

ITALY: BASIC DATA

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AREA	294,000 square kilometres: 33 percent forest; 41 percent arable and permanent crop; and 17 percent pasture.																						
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CURRENCY	Lira. Exchange rate as of December 5, 1994: Cdn\$ = 1,176 L.																						
MEASURES	Metric system.																						
LANGUAGE	Italian. German is a minority language in Trentino-Alto Adige. There are regional dialects. Official Italian is the Tuscan dialect and French is used in the Valle d'Aosta.																						
WEATHER	Weather in Rome: hottest month, July, 19-31°C; coldest month, January, 3-11°C; driest month, July, 16 mm; wettest month, November, 131 mm.																						
CLIMATE	Mediterranean.																						
TIME	1 hour ahead of GMT in winter, and 2 hours ahead in summer.																						
HOLIDAYS	January 1 and 6; Easter Monday; April 25 {Liberation Day}; May 1; August 15; November 1; December 8, and 26.																						