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# ITALY DRIVING TIPS

*A few tips to help you get around.*

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## DRIVING TIPS

- Technically an international driver's license is required to drive in Italy. You can get this here: <https://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpf.html>
- They drive on the same side of the road as we do (in the States).
- Be confident, stay calm, and go at a comfortable pace.
- Be aware of motorcycles, scooters, and bikes - stay your course, they will go around you.
- No right turn on red
- Left lane is for passing only. You can get a ticket for driving slower than the flow of traffic in the left lane.
- *Autovelox* machines are located on roadways and highways all over Italy. They clock your speed and will send you a ticket automatically in the mail, often months later.
- Italians are concerned with what's in front of them, not behind them. If you have a gap, take it.
- Italians are much less aggressive and mad than American drivers. They may make some hand gestures in your direction, but they aren't mad. It's all part of the fun of driving.

## SIGNAGE



Public Parking lot



Center of town "centro"



Do not enter



No parking

- Senso Unico = ONE WAY
- Centro = HISTORIC CENTER THIS WAY
- "P" blue sign = PUBLIC PARKING LOT
- Red circle with white horizontal line = DO NOT ENTER
- Blue circle with red border and diagonal stripe = NO PARKING
- ZTL Zone white sign with red letter = RESTRICTED TRAFFIC ZONE for permit holders only.

## PUBLIC PARKING LOTS

**Public Parking Lots** – Marked with a blue sign with a large “P” on it and blue-striped spaces, these are paid lots for all drivers.

There will be a **meter** nearby where you can pay for the time you need, collect the ticket, and place the ticket on the dash of your parked car.

Most meters show rates and info in English as well. Most meters will only accept EUR cash and coins.

The best thing to do is to park in the first major public parking lot you find coming into a town, then walk into the historic city center from there.



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## GETTING GAS

**Getting gas** – The gas stations often have an attendant or a pre-payment machine. If there is an attendant, they must pump the gas, which is great – makes it easier for you. Let them know how much \$\$ you would like them to fill to, and have cash ready.

If an attendant is not available, use the pre-payment machine. There is usually one per gas station, rather than a machine at every pump. Find the machine, enter your pump number, select the amount you wish to pay, then enter your cash or credit card. The machine will credit your pump.

*Benza senza piombo = unleaded gasoline*

*Gasolio = diesel*

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## ON THE AUTOSTRADA & TOLLS

When entering a toll road, get a ticket. When you exit the toll road, you will either hand this ticket to the attendant, or insert it into a machine.

They will determine how much you owe. You can either pay by cash or credit card – *payment option will be indicated on the signs above the lane.*

Be prepared to enter the lane with your desired payment type – either “contanti/cash” or “carta/credit card” – also indicated by symbols.

**Telepass = local fast pass (do not enter this lane)**

**Carte = credit cards**

**Cash symbol on the black and white board**



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*Buon Viaggio!*

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