

ITALY



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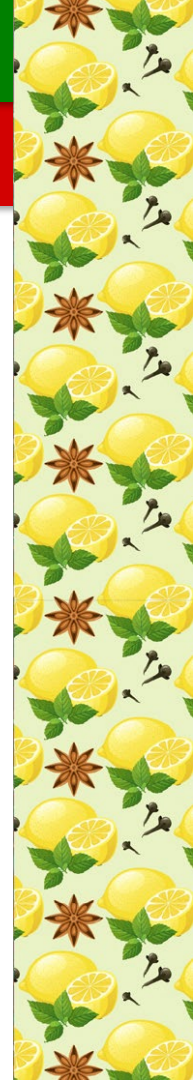
Why Italy?

- The best of Old World living, from sophisticated urban life to traditional villages
- Center of art, culture, and history
- Historically significant towns
- Traditional artisan cuisine and wines
- Ideal Mediterranean climate
- Beach, lake, and mountain access—diversity of activities
- Outdoor adventure— islands, beaches, mountains, lakes, etc.
- Easy access to the rest of Europe



At A Glance

- **Residency**
 - Self Sufficiency – Proof of approx. \$3000 monthly income
 - Seven Percent Tax Rate for foreign residents receiving a pension
- **Health Care**
 - Superb health care system.
 - Combination public and private health care.
- **Ease of Access**
 - 31 International airports
 - Domestic airlines –reasonably priced.
 - Quality train services and connections



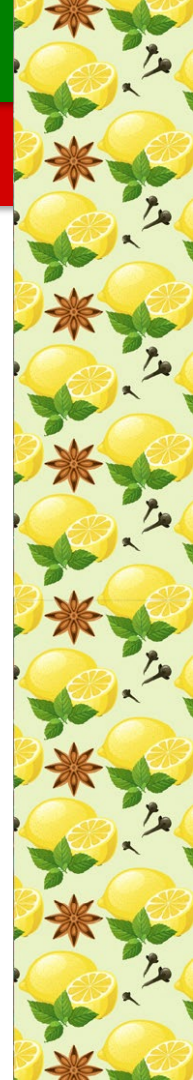
Country Pros

- Quintessential European lifestyle
- Easy access to the rest of Europe
- Heritage of quality food and wine
- Surprisingly affordable
- Steeped in history and culture
- Diverse landscapes and outdoor activities

