

## Selected Links for Travel Inspiration

Travel plans on hold? No worries. Until you can get to Italy, these resources will bring Italy to you! Leisurely, long-term travel planning will inspire you now and greatly enrich your journey later.

## **Buon appetito!** Explore Italian Food

- A brilliant interactive <u>food map</u> of Italy that will help you tell a *castelmagno* from a *caciocavallo silano*.
- An alphabetized, beautifully photographed <u>guide</u> to 67 different varieties of pasta.
- An in-depth free guide to the best Italian food by region.
- An up-to-date guide to the best Italian <u>cooking courses</u> online.

### **Buongiorno!** Learn to Speak Italian

- **Open Culture** is a favorite source of (mostly) free Italian <u>language lessons</u>.
- Use your library card to access <u>Hoopla Digital</u>, then search "Learn Italian" to check out ebooks, audiobooks, and videos for learners of every level.
- Find your own Italian <u>tutor</u> online. Tuition and backgrounds vary, so preview a tutor's video greeting to find a native speaker who's also a qualified instructor. (Here is an <u>example</u> of a native Italian speaker with teaching credentials.)
- Both academic and engaging, **Future Learn**'s online Italian courses cover a wide range of topics and levels. Audit classes for free or build to an online degree for a modest tuition.
- Who knew that a likeable lad from Scotland would be so good at teaching Italian? The <u>podcasts</u> are free, as are some of the course materials.

## Molto utile! Travel & Planning Apps

- Save for travel the easy way—automate it with an app. Among the most popular are **<u>Qapital</u>**, <u>**Peak Money**</u>, and <u>**Chime**</u>.
- The Man in Seat 61 has deciphered just about every train system in the world, including Italy's.
- Booking train tickets doesn't get any more convenient than **<u>Trainline</u>**.
- Be food-savvy on the go, with Mangia! It's like having a magic decoder ring for Italian food.

# **ITALY ONLINE: Selected Links for Travel Inspiration**

### Film e programmi TV Italian TV Series and Movies

- Here's **Culture Trip**'s list of 13 <u>must-see movies</u> set in Italy, mostly in English or with English subtitles.
- Prefer a more leisurely guide to Italian movies and TV? This <u>article</u> from **Italy Perfect** is one to savor.
- Like detective series? One of the world's best, "Detective Montalbano," is set in Sicily. Follow the trail to MHz Choice, an excellent subscription source for international television series.

### **Bellissimo!** More Italian Treasures

- Jet off to Italy right now, no passport required, on these virtual tours organized by region.
- Enjoy a virtual visit to some of Italy's greatest <u>museums</u>.
- Add ambiance to the dinner hour with this extended <u>playlist</u> of Italian instrumental music.



The upside of waiting to travel—more time to explore the history of places like the Pantheon, Rome's best preserved ancient building.