



Italy is very mountainous with mountains covering a third of the country. Its most famous mountain ranges are the Alps, the Dolomites and the Appenines. Italy's tallest mountain is Mont Blanc, which towers 4810m tall. Italy has 8 mountains over 4000m tall.



The River Po is the largest river in Italy at 652,000 metres long. The river flows through many important Italian cities, including Turin, Piacenza, and Ferrara, and it is connected to Milan through a net of water channels called navigli. These cities have used the water from the rivers for farming, drinking, and industry.

Etna



Italy has 3 active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Stromboli and Etna (shown in red on the map). This means that they could erupt at any time. The volcanic soil around volcanoes is very fertile and great for growing crops. Mount Vesuvius is famous for the destruction of the Roman town of Pompeii in 79 BC. Italy has 15 volcanoes in total.



Vesuvius

Lake Garda



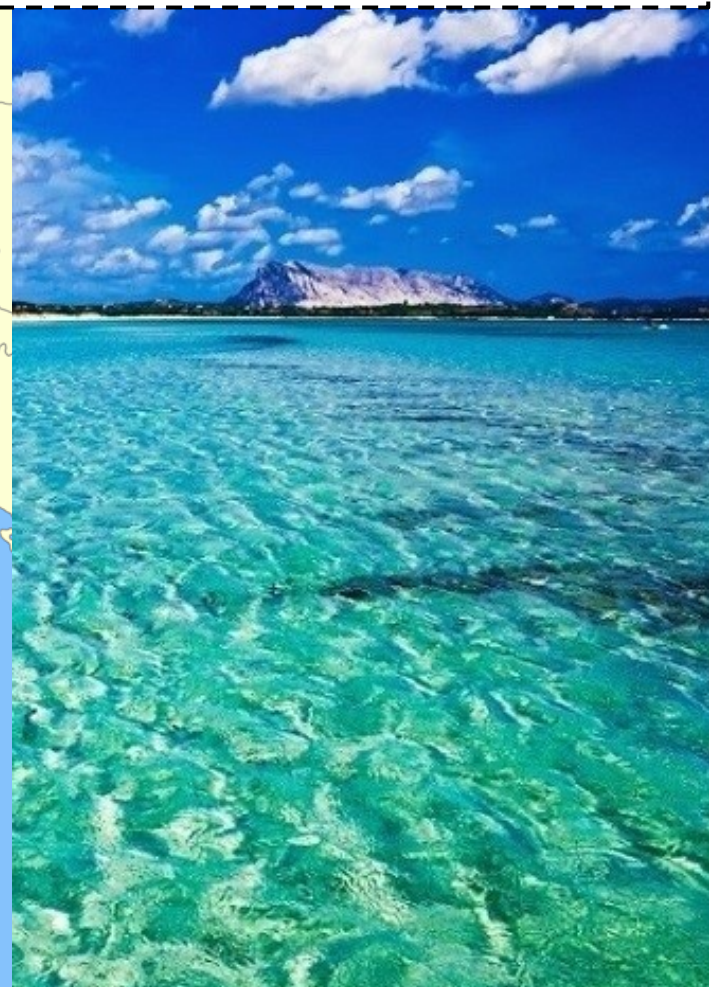
There are about 1,500 lakes in Italy. Some of these are formed in the craters of extinct volcanoes. The largest and most important of the Italian lakes are Lakes Garda (370 km^2) and Como (146 km^2), which are in the north of Italy near the city of Milan. These lakes are in a hot climate, surrounded by olive and citrus trees.



Lake Como



Including islands, Italy has a total coastline of 7,600 kilometres, with a mixture of rocky and white sand beaches. Italy is surrounded by the Mediterranean, Ligurian, Adriatic, and Ionian Seas. The sea water reaches 26 degrees Celsius in the summer, which makes it a great holiday destination.



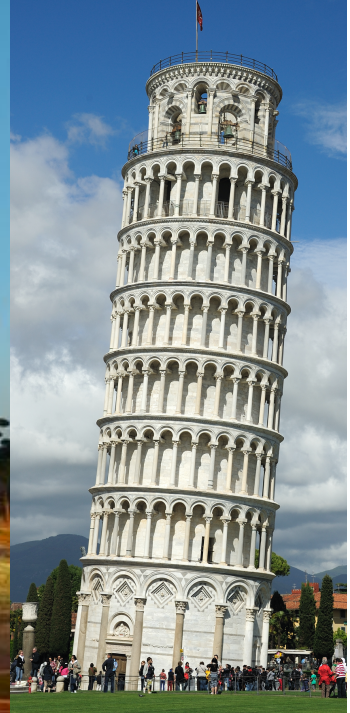
Venice's streets are made of water!



Italy has a population of 60.7 million people. Italy's largest city is Rome with 2.8 million people. Three other cities, Milan, Naples and Turin, also have more than a million people.



Rome has thousands of years of history!





The River Thames is the largest river that is entirely in England, and it is 346,000 metres long. It flows through many important towns and cities, including London. London has relied on the Thames for hundreds of years for washing, farming and industry.



The coastline of England is 8982 km with a mixture of pebble and sand beaches.

England is surrounded by the North Sea to the east, the English Channel to the south, and the Celtic and Irish seas to the west.

The sea reaches a temperature of 17 degrees Celsius in the summer.





There are 387 lakes in England over 5 hectares. Lake Windermere is the largest natural lake in England with a surface area of 15 km^2 . The second largest lake is a man made reservoir called Rutland Water. These lakes are popular tourist destinations.



England is a rather flat country and not very mountainous. England's tallest mountain, Scarfell Pike, is only 978m tall. Its most famous mountain ranges are the Pennines and the Lake District in the north of the country.



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England has a population of 53 million people. England's largest city is London, which is home to 8.4 million people. Birmingham is the only other English city that has more than a million people. England has fewer people than Italy but also much less space, which means that it feels more crowded!

