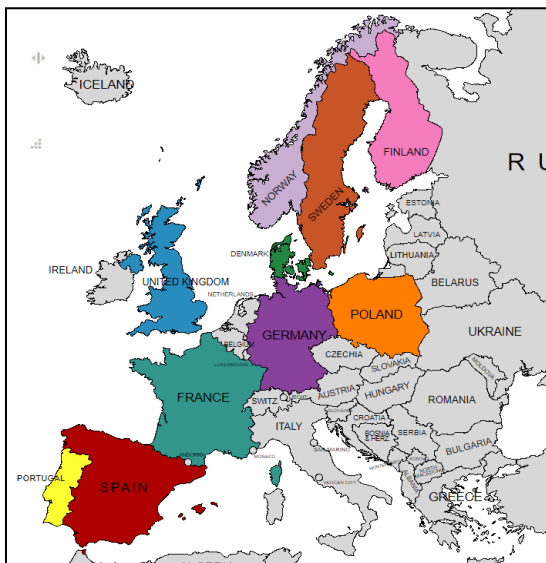


# ITALY - Geography

## Key physical and human features of Italy

<b>Apennine Mountains</b>	<b>The largest mountain range in Italy</b> that runs almost the entire length of the country. The highest point is Corno Grande (the 'great horn').
<b>The Po River</b>	<b>The longest river in Italy at just over 405 miles long.</b>
<b>Mount Vesuvius</b>	<b>An active, composite volcano</b> located on the Gulf of Naples. It was responsible for destroying the city of Pompeii in 79 AD.
<b>The Colosseum</b>	The largest amphitheatre built by the Romans in 80 AD. It was used for large spectacles such as gladiator fights and exotic animal displays.
<b>The Vatican City</b>	A city-state surrounded by Rome and home of the Roman Catholic Church. It is home to the Pope, St Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.
<b>The Leaning Tower of Pisa</b>	Completed in 1350, this tower is 56 metres tall. It was originally intended to stand straight but as it was being built, the south side began to sink.
<b>Lake Garda</b>	Located in northern Italy, Lake Garda is Italy's largest lake.
<b>Palatine Hill</b>	Believed to be the birthplace of Rome and the most ancient part of the city.

## European countries



Country	Capital City
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>London</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>Paris</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<b>Madrid</b>
Portugal	Lisbon
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Berlin</b>
Denmark	Copenhagen
<b>Poland</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>
Norway	Oslo
Sweden	Stockholm
Finland	Helsinki

## Overview

### Italy



### Flag



### Capital city

**Rome**

### Continent

Europe

### Population

Est. 59,342,867

### Currency

The Euro (EUR €)

### The climate

Italy is a peninsula (a piece of land almost surrounded by water) and has a Mediterranean climate which means it has hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters.

### The economy

**(the way in which a country makes and spends money and how it produces good and services)**

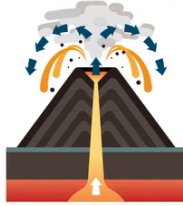
Italy's economy is one of the most powerful in Europe. **It makes money from tourism and from exporting food and drink.** Italy is famous around the world for its cuisine, especially foods such as pasta dishes, risotto, meats and cheeses. It is also famous for its fine wines. **Today, Italy's wine counts for almost 20% of the entire world's production. Italy also makes money on luxury goods such as clothing, shoes and cars.**

## Types of Volcanoes



Composite Volcanoes

Composite volcanoes emit a stiff, rapidly solidifying lava which forms high, steep-sided cones. They usually erupt explosively.



Cinder Cone Volcanoes

Cinder cone volcanoes regularly throw out ash and build up flatter domes called cinder cones.



Shield Volcanoes

Shield volcano lava does not eject violently, but flows over the crater rim forming a broad, low profile.

