

Pocket Guide: Dine, Shop, and Celebrate Like a Local

Dine Like a Local

- Vorrei... (vor-ray) – I would like...
- Un tavolo per due/quattro (oon tah-voh-loh pehr doo-eh / kwaht-troh) – A table for two/four.
- Vino della casa (vee-noh dehl-lah kah-zah) – House wine.
- Acqua frizzante / naturale (ahk-wah freets-tsahn-teh / nah-too-rah-leh) – Sparkling / Still water.
- Il conto, per favore (eel kohn-toh pehr fah-voh-reh) – The bill, please.
- Posso pagare con la carta? (pohs-so pah-gah-reh kohn lah kahr-tah) – Can I pay with a card?

Shop Like a Local

- Buongiorno (bwon-joor-no) – Good morning (greeting when entering a small shop).
- Posso guardare? (pohs-so gwahr-dah-reh) – May I look around?
- Quanto costa? (kwan-toh kaws-tah) – How much does it cost?
- Lo prendo (loh prehn-doh) – I'll take it.
- Avete una taglia diversa? (ah-veh-teh oo-nah tahl-yah dee-vehr-sah) – Do you have a different size?
- Arrivederci (ah-ree-veh-dehr-chee) – Goodbye

Celebrate Like a Local

- Salute! / Cin cin! (sah-loo-teh / cheen cheen) – Cheers!
- Ottimo lavoro! (oht-tee-moh lah-voh-roh) – Great job!
- Bravissimo! (brah-vees-see-moh) – Well done! / Fantastic!
- Facciamo un brindisi! (fahch-chah-moh oon breen-dee-zee) – Let's make a toast!
- Alla salute! (ahl-lah sah-loo-teh) – To your health!

Quick Pronunciation Hacks

- CH = K
- 👉 Chianti is Kee-ahn-tee | Bruschetta is Broo-sket-tah
- C = CH
- 👉 Ciao is Chow | Grazie is Grahst-see-eh (say the "eh" sound at the end!)
- GLI = Y
- 👉 Biglietto (ticket) is Beel-yeht-toh