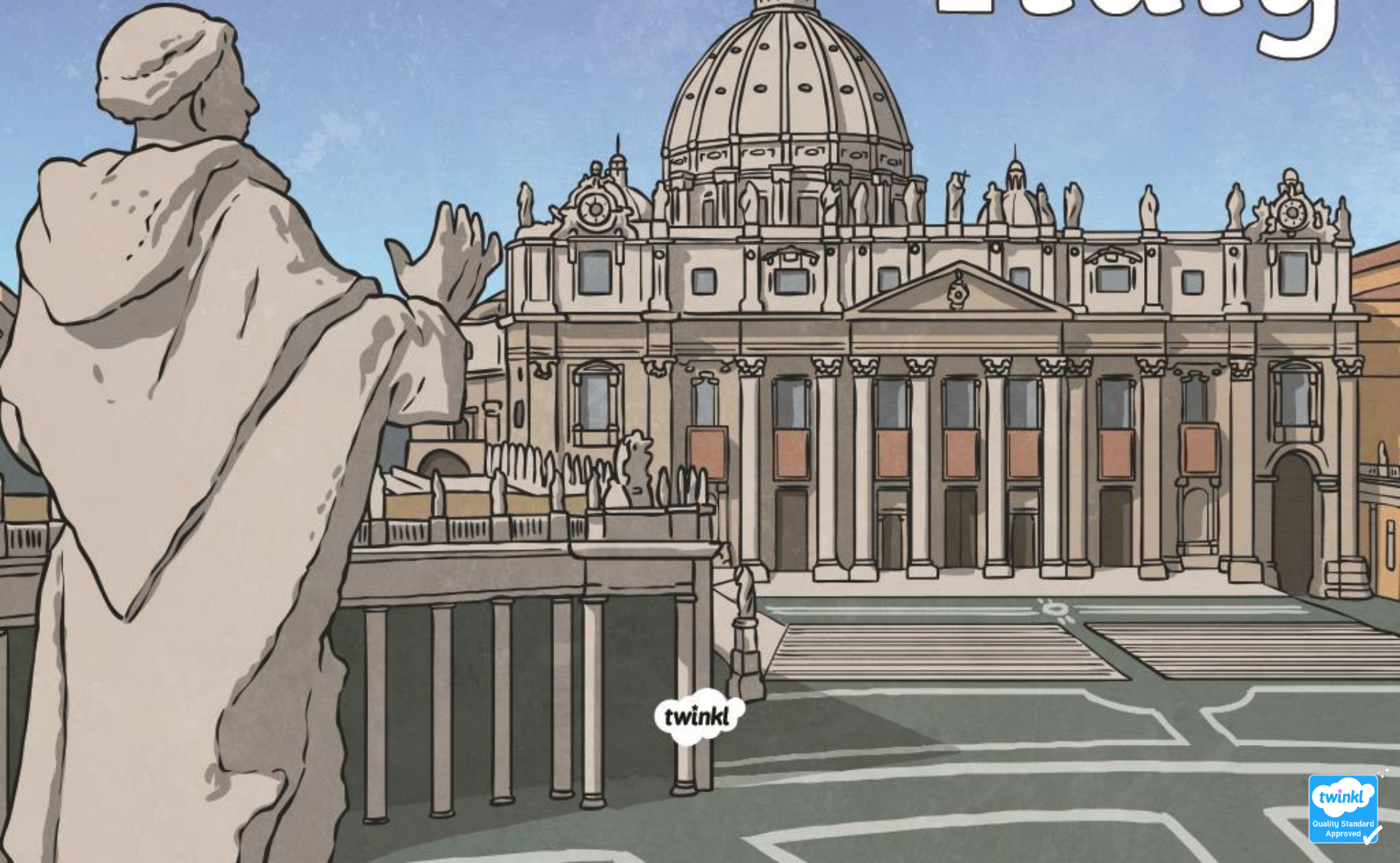


Italy



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What is it like?

- Italy is a country in Southern Europe. The country is located on a peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Italy borders six countries: France, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Vatican City and San Marino.
- A flight to Italy's capital city Rome takes roughly 2.5 hours from London/England
- Italy is easy to recognise on any world map, as the country is shaped like a high-heeled boot, as you can see on the map.



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Exploring Italy

Millions of people visit Italy every year.

Think back to your Italy research...

What do you think are the main things people want to see or do in Italy?

