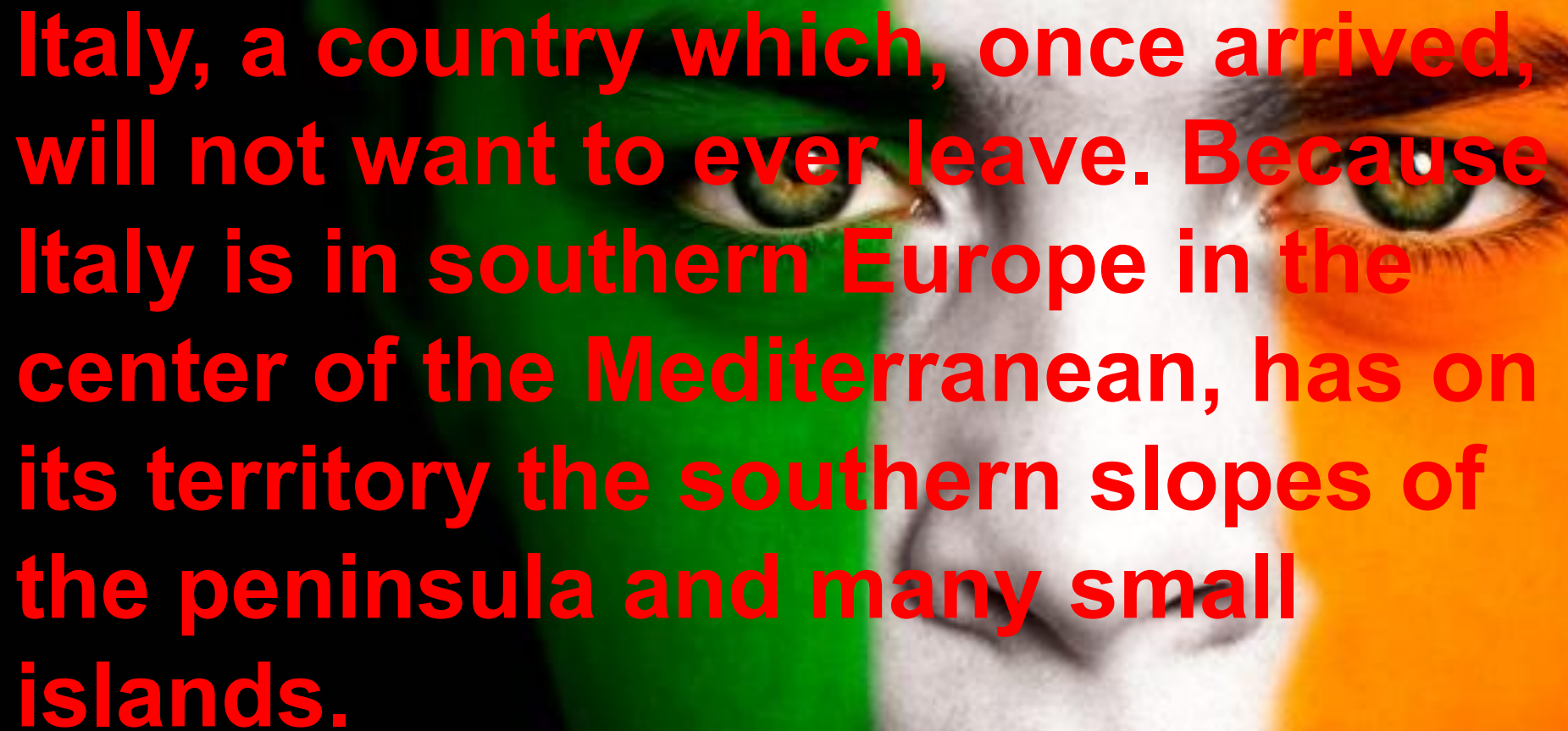


*ITALY*

A horizontal bar representing the Italian flag, with green on the left, white in the center, and red on the right.



**Italy, a country which, once arrived, will not want to ever leave. Because Italy is in southern Europe in the center of the Mediterranean, has on its territory the southern slopes of the peninsula and many small islands.**

