

Finding a teaching job in Italy isn't impossible – but it takes research and dedication. It also takes proper research into the specific requirements that the country has for teachers (particularly foreign teachers), the options available to new teachers, and the locations that offer the most positions and additional support for traveling teachers.

As you move forward in the process, there are some essential tips that you should consider.

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- TEFL Certification --- TEFL or Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certification is a recommended process for teachers considering teaching in Italy. While your specialty might not be English, teaching any other subject will be made much easier with a certification. It will also highly increase your chances of employment in Italy.
- Travel --- Always visit the country before making your decision. More specifically, visit the region and city you hope to eventually move to. It is important to get familiar with the options available there – and also introduce yourself face-to-face during the hiring process. At the latest, you should be prepared to be in Italy during the fall hiring months.
- Visas --- Visas can be hard to obtain for some teachers. Because of this, it makes the most sense to find an organization or school that is willing to fill out and submit sponsorship paperwork for you. The process will be made easier and more likely to end well if you have an Italian organization speaking on your behalf.
- Money --- When you arrive in Italy, it is important that you are prepared to live off of savings until you land your job and start getting paychecks. It is recommended that you have enough savings to cover living expenses and additional travel for as much as eight weeks.
- Income --- Understand how much you will need to earn in salary to live in the city that you have chosen. Alternatively, make sure you research how much you might be able to save by relocating into a further city and commuting. With many options available for public transportation, it can be simple and cost effective to commute to many areas within the country.
- Language --- Although many teachers are able to get by with very little knowledge of the Italian language, it is advisable that you know at least some. In larger cities, it is not always necessary to learn Italian before moving because many students will already understand English. In more rural communities, however, an inability to communicate in the local language could harm your ability to effectively teach there. Bi-lingual teachers often have the most opportunity – and the most success.

As you consider a move to Italy for new teaching opportunities, there are many items to take into consideration before making a decision. It is important that you thoroughly research your options and make the move that is best for your overall career and life goals.

Like any other employment experience, your relocation to Italy should benefit both you and your students. And, of course, it should be an enjoyable adventure as well. [Teach in Italy](#)