Colosseum

The Colosseum is one of the landmarks most people can easily link to Italy. The huge oval amphitheatre stands in the city centre of Rome and construction was started in 70 AD. Built in Roman design borrowed from the Greeks, the amphitheatre was built in the bed of a dried out lake.



The Colosseum was the place in those days where the Romans held their popular fights and games. There were gladiator games, animal hunts and mock sea battles held in the Colosseum. About 50,000 people could be seated on the steps of this ancient amphitheatre.





Leaning Tower of Pisa

The famous Leaning Tower is in fact the city cathedral's bell tower, in Italian called 'campanile'.

The tower was constructed in 1173 and took over 200 years to build due to wars. The structure was miscalculated and built on not so solid ground, so the tower began leaning early on!



It is said that Italian scientist Galileo Galilei used the tower for various gravity experiments, such as dropping various objects from the top of the tower. If you want to climb to the top of the tower, there are 294 steps to climb!





Trevi fountain

The Trevi Fountain is one of the world's most famous fountains.

It is one of over 2,000 fountains in the city. It was commissioned by the Pope during the 17th century to replace an earlier fountain. It was designed over 30 years by several architects. Built in 19 BC by Agrippa, the son-in-law of Emperor Augustus. The Trevi Fountain is situated in Rome (the capital city of Italy).



The fountain has a statue of Neptune, standing in a chariot pulled by several winged horses. It also features mermaids, sea monsters and sea shells set in the swirling waters.

Legend has it that visitors who want to come back to Rome must throw a coin over their left shoulder into this fountain.





Grand Canal

Thousands of tourists come to Venice every year to see the houses built on wooden piles along the many canals and waterways of the city. There are about 500 wooden gondolas and many more water taxis ferrying people across the city.



The city's palaces and houses can either be reached by boat or foot, there are no cars driving in this city! Three bridges cross the over 4km/2.5 miles long Grand Canal, of these the Rialto Bridge is the most famous and also the oldest. By the way, the Canal Grande is only about 5 metres/17ft deep.





Pompeii ruins

The ancient ruins of Pompeii near Naples in southern Italy are one of Italy's major tourist attractions. The city of Pompeii was a major resort city during the times of Ancient Rome.

However, in 79 AD, disaster struck the city when it was buried under 20 feet of ash and debris from the eruption of the nearby volcano, Mount Vesuvius, which is still alive today.



The ancient town was once home to over 10,000 people and its ruins can be visited.

The magnificent amphitheatre is one of the most intact buildings and structures still to be seen on this UNESCO world heritage site.



Amalfi coast

The Amalfi Coast is a stretch of coastline on the northern coast of the Salerno Gulf on the Tyrrhenian Sea, located in southern Italy.

The Amalfi Coast is a popular tourist destination for the region and Italy as a whole, attracting thousands of tourists annually.

In 1997, the Amalfi Coast was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

There are lots of popular tourist destinations such as Sorrento, Positano and Capri.





There are many, many more famous and exciting places to visit in Italy.

Today, we're going to be using online maps to see if we can find some of these attractions and find out more about them