ITALIA





# GEOGRAPHY

## (introduction)

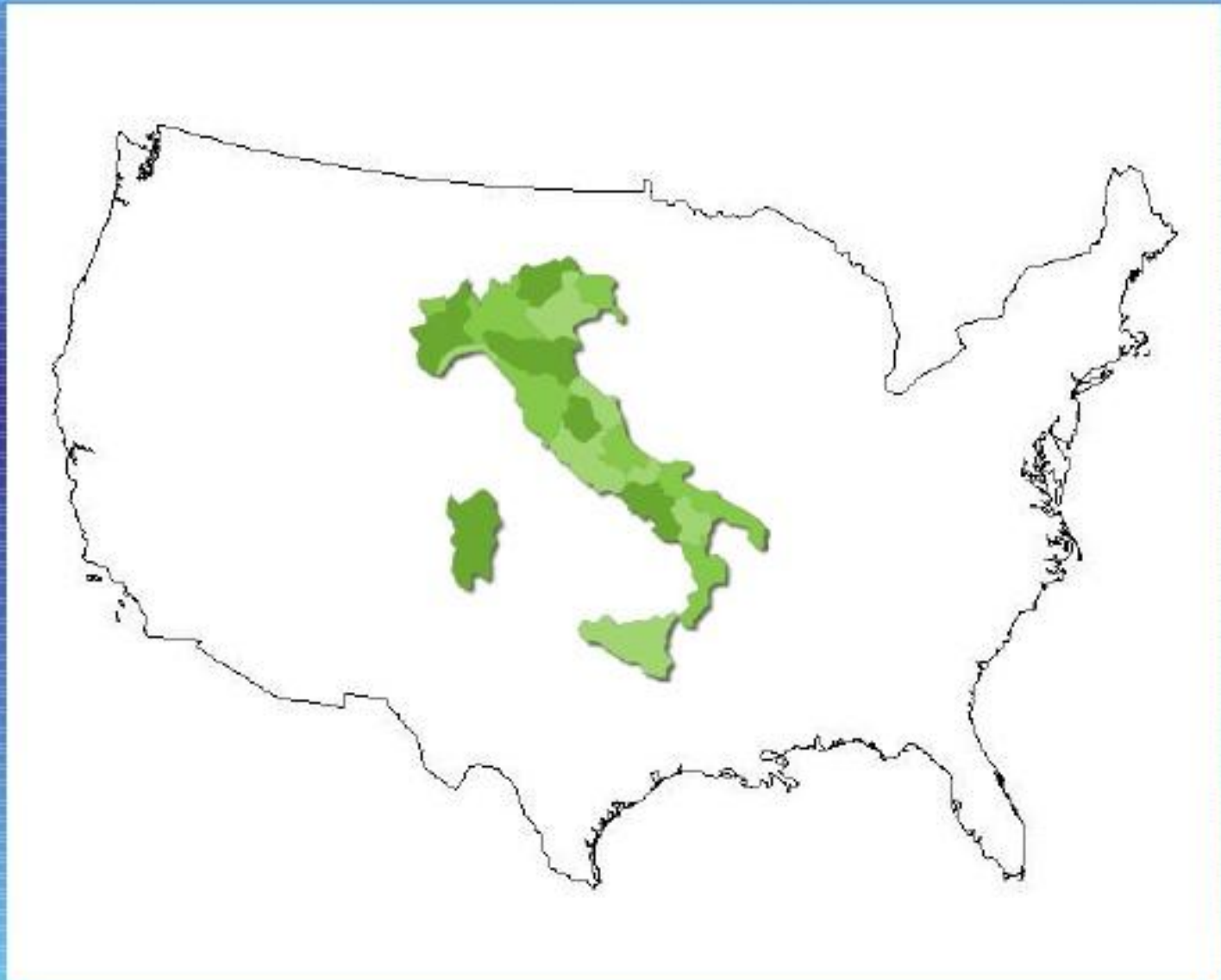


- ✦ **Location:** Southern Europe, bordering Austria 430 km, France 488 km, Holy See (Vatican City) 3.2 km, San Marino 39 km, Slovenia 232 km, Switzerland 740 km
- ✦ **Capital:** Rome
- ✦ **Climate:** predominantly Mediterranean; Alpine in far north; hot, dry in south
- ✦ **Population:** 58,057,477 (July 2004 est.)
- ✦ **Ethnic Make-up:** Italian (includes small clusters of German-, French-, and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian-Italians and Greek-Italians in the south)

Italy is located in southern Europe. It sticks out into the Mediterranean Sea like a boot.



Italy is about 116,000 square miles in size. The United States is about 3.79 million square miles. Meaning that the United States is about 33 time LARGER than Italy. About 58 million people live in Italy.





**Rome is the capital of Italy and its largest city. Today, about 2,656,000 people live in Rome.**



Italy's climate changes depending on where you are. The northern areas are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Snow can begin in the Alps as early as the middle of September. As you travel south, the temperature becomes more mild. In the summer, extremely hot temperatures can be found in the areas south of Rome.



Pasitano Beach



The Alps



Italy's largest cities are Rome, Milan, Naples, Turin, and Palermo.  
Florence, Genoa, and Bologna are other important cities.



Venice, Italy



Rome, Italy

Italy is a beautiful country. The Alps are located in northern Italy. The Apennine mountains cut down the center of Italy, stretching from north to south, dividing the east and west coasts. The cities of Italy are popular vacation spots for travelers from all over the world.



The Alps



Apennine Mountains



# Tourist Places



Roman  
Colosseum



Tower of Pisa



Santa María de  
Fiore



Canal of Venice



There is a famous saying, "All roads lead to Rome." Rome is Italy's capital and its largest city. Over 2,500,000 people live there. Rome is known as "the eternal city." It is filled with some of the world's most famous buildings like the Colosseum and Trevi Fountain. If you throw a coin over your left shoulder while you have your back to the fountain, it is supposed to bring you good luck and a quick return to Rome.



Colosseum



Trevi Fountain

Italy is certainly one of the most beautiful places in the world.  
From the Leaning Tower of Pisa to the canals of Venice, Italy is  
truly wonderful!!





Florence is located in the Tuscany region at the bottom of the Apennine Mountains. It is known for its famous museums, architecture, and artwork. Florence is one of the world's most visited cities because of the amazing paintings and statues that you can see here. Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci are two of the famous artists whose work you can see here.



Florence, Italy



David by  
Michelangelo



Mona Lisa  
by da Vinci



**Thank you for  
attention!**