

# ITALY 2026 EVENTS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><b>Jan 1:</b> New Year's Day Quiet holiday. Most celebrations happen the night before.</p> <p><b>Jan 6:</b> Epiphany &amp; La Befana. Marks the end of Christmas. Children receive candy—or coal.</p> <p><b>Jan 16–17:</b> Feast of Saint Anthony Abbot Bonfires and processions, especially in southern Italy.</p> <p>Travel tip: Fewer tourists. Shorter attraction hours.</p>	<p><b>Carnevale (late Jan–mid Feb)</b> Venice and Viareggio host Italy's most famous celebrations.</p> <p><b>Feb 6–22:</b> Winter Olympics Events in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo.</p> <p><b>Feb 24–28:</b> Sanremo Music Festival</p> <p>Travel tip: Venice is extremely busy. Book early.</p>	<p><b>Mar 6–15:</b> Winter Paralympics</p> <p><b>Mar 17:</b> National Unity Day Ceremonies nationwide (not a public holiday).</p> <p><b>Mar 22:</b> Rome Marathon Road closures in central Rome.</p> <p>Travel tip: Shoulder season begins.</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>Easter Weekend (date varies) Processions on Good Friday. Family lunches on Sunday.</p> <p>Apr 21: Rome's Birthday</p> <p>Apr 25: Liberation Day (Public Holiday)</p> <p>Travel tip: One of the busiest months. Plan ahead.</p>	<p><b>May 1:</b> Labor Day (Public Holiday) Concerts and events across Italy.</p> <p><b>May 8–31:</b> Giro d'Italia</p> <p><b>May 9:</b> Venice Biennale opens</p> <p><b>May 15–19:</b> Infiorata di Noto</p> <p>Travel tip: One of the best months to visit Italy.</p>	<p><b>June 2:</b> Republic Day (Public Holiday) Military parade in Rome.</p> <p>Opera season begins Verona Arena and Rome's Caracalla Baths.</p> <p>Travel tip: Summer crowds start building.</p>



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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>July 2:</b> Palio di Siena</p> <p><b>July 3–12:</b> Umbria Jazz (Perugia)</p> <p><b>July 14–15:</b> Saint Rosalia (Palermo)</p> <p><b>July 18–19:</b> Festa del Redentore (Venice)</p> <p>Travel tip: Hot and busy in cities.</p>	<p><b>Aug 15:</b> Ferragosto (Public Holiday) Cities empty. Beach towns fill up.</p> <p>Travel tip: Expect closures in smaller towns.</p>	<p>Food festivals (sagre) begin</p> <p><b>Sept 6:</b> Venice Historical Regatta</p> <p><b>Sept 7:</b> Paper Lantern Festival (Florence) also...</p> <p>Feast of San Gennaro – Naples</p> <p>Travel tip: Excellent weather and fewer crowds.</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>From Oct 10:</b> Alba White Truffle Fair</p> <p><b>Oct 28–Nov 1:</b> Lucca Comics &amp; Games</p> <p>Travel tip: Ideal for food lovers.</p>	<p>Rome Jazz Festival</p> <p><b>Nov 13–22:</b> Eurochocolate (Perugia)</p> <p>Travel tip: Quiet and budget-friendly month.</p>	<p>Christmas markets</p> <p><b>Dec 7:</b> Saint Ambrose (Milan)</p> <p><b>Dec 13:</b> Saint Lucy</p> <p>Travel tip: Festive without peak-season crowds.</p>

## Quick Planning Notes

- Public holidays = closures + crowds
- Festivals = book lodging early
- August needs careful planning
- Spring & fall are ideal

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