

## ITALY: BASIC DATA

<b>POPULATION</b>	58.0 million {1994}	
<b>AREA</b>	294,000 square kilometres: 33 percent forest; 41 percent arable and permanent crop; and 17 percent pasture.	
<b>MAIN CITIES</b>	Rome	2.9 million
	Milan	1.5 million
	Naples	1.2 million
	Turin	1.0 million
	Palermo	0.8 million
	Genoa	0.7 million
	Bologna	0.4 million
	Firenze	0.4 million
	Bari	0.4 million
	Catania	0.4 million
	Venezia	0.3 million
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Lira. Exchange rate as of December 5, 1994: Cdn\$ = 1,176 L.	
<b>MEASURES</b>	Metric system.	
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	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.	
<b>WEATHER</b>	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.	
<b>CLIMATE</b>	Mediterranean.	
<b>TIME</b>	1 hour ahead of GMT in winter, and 2 hours ahead in summer.	
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	January 1 and 6; Easter Monday; April 25 {Liberation Day}; May 1; August 15; November 1; December 8, and 26.	