



# COUNTRY PROFILE

## ITALY



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**Country :** Italy  
**Capital :** Rome  
**Language :** Italian  
**Population :** 60 795 621 inhabit (2015)  
**Density :** 202 inhabit/ km<sup>2</sup>  
**Surface area :** 301 336 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Currency :** Euro  
**Time zone :** UTC+1: (CET)-(summer+1)  
**Internet domain :** .it  
**Telephone code :** +39

## HEALTH SYSTEM

The Italian health system is managed by the National Health Service, organized as local health units called Azienda Sanitaria Locale (ASL). The latter enjoy a high degree of management autonomy and are located in all regions of the country.

Access to basic medical care (general practice, pediatrics, dental care, gynecology, etc.) is free of charge for all those who are affiliated with the SSN. The quality of care is rated as very good, future expatriate in Italy? Remember to register with the ASL closest to your place of residence, you need:

- Valid identification
- Tax number (tax code)
- Certificate of residence
- Request for choice of doctor.

Then you must register with the SSN contracted doctor in your area. If you intend to stay in Italy for less than a year, do not forget your EHIC.

### VACCINES

To go to Italy, no vaccine is required. It is also recommended to update the vaccination schedule :

#### **DTPolio**

This includes the 3 main vaccines against tetanus, diphtheria, polio.

Also remember to immunize against hepatitis A and B before your stay in Italy.

#### **Hepatitis A**

The hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for people wishing to stay in Italy for a long time or those who intend to settle in regions with uncertain health conditions or in isolated areas.

#### **Hepatitis B**

This vaccine is recommended for long or repeated stays.

### SICKNESS

#### **Meningococcal meningitis**

Forty cases were detected between January 2015 and February 2016 in the Tuscany region. The bacterium, transmitted by close contact with potential carriers, is present in respiratory or salivary secretions. A vaccination campaign against the disease was launched in early 2016.

#### **Traveler's diarrhea**

The disease is mainly caused by water and poor hygiene. The risk is low, but prevention is required.

#### **Malaria**

There is no risk of malaria in Italy.

Private sector	General Practitioner	Consultant
Prices	From 50 to 80 €	Up to 150 €

## THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PUBLIC **SYSTEM**

- Regional disparities between different ASL institutions
- Very long waiting times
- Inequalities in terms of human and material resources between the regions

## THE DISADVANTAGES OF THE PRIVATE **SYSTEM**

- Health care costs are very high

### IN CASE OF **EMERGENCY**

For any emergency, contact directly the services concerned:

Health emergencies and ambulances : **118**

Police : **113**

Fire Department : **115**

Road relief department : **803.116**

### DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THIS **DESTINATION**

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All information to prepare your stay: formalities, housing, cost of living, insurance, internships, studies, advice & good plans ... Click. Leave !

### WORLD PASS **TIPS**

For a short stay in Italy, it is essential to bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This must be requested from your insurer at least 15 days before the departure date.

The EHIC provides the same health care as a person with the Italian security system.

However, be aware that health care costs are often more expensive abroad. To be better reimbursed for your health expenses, consider applying for a private insurance, World Pass type, to benefit from :

- 100% reimbursement of health and medical expenses at their real costs
- Direct payment of hospitalization and subsistence costs
- Assistance and medical repatriation
- Civil liability

