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Is there any country on earth that wears its history as lightly as Italy? Italy is a country located in south-central Europe, occupying a peninsula that juts deep into the Mediterranean Sea (Verzichelli & Cotta 2018). It is made up of some of the most scenic and varied landscape on the planet and usually described as a country shaped like a boot. With Rome as its capital city, it covers a total area of 301,340 Km2  and shares land borders with Austria, Switzerland, France, and the enclave microstates of San Marino and Vatican City (Verzichelli & Cotta 2018). Due to its central geographic location, it has historically been home to myriad people and cultures.

At the start of 2021, Italy had an estimated population of 60 million. Its population density, which stands at 197 individuals per square kilometre is considered to be high than the majority of the Western European nations. The majority of people in Italy are Christians, which accounts for 83%, which comprises of an overwhelming number of Roman Catholic with fewer Protestants and Jehovah's Witnesses. Consequently, Muslims accounts for 3.8 percent while unaffiliated accounts for 12 percent. The official language for this country is Italian with more than approximately 56 million speakers.

Italy is considered one of the most popular vacation destinations in the world. Famous for its beautiful small towns, rich historical sites, incredible food, highly regarded art and equally picturesque cities, coastline and countryside, it is right to say that the country offers are unmatched. From the ancient city street of Rome to the lapping waterways of Venice, to the dazzling glamour of the Amalfi Coast, it offers a true definition of the beauty. The city of Rome is considered a worldwide renowned historical and cultural powerhouse. In this city, visitors can find the most essential relic from the Roman Empire, the best food and an experience as the center of Catholicism (Valeri, 2017). The beauty of Venice is also unmatched. Its uniqueness is greatly attributed to the canals that run through the city like roads. Consequently, reaching the cliff-side Amalfi Coast is certainly a trek, but according to travellers, the journey is more than worth it. The region covers more than two dozen miles of coastline and is home to 13 colorful seasides each with its own unique story.

Despite these attractive destinations available for visits in Italy, due to the persistent COVID-19 pandemic, it is estimated that it will record a decrease of 70 million tourist arrival in 2021 over the previous year. However, with the introduction of the vaccination pass, an initiative created by the European Commission, there will be a sure boost to travel this summer but the country will be able to return to its normal operations no earlier than 2023.

Indeed, Italy has drawn the attention of many travellers seeking the right destination for overseas vacation. The fascinating culture, rich history, diverse environments and great attractions for exploring the natural beauty and historical sites offers a fascinating experience for those visiting Italy. With so much to see and look forward to, it is little wonder that Italy has turned to be such a popular vacation destination for people from all over the world. I, therefore, challenge you to find time to visit these places and you will surely enjoy it. Thank You!

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