



Language

It takes very little Italian to get by while traveling in Florence and Rome. Most people you'll meet will speak at least some English. Regardless, though, we recommend learning a few words of Italian, so you can stand out as a polite and thoughtful visitor.

Hello: Buongiorno (bwon-DJOUR-noh)

Hi/Bye: Ciao (chow)

Yes: Si (see)

No: No (noh)

Please: Per Favore (pehr fah-VOH-reh)

Thank you: Grazie (GRAH-tsee-eh)

Excuse me (for attention): Scusi (SKOOH-zee)

Excuse me (to pass by): Permesso (pehr-MEHS-soh)

Do you speak English: Parla Inglese? (PAHR-la een-GLAY-zeh)

Trust us--this handful of phrases will get you far! (We use "Grazie" and "Parla Inglese?" the most frequently.)

Let us know if you have any additional questions about communicating in Italy!