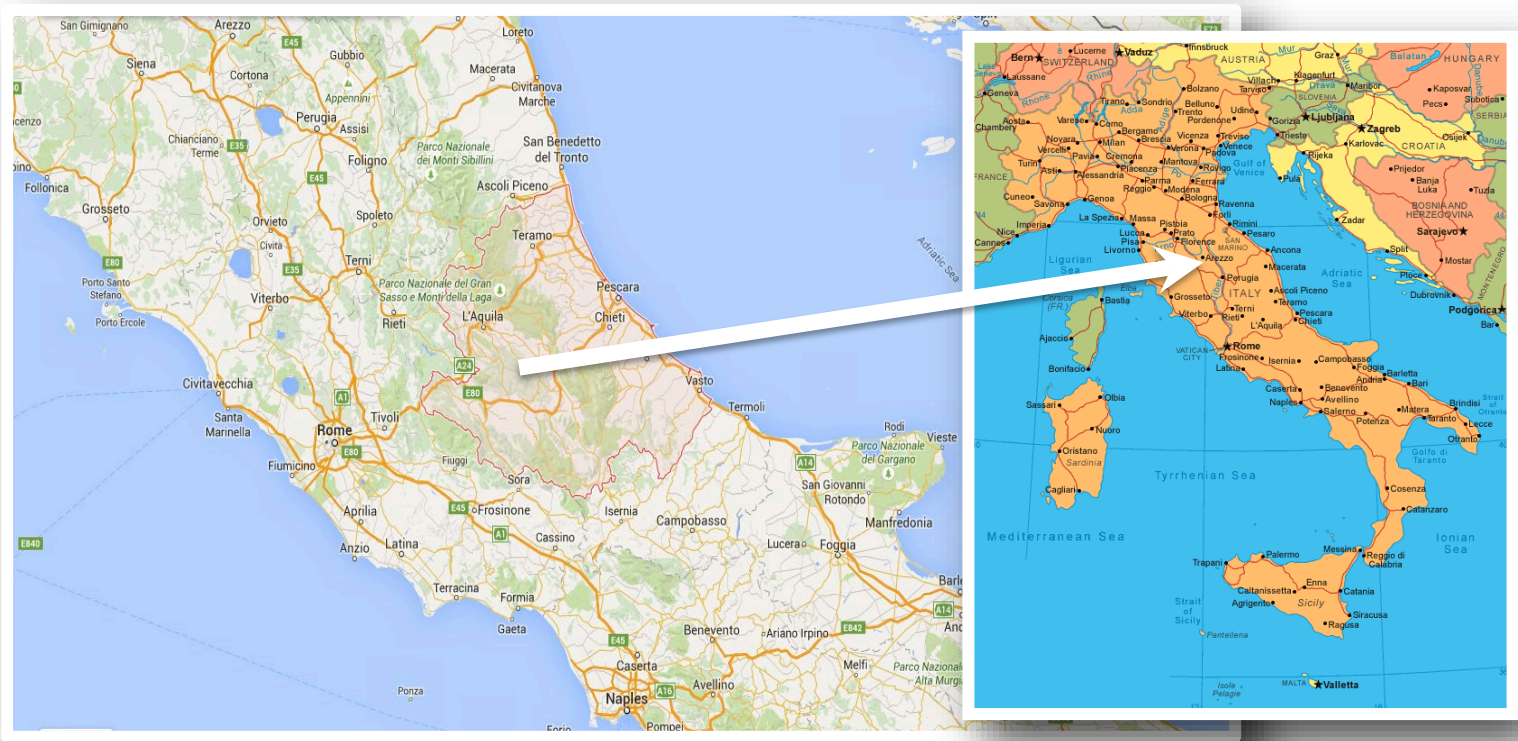


Country Cons

- Bureaucracy is challenging.
- Learning the language is the key to many doors.
- Distance from United States
- A test of your adaptability
- Terrain can make traveling scenic but slow.
- Earthquake/volcano danger
- Not a generally LGBT friendly location



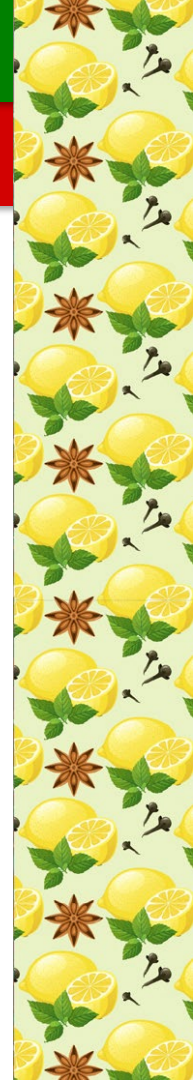
Abruzzo





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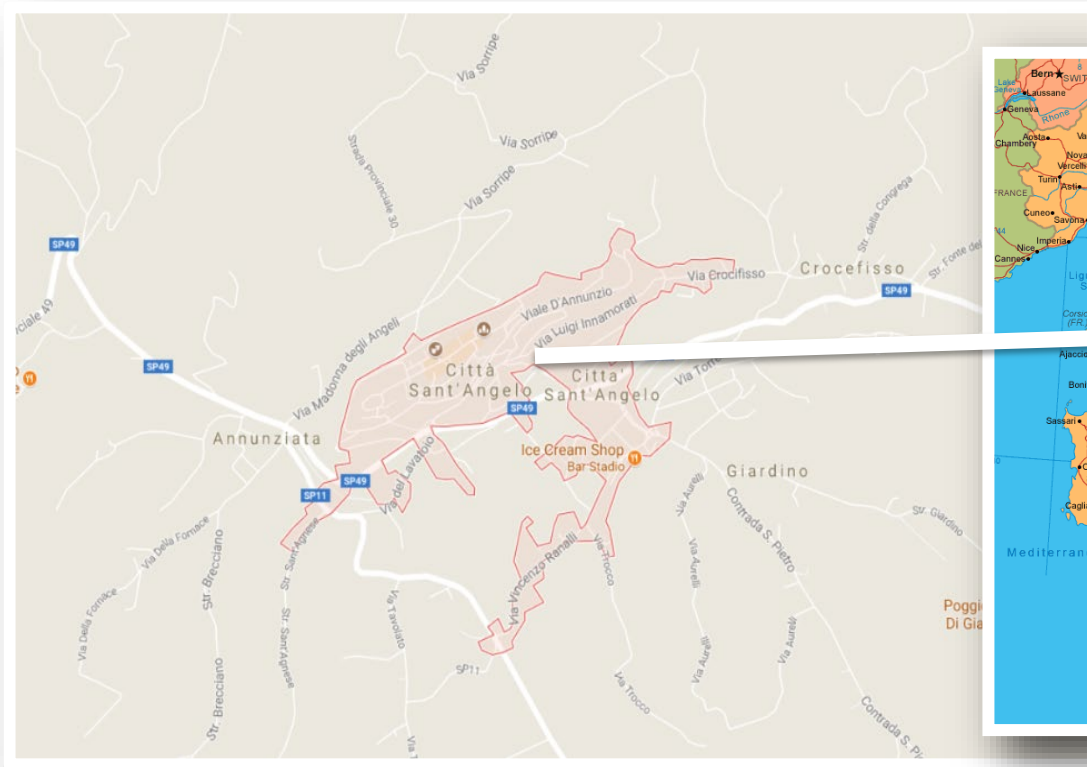
- Authentic Italian living
- Still very affordable
- Can customize your climate depending on altitude chosen
- Small-town living means tight-knit communities (once you're in, you're in)



