



## REFERENCES

- A. MAPS- Italian cities are not laid out on a grid and street names often change every few blocks. Therefore, if you spend any significant time in Rome or Milan you need a good map. Many are available at newsstands and in tobacco/stationery shops. We recommend the Verdesi map of Rome.
- B. TELEPHONE BOOK- There is a special supplement to the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory in each city. Called *Tutta Citta'*, these supplements contain maps of the city, or the area covered by the directory, and an alphabetical listing of street names. They also include lists of: tourist agencies, monuments, churches (including hours of services), museums(with days and hours open), libraries, cinemas, theaters, train stations, air lines, bus routes, pharmacies open at night, hospitals, consulates, and various other facilities, all with addresses and phone numbers. You can buy a copy at some of the larger office supply/stationery shops.
- C. BOOKS- You'll get more out of a visit to Italy if you read up on its history and major attractions before you come here. There are lots of newer books that I'm sure you can find at any B&N but here are a few old standbys to consider:
- *The Companion Guide to Rome* by Georgia Masson- A well-written and comprehensive guide to the architecture, history and customs of Rome, taken zone by zone.
  - *Italian Villas and Palaces* by Georgia Masson- A guide to selected architectural treasures throughout Italy.
  - *Italy, the Places in Between* by Kate Simon- Our favorite travel book on Italy, even if it's a little old by now. It ignores the big cities to concentrate on lesser known spots. It's full of interesting observations on places and customs.
  - *The Italians* by Luigi Barzini- Not a travel book but it can contribute to an understanding of the people and the country.
  - *Vino* by Burton Anderson- The best guide to Italian wines. It's too big to carry around but it's a must for the wine lover.
  - *Collins Italian-English Dictionary*- This pocket size dictionary has concise explanations of Italian grammar and verbs. However, without a feel for language or some knowledge of Italian, a dictionary won't help much. The Berlitz phrase book may be more useful to the casual tourist.

- *The Blue Guide to Rome*- available at newsstands along the via Veneto and the shops listed below, it offers step by step descriptions of all the major attractions on any tourist itinerary.
  - *Arthur Frommer's Europe on \$?\** *A Day*- \*Last we noticed it was \$25 a day but prices have probably gone up. Whatever the daily limit, it's a useful book for those whose objective is to see the most while spending the least.
- D. BOOKSHOPS- If you don't read up on Italy before you come, there are several English language bookshops in Rome, and guidebooks can be found at newsstands and stationery shops throughout the city as well as at the airports and train stations. Some shops to try"
- Lion Bookshop- via del Babuino 181, near Piazza del Popolo. The most complete English language bookshop in Rome.
  - Economy Book Center- 29 Piazza di Spagna-; tel:6790103. All sorts of books in English, new and used.. They'll buy back books from you after you've read them. Lots of bargains here for the avid reader.
  - The Bookshelf- Galleria INA 23, via due Macelli. Guidebooks and paperbacks, mostly very light reading. (This may be gone.)
- E. LOCAL PERIODICALS- Back in 1981-82 there were three English language daily newspapers, two of which also operated radio stations. Unfortunately, all three went out of business. The Rome Daily isn't quite dead. It publishes a paper containing local gossip, travel tips and tourist advice about once a week. The International Herald Tribune is printed in Italy (and other countries) and is available at most newsstands in the afternoon. USA Today, the Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times are also available but none of them carry any local information.
- This Week in Rome- comes out on Friday with text in both English and Italian. It is a useful guide to events of the week, as well as listing a lot of other information of general interest.
  - The Church of Santa Susanna, at via Venti Settembre 14, publishes a church oriented booklet with a lot of useful information about Rome.
- F. RADIO and TV- The English language stations have vanished. Radio Vatican does have some foreign language news. Of course the ubiquitous CNN is present in most hotels.

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