

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

In Tuscany, Puglia, most of Umbria, and other main tourist destinations, English is spoken fairly widely. Still, learning just a few simple Italian words certainly enhances a visit to Italy. The Italians are proud of their language, so visitors should take a little time to become familiar with some basic Italian vocabulary.

Italian is one of the major languages of the world, spoken by 59 million as their mother tongue and about 85 million bilingual people around the world. It belongs to a group of languages called "Romance" or "Neo-Latin" that evolved from Latin, the language of Latium in Ancient Italy, or more specifically, the city of Rome.

English - *Italian*

Greetings:

Hello! - *Salve!*
Hi! (Bye, bye!) - *Ciao!*
Good morning! - *Buon giorno!*
Good afternoon! - *Buon pomeriggio!*
Good evening! - *Buona sera!*
How are you? - *Come sta?*
How're you doing? - *Come va?*
We're feeling fine. - *Ci sentiamo bene.*
Thanks, just fine. - *Grazie, va bene così.*
Good-bye! - *Arrivederci!*
See you soon. - *A presto!*
I enjoyed myself very much. - *Mi è piaciuto molto.*
Good night! - *Buonanotte!*

Medical:

Where can I find a doctor? - *Dove posso trovare un dottore?*
Where is there a hospital? - *Dov'è l'ospedale più vicino?*
Where is the closest pharmacy? - *Dov'è la farmacia più vicina?*
It hurts here. - *Mi fa male qui.*
I have a fever. - *Ho la febbre.*
I feel dizzy. - *Mi gira la testa.*
I feel sick. - *Ho la nausea.*
I have a stomach ache. - *Ho mal di stomaco.*
Do I need a prescription for this medicine? - *Ci vuole una ricetta per questa medicina?*
I've caught a cold. - *Ho preso il raffreddore.*

Accommodations:

Do you have any vacancies? - *Avete una stanza libera?*
I have a reservation. - *Ho prenotato una stanza.*
What is the charge per night? - *Quanto si paga per notte?*
Do you need our passports? - *Vuole i nostril passaporti?*
Can I leave my luggage here? - *Posso lasciare il mio bagaglio qui?*
Where is room 308? - *Dov'è la camera numero trecentotto?*
The key, please. - *La chiave, per favore.*
Please wake me at 7:30 tomorrow. - *Per favore, mi svegli domani alle sette e mezzo.*
There isn't any hot water. - *Non c'è acqua calda.*
The shower isn't working. - *La doccia non funziona.*

Eating Out:

A table for one/two/four, please. - *Un tavolo per una persona/per due/per quattro, per favore.*
May I see the menu? - *Potrei vedere il menù?*
Is there a children's menu? - *C'è un menù per bambini?*
A liter of house red, please. - *Un litro di vino della casa, per favore.*
What would you recommend? - *Cosa ci consiglia?*
I'm vegetarian. - *Sono vegetariana.*
What's the name of this dish? - *Come si chiama questo piatto?*
Can I have another knife/spoon? - *Potrei avere un altro coltello/cucchiaio?*
Waiter/waitress! - *Cameriere/cameriera!*

Useful Words:

Ash tray - *il portacenere*
Bottle - *la bottiglia*
Bottle opener - *l'apribottiglia*
Bowl - *la scodella*
Bread basket - *il cestino del pane*
Cafe - *la caraffa*
Corkscrew - *il cavatappi cruet*
Stand - *l'oliera*
Cup - *la tazza*
Saucer - *il piattino*
Cutlery - *le posate*
Decanter - *la caraffa*
Egg cup - *il portauova*
Fork - *la forchetta*
Glass - *il bicchiere*
Water glass - *da acqua*
Wine glass - *da vino*
Knife - *il coltello*
Mustard jar - *la mostardiera*
Napkin - *il tovagliolo*
Pepper mill - *il macinino del pepe*
Pepper shaker - *il portapepe*
Plate - *il piatto*
Bread plate - *il piattino*
Soup plate - *il piatto fondo*
Pot - *la brocca*
Coffee pot - *la caffettiera*
Tea pot - *la teiera*
Salt shaker - *il portasale*
Spoon - *il cucchiaino*
Soup spoon - *per la minestra*
Teaspoon - *il cucchiaino*
sugar bowl - *la zuccheriera*
Tablecloth - *la tovaglia*
Toothpick - *lo stuzzicadente*
Tray - *il vassoio*

