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ITALY

Geography The Italian mainland is a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea much of which is covered by mountains. It includes two large islands: Sicily and Sardinia. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean and Sardinia is basically mountains rising out of the ocean. Italy also has two independent countries within its borders: Vatican City (the world's smallest country) and San Marino, an independent republic on the northeast coast of Italy.

Family Too much family is never enough, so say the Italians. Family is of utmost importance, so get set to share your life with your host family, as well as cousins, uncles, aunts, 'nonni' — the whole clan!

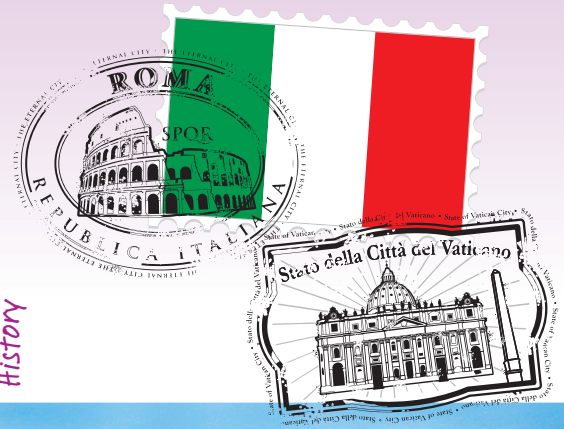
Passeggiata Take part in the daily 'passeggiata' — the social event of the day where you head to the piazza, link arms with your best friend and stroll around and around — this is the place to see and be seen.

Sports Italians love their sports — volleyball, car racing, basketball, soccer, snowboarding, even surfing! It's the home of luxurious sports cars such as Lamborghini, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo and the more modest Fiat. Sport is a big part of life — just don't mention the 2006 FIFA World Cup...

History Learn firsthand about Italy's fascinating history, from bloody Roman battles to the prosperous Renaissance period when the Medici ruled Florence to the twentieth century's turbulent political struggles.

Food! Italians are a proud bunch, and nothing makes an Italian mamma more proud than a culinary compliment. Be loved the Italian way — with tortellini, scallopine, lasagne, minestrone, tiramisu... heaven on a plate!

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