

General Information

The Italian official currency is the **Euro**.

Automated currency exchange machines can be found at the airport and within major banks.

Credit cards are generally accepted in shops and restaurants.

Banks are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 1:20 PM, with variable hours in the afternoon; some branches are also open on Saturday mornings.

Daylight Saving Time

In the spring (on the last Sunday in March), daylight savings time enters into effect: clocks must be moved forward an hour with respect to solar time, which is later returned to at the beginning of autumn (last Sunday in October).

Electrical current

In Italy the standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets used in Italy are of type F or L:



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E



Type L: This socket works with plug C

Before connecting please check the label on your appliance. If it states 'INPUT: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz', it can be used without problems.

Telephones

The international code for calling Italy from abroad is 0039, which must be followed by the local area code of the desired phone number. Cellular phone networks provide coverage throughout the country.

Consulates and embassies

At www.esteri.it/MAE/EN you can find information regarding services that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs offers to foreigners and, in particular, to foreign delegations in Italy, for those wishing to travel or move to Italy for tourism, school, or work.