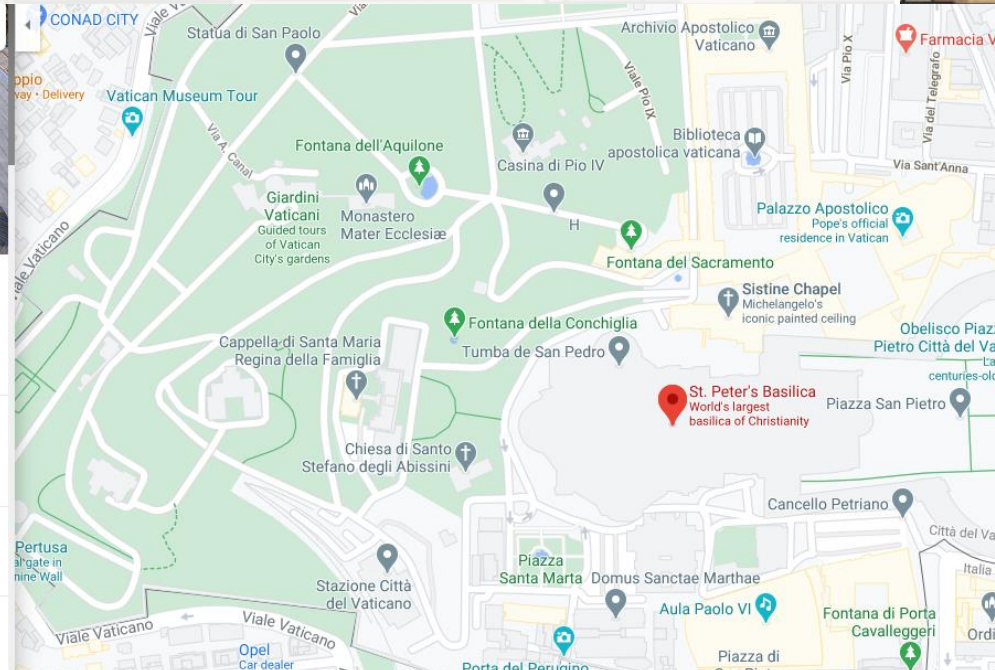
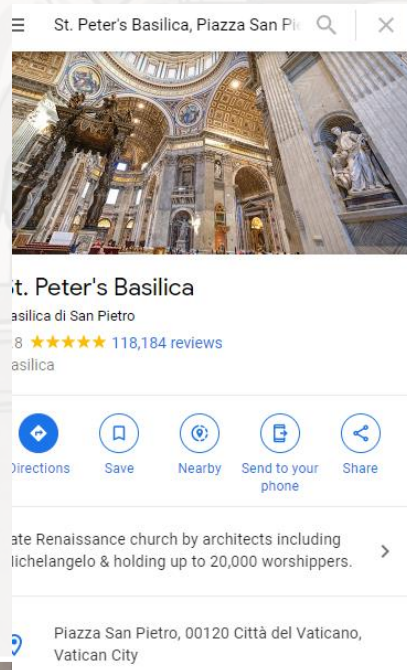
Have you ever used online maps before?

What different things can you do with online maps?

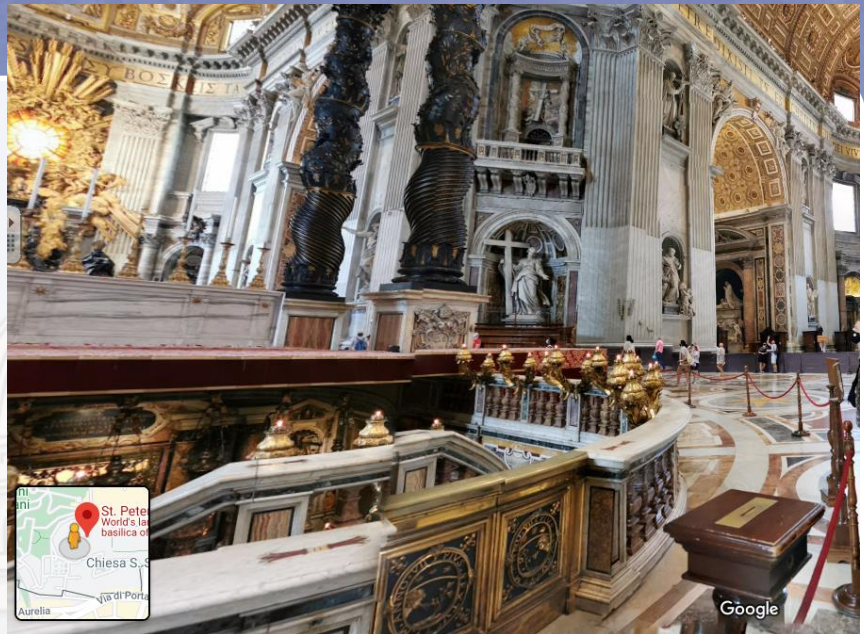
Let's see if we can find St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City together using an online map!



Using **Google maps** type in – St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City



Click on Street view
to take a look
around St. Peter's
Basilica and even
inside!



Are you ready to go and explore Italy on your own?

Use Google maps to see which famous Italian tourist attractions you can see at the given addresses. Use the 'street view' so you can see exactly what is at each location. You might have to look around a bit!

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<i>Rione II Trevi Rome, Metropolitan City of Rome, Italy</i>		
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ANSWERS

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<i>Via Villa dei Misteri, 2, 80045 Pompei NA, Italy</i>	POMPEII RUINS	
<i>Piazza del Colosseo, 1, 00184 Roma RM, Italy</i>	COLOSSEUM	
<i>30100 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy</i>	GRAND CANAL	

Next Step:

If you were to visit Italy, which attraction would you most like to see?

Why?