Abruzzo Cons

- You must speak Italian pretty well to get by
- Options are fairly limited to small-town living
- Need a car
- Might have to commute for some kinds of shopping (options limited in small towns)
- Can be tough to break into these well-established communities (but once you do, you're set)

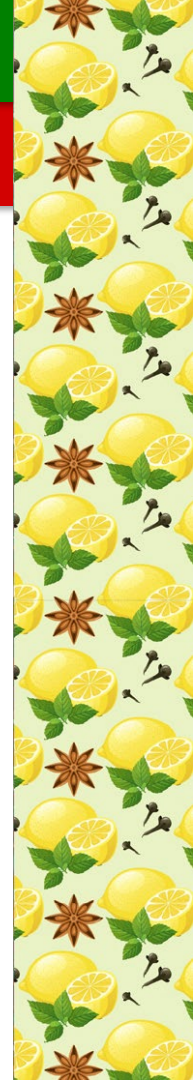
Cittá Sant'Angelo





Cittá Sant' Angelo Pros

- Everything is walkable in town
- Options for medieval-era homes in town or modern homes just outside
- Full shopping options just outside of town
- Just 15 minutes from the beach (and biggest city in region—Pescara)
- Tons of annual festivals and cultural events
- Super affordable rents

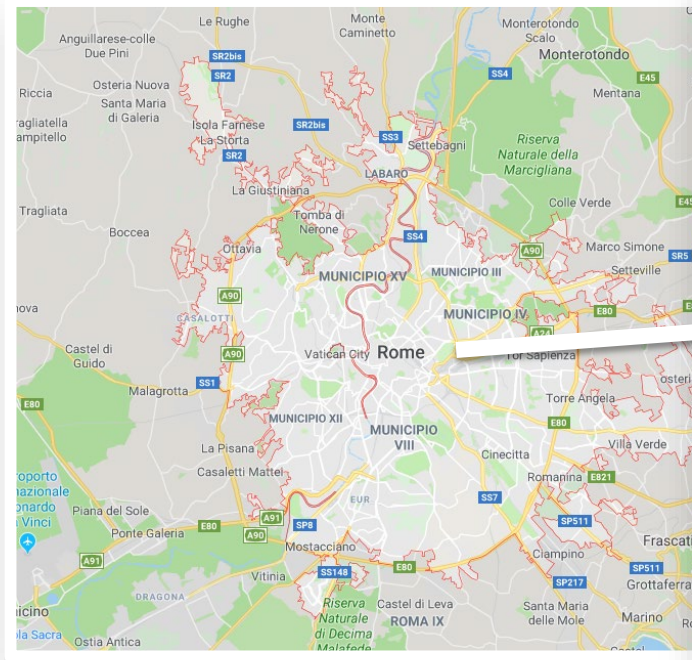


Cittá Sant' Angelo Cons

- Tiny town with tiny population
- Not much youth in the population
- An hour from mountains
- Small volume of housing options in town
- Not much to do right in town (apart from events and holidays when they occur)
- Need a car to get out of town (parking is very difficult)



