



Geography

Why do so many people choose the Mediterranean for their holiday?

Key Vocabulary

country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government
continent	A continent is one of Earth's seven main divisions of land
physical features	Physical features are natural features of the Earth
human features	Human features are those made by humans
Mediterranean	Countries are those that surround the Mediterranean Sea
Europe	The continent that is to the east of the Atlantic Ocean
culture	A countries way of life including belief, food and art
landmark	An object or feature of a landscape
equator	The equator divides the planet into the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere
landscape	All the visible features of an area of land

Key Skills

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- Make comparisons

Locational knowledge

- Identify where countries are within Europe.

Human and physical

- Identify physical and human features of the locality.

Place knowledge

- Understand why there are similarities and differences between places.



Key Facts

- Italy is in the continent of Europe and is bordered by Austria, France and Switzerland.
- The weather in Italy is variable, with cold winters and snow in the north and very hot summers in the south. Italy is a popular tourist destination with both skiers and beach-goers!
- Italy is also famous for being the home of the Roman Empire.
- The capital city of Italy is Rome.
- Italy is home to the microstate **Vatican City** where the Pope, the head of the Roman Catholic Church resides.
- The Mediterranean is a large sea that separates Europe from Africa. It stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to Asia in the east.
- Italy is easy to recognize on any world map, as the country is shaped like a high-heeled boot.
- In the South of Italy, you will find Italy's three active volcanoes: Vesuvius near Naples, Etna on Sicily and Stromboli off the Coast of Italy.
- 'Family' is very important for Italians, there are still many big families living together in the same household including grandparents, parents and children.
- Italians are famous for their inventions and discoveries. The Italian explorers Christopher Columbus and Amerigo Vespucci explored many places in the Americas.
- Leonardo da Vinci was a scientist and artist who was the first to prove the world is round and not flat.

Key Questions

- What continent is Italy in?
- What human geographical features are in Italy?
- What physical geographical features are in Italy?
- How do human and physical features differ across Italy?
- How is land used across the UK?
- What countries surround Italy?

Links to other Learning

- Year 1 - Geography
Say something about the people who live in hot and cold places.
- Year 2 - Geography
Name the world's oceans and find them in an atlas.
- Year 3 - Geography
To know how volcanoes erupt and to find out about the destruction of Pompeii
- Year 4 - Geography
Explain why people are attracted to live in cities/ Villages/economic activity.

Links to other Subjects

- History
- The Romans
- Art and Design and D & T
*- Children create their own healthy Italian meal.
- Look at the work of Leonardo da Vinci as a famous Italian artist.*
- English - *Setting description based on an Italian market Narrative writing, alternative ending based on 'Leonardo and the flying boy'*
- Music - *History of music - key Italian composers.
Listen and reflect - Rossini (William Tell Overture), Vivaldi (The Four Seasons)*
- MFL - *French*



Leaning tower of Pisa

Colosseum



The Rialto Bridge

Trevi Fountain



Map of Italy