

# About Italy



## Location

- Southern Europe
- Boot shaped peninsula
- Extends into the Mediterranean Sea
- Bordered by France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia

## Capital City

- Rome

## Size

- Covers 116,306 square miles
- Includes two of the largest islands in the Mediterranean: Sardinia and Sicily

## Population

- 57,634,300

The Italian flag is green, white and red.

It was officially adopted on June 18, 1946, when Italy became a republic at the end of the Second World War and the monarchy.

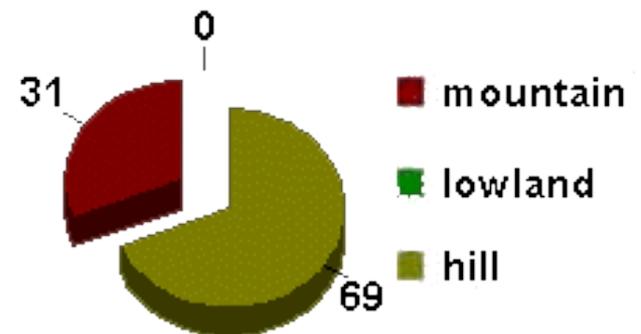
# OUR REGION: THE MARCHE



## Landscape

The land is mountainous and essentially hilly for a third of the Region.

You can also admire small villages which date back to the Middle Ages as well as isolated farmers' and precious buildings.



# WELCOME TO PESARO

Pesaro is a town by the Adriatic sea, in the centre of Italy, on the east coast.

About 80 thousand people live in Pesaro, but during the summer the population increases because of tourists. Pesaro is a seaside resort as from July to September the weather is warm and sunny, although there are the occasional thunderstorms.

Pesaro has got a trading harbour and there are fishing-boats and sail-boats there too.

Pesaro is famous for its furniture factories, for example, well known brands of kitchens are made here and it also produces machines to cut the wood.



At the heart of the city lies the wide main square, Piazza del Popolo and the Ducal Palace.



## The Italian opera composer Gioacchino ROSSINI

G. Rossini was born in 1792, in Pesaro and he left his house and a library in his will, where the Conservatorio was founded. It is a school where students, from all over the world, come and learn to play a musical instrument and become musicians or music teacher.



In August there is a famous “Opera festival”, dedicated to Rossini, and every 3 years Rossini’s operas are performed in every theatre in the city; people who are keen on opera and music come to spend their holidays in Pesaro.

*Il Barbiere di Siviglia* remains one of the most performed operas in the world.



# PIZZA ROSSINI



Ingredients:  
tomato, mozzarella cheese  
boiled eggs, mayonnaise

# Mombaroccio



About 20 kilometres from Pesaro, going inland, there are two villages, Santa Maria dell'Arzilla and Mombaroccio, medieval towns on the top of a hill, with important buildings and churches.



These are agricultural villages, mainly growing barley, wheat, sunflowers, fruit-growing, olive-trees and vines.

# ABOUT OUR SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

NURSERY SCHOOL is not free, parents have to pay a fee and it's organised by the Town Council.

KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE) are STATE SCHOOLS. (There are only few private schools, especially catholic ones)

In Italy we have Comprehensive Institutes under the same Principal.

Our Institute consists of:

3 KINDERGARTENS            age 3-5 (pre-school children)

5 PRIMARY SCHOOLS        age 6-10

2 SECONDARY SCHOOLS (1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE )    age 11-13

Number of Pupils: around 1115

Number of Teachers: around 100



L. Pirandello  
Primary and Secondary  
Head Office



The closest school is situated in the city of Pesaro, the furthest in a little village about 20 km from the main town (Mombarroccio).



G. Rodari  
Primary  
(Isabella's)

The schools have pupils from a wide range of different social backgrounds, ranging from middle class to those who aren't as advantaged.



S. Veneranda  
Kindergarten and Primary (Roberta's)

There are children with physical and mental disabilities and the Institute is very well known because of the range of teachers who work on special projects to guarantee the wellbeing of the children.

A large percentage of the children admitted to the schools are from different ethnicities.

## TIMETABLE KINDERGARTENS

Standard time: 25 hours per week.

Full time: 40 hours per week.

Kindergarten teachers work 25 hours per week with pupils.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Standard time: 27 hours per week (from Monday to Saturday).

At least 3 teachers per class who turn in other classes too.

Full time: 40 hours per week (from Monday to Friday). Children eat at school and they have lessons in the afternoon too, but they have labs.

2 Teachers, on alternate days, have lesson in the afternoon.

Prolonged time: children end school at 14.30 so they eat at school because their parents have to work till 14.00 o'clock and they can't pick them up before.

Primary school teachers work 22 hours per week with pupils.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Standard time: 30 hours per week (from Monday to Saturday).

There's a teacher for each subject.

Secondary school teachers work 18 hours per week with pupils.

Each of these schools have got their own Ministerial Curriculum so every child has the opportunity to reach the main targets but the teacher can choose methods and topics, we call it the “freedom of teaching” and since 1998 each Comprehensive Institute has had its curriculum or POF.

POF: Plan of Formative Offer is the Identity Card of an Institute where you can find the main projects of the school, for example, pupils can learn English and reach the ministerial skills through the Comenius Project.

CURRICULUM AREAS	SUBJECTS
LANGUAGE	Italian - English
TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC	Math – Logic - Statistics -Science- ICT
ANTHROPOLOGICAL	Geography - History - Social, personal and health education
EDUCATIONS	Music – Art– Physical education

### **SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHER**

In Italy we haven't got anymore public special school, children with disabilities are integrated in the mainstream classroom.

The special needs teacher is in charge of the whole class not only of the child with the disability.