Rome



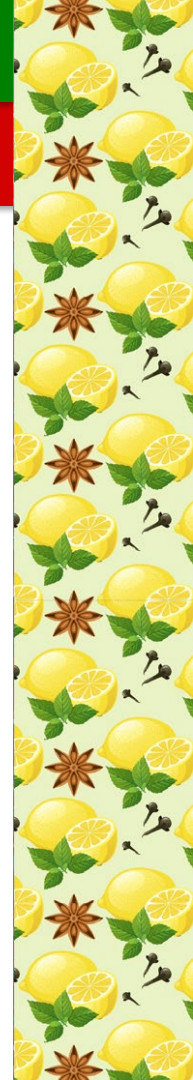


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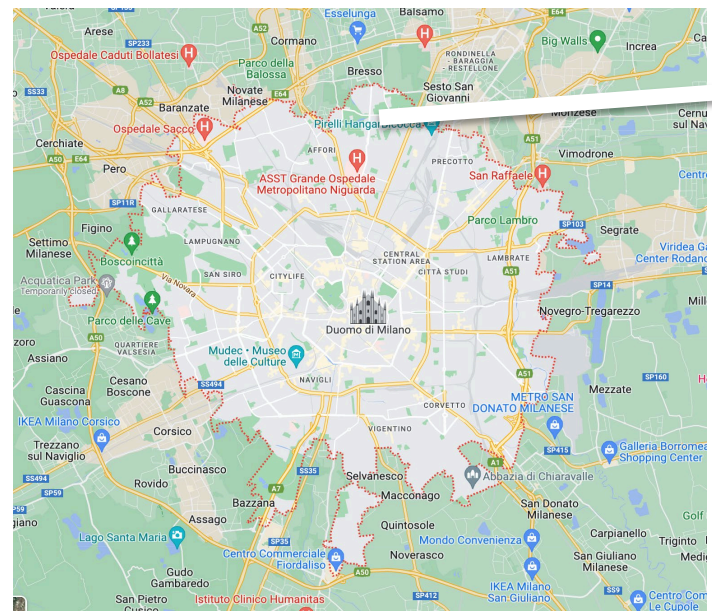
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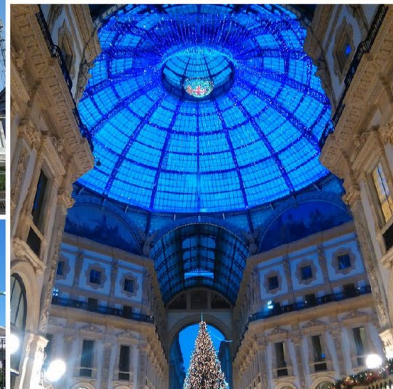
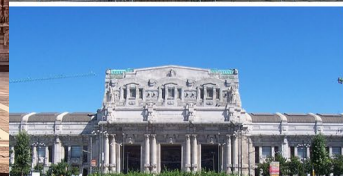
Rome Cons

- Much more expensive
- Crowded with tourists (and businesses catering to them)
- Not great for those with mobility issues (ancient layout, old buildings, cobblestone streets throughout)



