




## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN ITALY


Event Title	<p><b>CARNIVAL OF VENICE</b></p> <p>“Life is a Theater. It’s time to get masked!” is the motto of the most popular and beloved carnival in Italy, which dates back for more than 700 years. A carnival is a medieval pagan holiday which has strong roots in the winter rituals, back when masks and laughter were believed to repel the evil spirits of winter.</p>
Place of event	Carnival is celebrated all over Italy. The most famous is the CARNIVAL OF VENICE
Date or month	Carnival is a festive season that occurs immediately before the Christian season of Lent.
Contact	<p><a href="http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/en/">http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/en/</a></p> <p><a href="http://holycity.org/the-carnival-of-venice/">http://holycity.org/the-carnival-of-venice/</a></p>
Photos and/or videos	  <p>Official video Carnival of Venice 2015:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCgoDSrwXpk&amp;list=PL1LhRZ6V1kWHWJU6yjeu3MJuh164uM-MQ#t=21">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCgoDSrwXpk&amp;list=PL1LhRZ6V1kWHWJU6yjeu3MJuh164uM-MQ#t=21</a></p>

Event Title	<p><b>MYSTERIES OF TRAPANI</b></p> <p>The Procession of the Mysteries of Trapani or simply the Mysteries of Trapani (in Italian: Processione dei Misteri di Trapani or simply the Misteri di Trapani) is a day-long passion procession featuring twenty floats of lifelike wood, canvas and glue sculptures of individual scenes of the events of the Passion. The Misteri are amongst the oldest</p>
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	<p>continuously running religious events in Europe, having been played every Good Friday since before the Easter of 1612, and running for at least 16 continuous hours, but occasionally well beyond the 24 hours, are the longest religious festival in Sicily and in Italy.</p> <p>The “Misteri” are an artistic representation of the Passion and Death of Jesus through twenty sculptural groups, including two statues of the Dead Jesus and of the Lady of Sorrows.</p>
Place of event	Trapani, Sicily
Date or month	Good Friday
Contact	
Photos and/or videos	<p>Trapani Easter Parade:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0oLzEOLtVw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0oLzEOLtVw</a></p>   


Event Title	<p><b>LIBERATION DAY</b>  Italy's Liberation Day, also known as the Anniversary of the Liberation,</p>
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	Anniversary of the Resistance, or simply April 25 is a national Italian holiday commemorating the end of the second world war and the end of Nazi occupation of the country
Place of event	All over Italy (public holiday)
Date or month	April, 25
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Photos and/or videos	<a href="http://www.panorama.it/foto/25-aprile-1945-liberazione/#gallery-0=slide-1">http://www.panorama.it/foto/25-aprile-1945-liberazione/#gallery-0=slide-1</a>


Event Title	<b>EXPO MILANO 2015</b> Feeding the Planet. Energy for Life. Expo Milano 2015 is the Universal Exhibition that Milan, Italy, will host from May 1 to October 31, 2015. Over this six-month period, Milan will become a global showcase where more than 140 participating countries will show the best of their technology that offers a concrete answer to a vital need: being able to guarantee healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone, while respecting the Planet and its equilibrium. In addition to the exhibitor nations, the Expo also involves international organizations, and expects to welcome over 20 million visitors to its 1.1 million square meters of exhibition area.
Place of event	Milan
Date or month	From 1 <sup>st</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2015
Contact	<a href="http://www.expo2015.org/en">http://www.expo2015.org/en</a> The theme: <a href="http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme">http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme</a> Charter of Milan: <a href="http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme/charter-of-milan">http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme/charter-of-milan</a>
Photos and/or videos	The institutional logo: <a href="http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme/the-institutional-logo">http://www.expo2015.org/en/learn-more/the-theme/the-institutional-logo</a>  MILANO 2015

Event Title	<b>THE REPUBLIC DAY</b> The Republic Day (in Italian Festa della Repubblica) is the Italian National Day and Republic Day, which is celebrated on 2 June each year. The day commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to the polls to decide on the form of government, following the second World War and the fall of Fascism.
Place of event	All over Italy (public holiday), especially in institutional places
Date or month	June, 2
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Photos and/or	Military parade held in Rome – Via dei Fori Imperiali – on 2 June 2014

videos	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZ8L-laG-Ho">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZ8L-laG-Ho</a>
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Event Title	<p><b>THE LIQUEFACTION OF ST. JANUARIUS' BLOOD</b></p> <p>Januarius (Italian: San Gennaro), Bishop of Naples, is a Martyr saint of the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox Churches.</p> <p>Januarius is the patron saint of Naples, where the faithful gather three times a year in Naples Cathedral to witness the liquefaction of what is claimed to be a sample of his blood kept in a sealed glass ampoule. Saint Januarius is famous for the miracle of the annual liquefaction of his blood.</p> <p>Thousands of people assemble to witness this event in Naples Cathedral three times a year: on September 19 (Saint Januarius day, to commemorate his martyrdom), on December 16 (to celebrate his patronage of both Naples and of the archdiocese), and on the Saturday before the first Sunday of May (to commemorate the reunification of his relics).</p>
Place of event	Naples
Date or month	September 19 <sup>th</sup> , December 16 <sup>th</sup> , on the Saturday before the first Sunday of May
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Photos and/or videos	 <p><a href="http://www.ansa.it/campania/notizie/2014/09/19/si-e-sciolto-il-sangue-di-san-gennaro_387d6ff6-94a0-4070-b154-72e480574622.html">http://www.ansa.it/campania/notizie/2014/09/19/si-e-sciolto-il-sangue-di-san-gennaro_387d6ff6-94a0-4070-b154-72e480574622.html</a></p>

Event Title	<p><b>PALIO DI SIENA</b></p> <p>The Palio di Siena (known locally simply as Il Palio) is a horse race that is held twice each year, on July 2 and August 16, in Siena, Italy. Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten of the seventeen city wards (contrade, in Italian). The Palio held on July 2 is named Palio di Provenzano, in honour of the Madonna of Provenzano. The Palio held on August 16 is named Palio dell'Assunta, in honour of the Assumption of Mary.</p> <p>A pageant precedes the race, which attracts visitors and spectators from around the world.</p> <p>The race itself, in which the jockeys ride bareback, circles the Piazza del Campo, on which a thick layer of dirt has been laid, three times and usually lasts no more than 90 seconds. It is common for a few of the</p>
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	jockeys to be thrown off their horses while making the treacherous turns in the piazza, and indeed, it is usual to see unmounted horses finishing the race without their jockeys.
Place of event	Siena, Italy
Date or month	July, 2 – August, 16
Contact	<a href="http://www.comune.siena.it/La-Citta/Palio">http://www.comune.siena.it/La-Citta/Palio</a>
Photos and/or videos	 <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1eroYuDE44">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1eroYuDE44</a></p>