

Life in a European Country: How is life different in Northern Italy?

Very Important Vocabulary:

Mountains: Mountains are very tall pieces of land that rise high above the land around them. They often have steep sides and can be formed when parts of the Earth's surface push together.

Climate: Climate is the usual weather a place has over a long time. It includes things like how hot or cold it is, how much rain or snow falls, and how windy it is.

Vegetation: Vegetation means all the plants that grow in a place. This includes trees, bushes, grasses, and flowers. The type of vegetation in an area depends on the climate, soil, and how much water the plants get.

Physical Features: Physical features are the natural parts of the land. These include mountains, rivers, valleys, lakes, hills, and beaches. They are not made by people—they are part of nature.

Human Features: Human features are things that people have built. These include houses, roads, bridges, schools, farms, and cities. Human features show how people live and use the land.

Settlement: A settlement is a place where people live. It can be a small village, a town, or a big city. People build homes and other buildings in settlements and live there as a community.

Venice

Venice is a city built on water. Venice is made up of over 100 small islands joined by bridges and canals. People use boats instead of cars! Its canals, old buildings, and famous churches make it a very special place. Tourism is important in Venice - but it causes problems too. Lots of people visit Venice each year, helping the local economy. But so many visitors can cause pollution, damage old buildings, and harm the water and wildlife. Some people want fewer cruise ships and more eco-friendly tourism.



Northern Italy and the South West of the UK

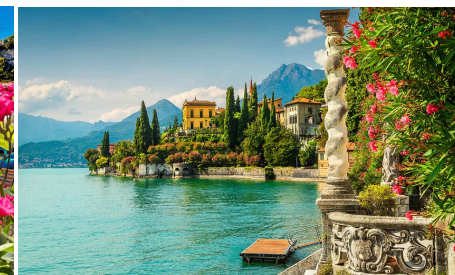
Both places have beautiful landscapes, farming, and lots of tourists. But Italy has snowy mountains and warmer weather, while the South West UK has green hills, moorlands, and cooler, wetter weather. Italy's food includes pasta and olive oil, while the UK is known for pasties and cream teas!

Landscapes:

Northern Italy has lots of different landscapes. In the north, you'll find the tall Alps mountains. There are also gentle hills in a place called Piedmont and wide, flat lands in the Po Valley. Big rivers like the Po and Adige flow through this region and are important for farming and transport.

Lakes:

Lakes like Lake Garda and Lake Como are surrounded by mountains and towns. These lakes are popular places to visit because they are so pretty and relaxing.



Vernazza

Vernazza is a colourful coastal village. Vernazza is by the sea in a region called Cinque Terre. It has warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters. People grow grapes on the hills, and the town is known for its fishing and pretty harbour.



Ortisei

Ortisei is a snowy village in the mountains. Ortisei is in the Dolomites and has cold, snowy winters and cool summers. People go skiing there, and the houses look like wooden chalets with sloped roofs.