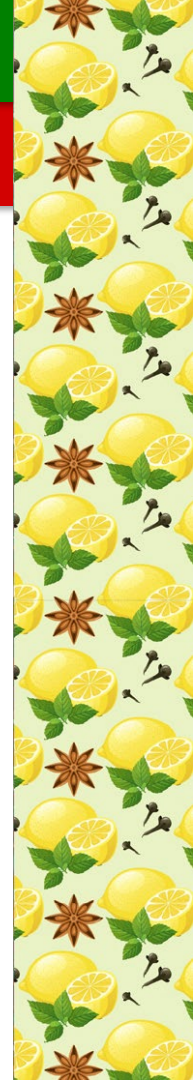
Milan





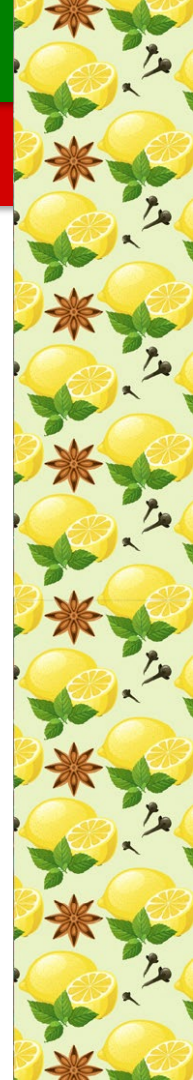
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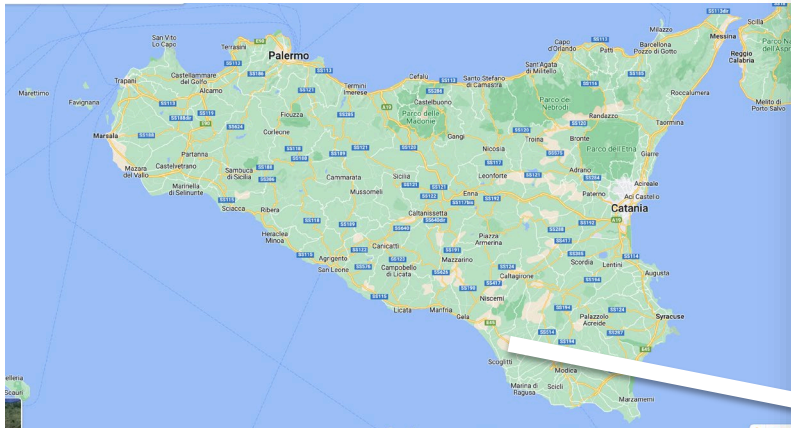


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- Crowded with tourists (and businesses catering to them)
- Chaotic feeling like NYC
- Polluted air
- More of a business city



Sicily



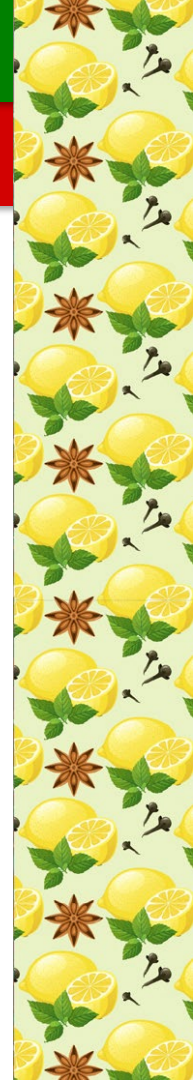


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Sicily Pros

- Uncompromisingly authentic culture
- Warm weather year-round
- Laid-back pace of life
- Many historic and ancient sites to see
- Fresh seafood year-round
- Easy to find spots away from tourists



Sicily Cons

- Slow pace can be frustrating
- Fewer modern conveniences and amenities
- Gritty look to cities
- Sicily is still badly regarded to the rest of Italians—Sicily is not Italy!
- Harder to access



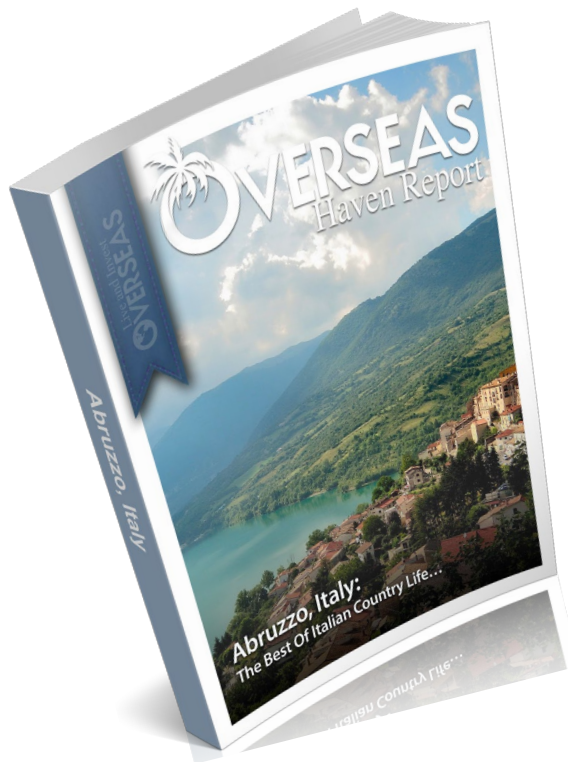
Noteworthy

- Highways can be confusing
- Visit mountains and beaches in the same day
- Lots of restricted driving areas in cities
- Assets held outside of Italy by residents have an annual wealth tax

Grading Italy

- English Spoken – D
- Health Care – A+
- Climate – B
- Infrastructure – A+
- Accessibility – B
- Safety – A
- Culture – A+
- Recreation – A+
- Taxes – C
- Schools - B

Recommended Resources



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