

Let's Visit: Italy

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever been to Italy?
2. What comes to mind first: cities, countryside, food, or art?
3. Would you travel for history, scenery, or cuisine? Why?

Part 2. How much do you know about Italy? Test your knowledge!

1. What is the capital city of Italy?
2. What currency is used in Italy?
3. Name one major Italian river.
4. Which region is famous for the city of Venice?
5. What is Italy's famous pre-dinner custom with drinks and snacks called?



VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING

Part 1. Watch a short video showing different places and things in Italy. After watching, answer the questions.

1. Which scene grabbed you and why?
2. What mood did the video create?
3. Where would you like to go first?

Part 2. Look at some of Italy's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.

Colosseum

St Peter's Basilica

Duomo di Firenze

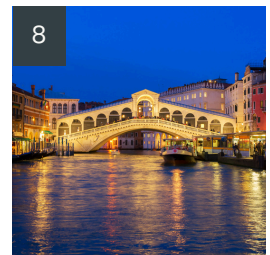
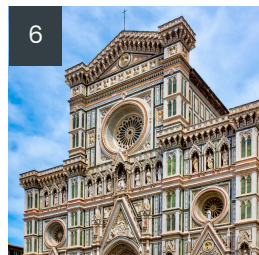
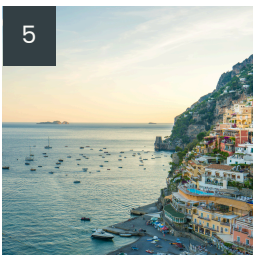
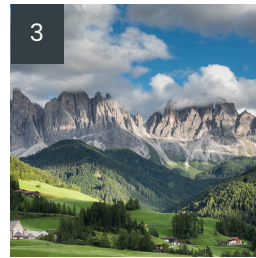
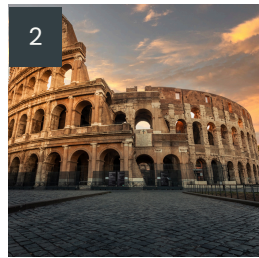
Grand Canal & Rialto Bridge

Cinque Terre

Pompeii Archaeological Park

Amalfi Coast

The Dolomites



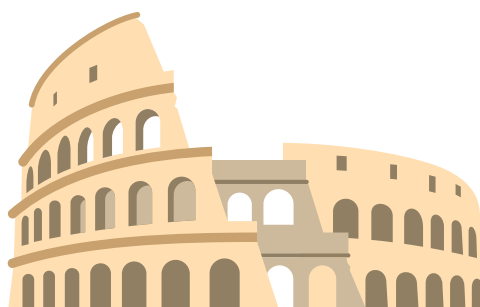
Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.

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1. _____ Jagged Alpine peaks and hiking trails.
2. _____ Dramatic coastal drive, pastel towns, sea views.
3. _____ Colourful cliff-top villages and coastal paths.
4. _____ Waterway lined with palazzi and the city's iconic bridge.
5. _____ Ancient amphitheatre for gladiator spectacles.
6. _____ Cathedral with Brunelleschi's red dome and marble façade.
7. _____ Roman city preserved by Vesuvius' eruption.
8. _____ Grand church and piazza at the heart of Catholicism.

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which would you visit first and why?
2. Which looks most photogenic?
3. City icons or natural scenery – what's your pick?
4. Which seems the most unique?



Part 5. Look at some of Italy's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.

Pizza Margherita

Pasta Carbonara

Tagliatelle al Ragù

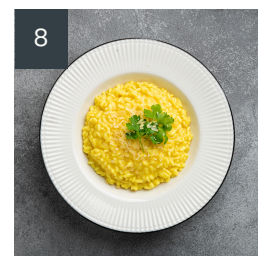
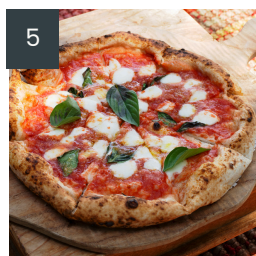
Risotto alla Milanese

Arancini

Focaccia

Gelato

Tiramisu



Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.

1. _____ Dense, silky Italian ice cream in classic and seasonal flavours.
2. _____ Coffee-soaked sponge with mascarpone cream and cocoa.
3. _____ Crispy fried rice balls with ragù and/or cheese.
4. _____ Soft olive-oil flatbread, great for sharing.
5. _____ Wood-fired Neapolitan pizza with tomato, mozzarella, basil.
6. _____ Roman pasta with egg, pecorino, guanciale, black pepper.
7. _____ Fresh pasta with slow-cooked meat sauce.
8. _____ Creamy saffron risotto from Milan.

Part 7. Discuss the following questions.

1. Which dish would you try first?
2. What looks unusual to you?
3. How rich/spicy/sweet do you like your food?
4. Which dish would you recommend to a friend, and why?

READING ACTIVITY

Part 1. Read this dialogue between two travellers who recently visited Italy.

Emma: Rome set the bar high from day one — the Colosseum was in a league of its own.

Jake: Agreed. St Peter's was huge, but Florence ticked all the boxes for me — that dome is unreal up close.

Emma: Venice was a change of pace. Drifting along the Grand Canal felt timeless.

Jake: And you can't go wrong with a gelato stop every afternoon. Pure happiness.

Emma: Best surprise? The Amalfi bus ride — hair-raising bends, but the views were worth every step we climbed afterwards.

Jake: Same here. Then Pompeii made history feel real — streets, houses, everything.

Emma: Finishing in the Dolomites was perfect. Big sky, crisp air — completely different side of Italy.

Jake: Italy's one of those places I'd happily loop back to — north to south, start to finish.

Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

1. Which landmarks impressed Emma and Jake in Rome and Florence?
2. How did Emma describe the Venice experience?
3. What everyday treat does Jake recommend, and when?
4. Why does Emma say the Amalfi experience was "worth every step"?
5. What two places made history and nature stand out for them at the end?



Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.

In a league of its own

Set the bar high

Ticked all the boxes

You can't go wrong with...

Worth every step

1. _____ A reliable, always-good choice
2. _____ Reached a very high standard from the start
3. _____ Effort was justified by the result
4. _____ So good/unique it stands above the rest
5. _____ Met all your needs or expectations

Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Tell us about a place that was **in a league of its own**.
2. A trip that **set the bar high** from day one — what happened?
3. A city or tour that **ticked all the boxes** — why?
4. A food or activity you **can't go wrong with** while travelling.
5. A viewpoint or hike that was **worth every step**.

FINAL THOUGHTS....

Part 1. Discuss the questions below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

1. Would you plan Italy around cities, coastlines, or mountains?
2. Which one landmark and one dish are top of your list?
3. If you had five days, how would you split your time?

