

Lesson Four: Zoom in on Italy

Factsheet on Naples

Name in Italian: Roma

Region located in: Lazio

Population: 2,840,000

Historical background

Rome is known as the Eternal City. This means it has always been a major city in world history. Rome began as an Etruscan City. However, Roman legend tells us that the founders of Rome were the twins Romulus and Remus. Rome City is built around seven hills. The Romans are one of the most famous civilisations in the world and the city grew to its peak under their command. Roman rule lasted nearly 500 years.

Most famous tourist sights

Rome is the capital city of Italy. It is known as an ancient city and millions of tourists visit the city to see the famous Roman artefacts. The most popular places to visit are the Colosseum, The Forum, Spanish Steps, The Pantheon, St. Peters Basilica, Piazza Navona and Sant'Angelo Castle. The Vatican City is extremely popular, not only because this is where the Pope lives, but because it is its own independent city state.

City economics

Rome is the capital city. Tourism forms an important part of the economy of the city. However, although it is the capital of the country, most of the businesses and banks in Italy are located in the northern cities. The Comunes in Rome are trying to attract international businesses to the city, such as banking, insurance, printing, publishing and fashion. Italy makes a lot of films, and the offices for these films can be found very close to Rome.

Other information

The Comunes of Rome want to develop the city. However, it is a challenging task because as soon as developers dig into the ground they find another Roman artefact. Development then has to stop in excavate the area to learn more about this famous civilisation.