

Travel Money Guide



Italy



Visa Costs (Inbound)

Australians and New Zealanders don't require a visa for a holiday in Italy, as long as you don't plan to stay longer than 90 days. However, your passport will need to be valid for at least 3 months following your planned departure date.

Departure Tax

There is no embarkation fee for travellers leaving Italy.

Tipping

Tipping is not expected in restaurants, particularly as a €1 - €3 service charge is typically included in your bill. However, if your waitperson has gone above and beyond, it's likely they would happily accept a cash tip of around €10.

Similarly, taxi drivers and hotel staff will not usually anticipate a tip, but they will usually appreciate one nonetheless. Anywhere between €0.50 and €5 can be a suitable tip for porters, housekeepers and concierges.

ATM Access

Good – There are ATMs (or bancomats) everywhere.



Debit and Credit Card Access

Debit and credit cards are commonly accepted throughout Italy, but it's always a wise idea to have some euros handy. This way, you can avoid excessive transaction fees and purchase things from market stalls and smaller stores without any hassle.

Notifying your bank about your international travel plans is a good way to ensure your card withdrawals and payments don't raise any red flags.

Pickpocket Security Rating

2 stars – theft is common.

Pickpocketing is common in Italy, especially in Rome and other major cities. Take precautions and remain alert in any crowded areas such as train stations, airports and tourist attractions.



Insurance Cover Tips

Standard travel insurance should suffice for most people travelling to Italy. Any visitors who plan to take part in adventure or winter sports should make sure their policy will cover them if an injury occurs during these activities.

Cost of a Coffee

70 cents - €1.50 (plus a surcharge if you sit to drink)

Accommodation

Budget: Around AU\$75/night*

Moderate: Around AU\$170/night*

Luxury: Around AU\$400/night*

*Based on a standard room for 2 people in Rome.

Transport

The cost of a taxi varies from region to region, but you can generally expect to pay between €10 and €15 for a short journey through city streets.

Italy's larger cities have extensive metro and bus networks. Tickets for single trips will usually cost a couple of euros, and there are also daily tourist passes available.

Bargaining Scale

While department stores and chains are usually off limits for hagglers, street markets are fair game for anyone wanting to score some bargains. A rule of thumb for Italy is that the further south you are, the more open to negotiation shopkeepers and stall owners will be.



Top Expert Tip

It's a great idea to familiarise yourself with the euro's coins and notes before embarking. This way, you're less likely to fall victim to an unscrupulous clerk trying to short-change you.

Scammers and Ripoffs

Aside from the occasional short-changing or over-charging attempt, you are unlikely to encounter too many scams in Italy. However, be on the lookout for general scammers who like to target tourists.

If you're driving yourself through the country, be aware of the 'staged car accident' scam, where someone will fake a collision with you and demand money. Also be vigilant if any children on the street seem unusually curious about you, as they could be distracting you while another child swipes valuables from your pocket.

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