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Italy is a sovereign state in Europe, mainly composed of the Apennine peninsula in southern Europe and the two Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Sardinia. The northern Alps of Italy are connected with France, Switzerland, and etc., and Italy also consists of two miniature countries, San Marino and the Vatican. Italy is considered influential in politics, culture, science, health care, education, art, and fashion. Rome, as the capital of Italy, is also the center of politics, economy, culture and transportation. It is also a world-known historical city, and known as the "Eternal City" because of its long history and preservation of a large number of monuments.

Rome is the third most visited city in the EU and is considered as one of the ten most beautiful ancient cities in the world. The New York Times has also described it as the most beautiful city in the world. Today's Italian region is the cradle of former European nation and culture, and has been the political center of the Western world for centuries. In terms of aviation, Italy's annual passenger traffic is about 140 million passengers, and the cargo is nearly 860,000 tons. Its domestic routes are widely distributed, and the flight time to the farthest places within its territory is about two hours. There are 112 airports in the country, 90 of which are open for civilian use, and 43 of them are open for commercial flights. The annual passenger traffic of Rome's Fiumicino Airport and Milan's Malpensa Airport are 47.1 million and 19.4 million respectively. Since 1995, China Airlines and Italy Airlines have joined operations, with two to three times a week of Taipei-Rome route via New Delhi, India. Furthermore, in April 2009, the Civil Aeronautics Administration of Taiwan and Italy had officially signed the air rights agreement. China Airlines has also flown directly from Taipei to Rome in 2017 with new plane models, and will no longer be stopping at New Delhi, India, saving passenger transit time. In terms of real estate, the rental yields in Rome and Milan are about 2.4% to 4.5%. As for apartment prices, the average price of apartments in the affluent neighborhoods of Rome ranges from 4,400 euros to 4,900 euros per square meter. In the center of Rome and Milan, the price is around 8,000 euros per square meter.

In terms of industry, Rome has a diversified economic system until today, including state management, tourism, service industry, and scientific research. Tourism is one of Rome's key pillar industries. Many museums in the city, including the Vatican Museum, the Borghese Gallery, etc., are famous tourist attractions. In addition, Rome relies on good climatic conditions and preserved historical architectures to make the city an important production base for the film industry, for example, the film "Rome, Open City" and "Roman Holiday" are filmed in Rome. Many international companies and organizations have their headquarters in Rome as well, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations World Food Programme, etc., showing the importance of Rome by the international community and their belief that Rome can continue to maintain a dynamic tourism and business environment.