

The Best Road Trips & Destinations

for U.S. Military Members Stationed in Italy



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This guide highlights the best road trips and destinations in Italy, including towns, churches, scenic drives and more.

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The Italian Lake District: This stretches across Northern Italy. The southern ends of the lakes are quite shallow, but the northern ends are extremely deep and beautiful. It is a breathtaking view that includes the Garda, Como and Maggiore lakes. The weather is mild in the summer and winter, so this trip can be made all year round.



Umbria: Umbria is known as "the green heart of Italy" with rolling hills, woods, valleys and streams. Within the region are classic hill-towns with artistic and architectural treasures. Enjoy the history and beauty of this region.



Costiera Amalfitana: Also known as the Amalfi Coast, this is the most scenic stretch of coastline with landscapes of bluffs, hillsides, gardens and turquoise water. Along the Sorrento Peninsula, this coastline starts at the southern end of the Bay of Naples and then into Salerno.



National Park of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise: These regions of Abruzzo are two hours east of Rome featuring gorgeous countryside. The road quickly turns into mountains, hiking trails and forests.



The Great Dolomite Road: This drive travels through the Dolomite Mountains in northern Italy. There are numerous hiking trails and scenic views along the way. The route is between the towns of Bolzano and Cortina d'Ampezzo on the SS241 and SS48 roads. The roads are closed due to snow during certain times of the year, so make sure to venture during nice weather.



Passo dello Stelvio: Translated into English, it's called the Stelvio Pass. It is located between Bormio and Stelvio, Italian Alps. This road may sound familiar since it was named 'The World's Greatest Driving Road' on the BBC TV show 'Top Gear'. The 45 mile long route is claimed to be one of the more dramatic and challenging roads to drive in Italy. This is not a route for the inexperienced driver.



Gallura Cost: If you are looking to get away from the more populated roads then this is the route for you. The Gallura Coast is unknown to most tourists, which adds to the natural beauty. Located in Sardinia, this route is along the island with panoramic views of the water.



A24 Rome to Pescara: The A24 runs practically down the middle of Italy, between Rome and Pescara and over the Gran Sasso Mountains. This is truly a scenic route you won't find anywhere else. Be sure to stop along the way to visit some of the towns and take in the culture.



Cisa Pass: Located on a mountain between the Ligurian and Tuscan Apennines is the Cisa Pass, a highway that runs along the valley of the River Magra. It has beautiful view towards the coast at 3,414 feet above sea level.



Gardena Pass: The Gardena Pass is located in South Tyrol, Italy. This route has picturesque views of the Italian countryside and peaks of the Dolomites Mountains, or also known as the Italian Alps. Stop along the way to visit some of the towns and enjoy the stunning views.

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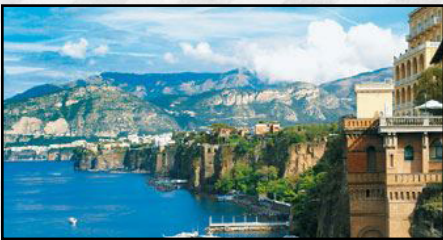
Sicily: This Island is the perfect getaway destination. Most of its beauty can only be seen by car. There many activities to do, such as the visiting the vineyards of Mt. Etna, tours of the Greek theaters and temples... and of course the beach.



Tuscany: Enjoy one of Italy's most popular regions. Visit wineries, iconic villas and picture perfect towns.



Rome: One of the most famous and timeless cities is a must-see. The amount to explore is endless, such as the Trevi Fountain, The Colosseum, The Pantheon and shopping at the Campo de'Fiori. Don't skip this location on your next trip, it is worth the stop.



Sorrento: Is known as The Land of the Mermaids. This charming town is located right outside of Campania. Come and enjoy great sea fishing, boat tours, sea cliffs, hiking trails and much more from the alluring island.



Pompeii: This is the most famous Roman city that was under several feet of volcanic ash from Mt. Vesuvius. Located near Naples, the city offers tours of the ancient Roman world.



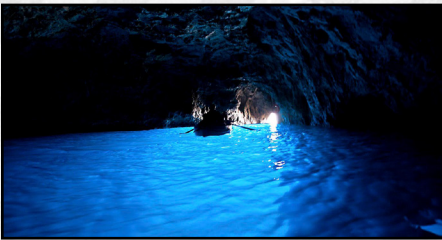
Venice: The unbelievably romantic city of Venice should be on everyone's list. Enjoy gondola rides, opera, classical music, art galleries and even food tours. This city on the water is one of a kind.



Vatican City: This is the home to some of the world's most priceless art collections such as Medieval Art, portraits, statues and more. The beautiful city has numerous attractions such as the Vatican Palace, St. Peter's Square and Vatican Museums. If you are looking to immerse into the culture of a different era then you should add Vatican City to your next trip.



Naples: This is southern Italy's largest city and has a hefty amount of attractions. You can do countless activities in the Bay of Naples, take a tour in the Archeology Museum, shop in the Piazza del Mercato or see an opera in the Teatro di San Carlo. The food is incredible especially since this is the famous birth place of pizza.



The Blue Gratto: Located in Capri, The Blue Grotto is a natural sea cave lit with an azure blue light. Guests enter a rowboat and lay back on a guided boat and feel like you are floating. This sight is unlike any other with the sliver reflections bouncing off the walls. It is a truly magical place that cannot be seen anywhere else.



Santa Maria Delle Grazie: Within Millan is this famous church. The most 'important' piece of artwork housed within the Santa Maria Delle Grazie is the famous 'The Last Supper', by Leonardo da Vinci. Tickets are sold separately to view this masterpiece. Be sure to get them in advance.

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