

Pizza

Pizza was invented in Italy. It is a flat bread that is baked in the oven. It is usually topped with tomato sauce and cheese as well as a huge variety of other toppings, according to taste. It is popular in many parts of the world.





The Colosseum

The Colosseum is an ancient monument in Rome (the capital city of Italy). It was built in 70-80 AD as an amphitheatre and could hold over 50,000 people who went to see (amongst other things) gladiators fighting and executions. It is partly ruined and is a very popular place for tourists to visit.



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Pasta is a traditional Italian food which has been eaten for hundreds of years and is used in many different dishes. It can be fresh ('pasta fresca') or dried ('pasta secca').



Gelato

Gelato is the Italian word for ice cream. It is made from milk, cream and sugar and many other flavours can be added.

ITALY



Map of Italy

Italy is quite easy to find on a world map because it is shaped like a high-heeled boot. It also looks like the boot is kicking a ball which is the island of Sicily.





Football

Football is the most popular sport in Italy. The national team have won the FIFA World Cup four times. Well-known clubs include Juventus and Milan.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a very famous Italian landmark in the town of Pisa. It was built on soft soil (which is why it leans) and took over 200 years to build.



The Italian flag

The Italian flag is often called 'Il Tricolore', meaning three coloured. It is made of three equal stripes of green, white and red. Green represents hope. White represents faith. Red represents charity.

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