



Italy Travel Guide

"From Bucket lists to boarding passes!"

Biggest Draws

Florence: The birthplace of the Renaissance; Uffizi Gallery, Duomo, and Ponte Vecchio.

Venice: Iconic canals, St. Mark's Basilica, and the maze-like streets of the floating city.

Amalfi Coast: Breathtaking cliffs, Positano, and stunning coastal drives.

Cinque Terre: Five colorful, dramatic fishing villages connected by scenic hiking trails.

Tuscany: Rolling hills, world-class vineyards, and historic medieval towns like Siena.

Getting Point-to-Point

Trains: High-speed trains (Trenitalia/Italo) are the fastest, most efficient way to connect major cities (e.g., Rome-Florence-Venice).

Car Rental: Perfect for exploring the countryside (Tuscany, Amalfi), but avoid driving in major city centers due to strict ZTL (limited traffic) zones.

Driving "Don'ts"

Don't enter ZTL Zones: These restricted city-center areas carry massive, automatic fines for non-residents.

Don't underestimate narrow roads: Countryside roads, especially in the Amalfi Coast or hill towns, are extremely tight.

Don't ignore toll roads (Autostrade): Highways require tolls; have a credit card or cash ready.

General Etiquette

Dining: Italians eat dinner late (8 PM or later). Tipping is appreciated for exceptional service but not required.

Coffee: Ordering a cappuccino after 11 AM is generally considered a "tourist" habit—Italians stick to espresso (caffè) in the afternoon.

Attire: Always cover shoulders and knees when entering cathedrals or churches.

Greeting: A polite *Buongiorno* or *Buonasera* when entering shops or cafés is expected.

Practical note: Policies, ticket rules, and regional laws can change—verify details before your trip.