norther Africa. It leads out to the Atlantic Ocean.

Key Facts

* There are diverse 20 regions of Italy.
* There is a mountain range called the Alps in the north.
* Mount Blanc is the highest Mountain in the Alps (4,808m high). It is the 11th highest mountain in the world.
* Italy is a popular place for tourist because of the climate, history and location.
* Mount Vesuvius is an active volcano situated above the Bay of Naples in southern Italy.



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| **Vocabulary**  | **Definition** |
| Line of latitude: The Equator  | The invisible line that runs around the centre of the Earth. Italy has a warmer climate than the UK because it is closer to the equator and therefore receives a stronger concentration of the sun’s energy.  |  |
| Line of Latitude: Tropic of Cancer | 23.50 to the North of equator. Italy is not within this, but above.  |
| Line of Latitude: Tropic of Capricorn | 23.50 to the South of the Equator. The area between the equator and the lines of Cancer and Capricorn is called The Tropics. Countries in this area receive a huge amount of the sun’s direct energy.  |
| Lines of longitude | Lines that run from North to SouthThe Greenwich Meridian line is a line of Longitude at 00Lines of longitude help to split the world into different time zones | Italy’s time zone is called ‘Central European Time’ which is 1 hour ahead of the UK’s ‘Greenwich Mean time’ |