

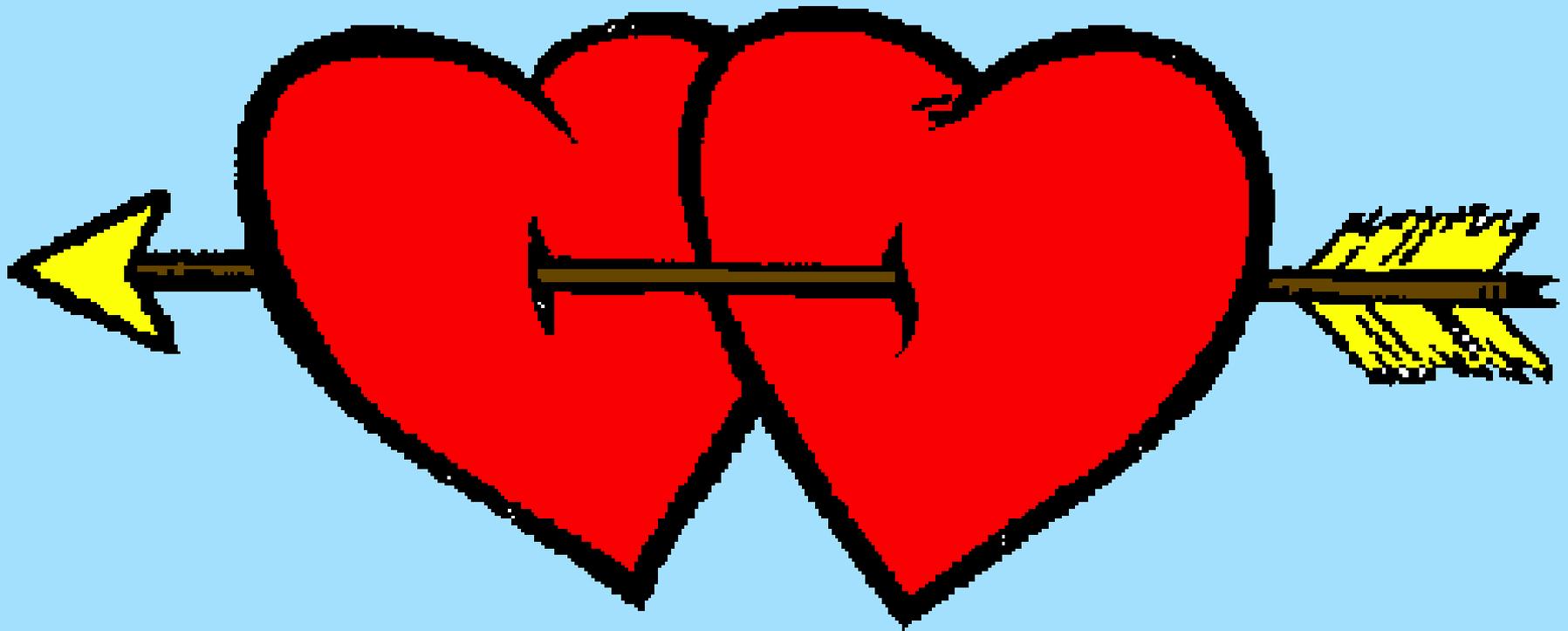
National Celebrations in Italy



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY



St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on 14th February and it is not a public holiday in Italy.



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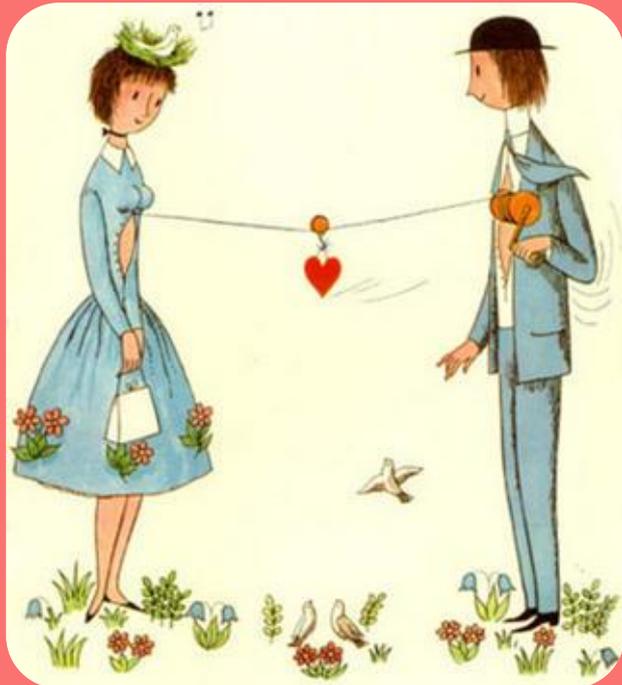
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Sweethearts usually give each other gifts, flowers and chocolates in heart-shaped boxes and have a nice dinner in a restaurant on St.Valentine's Day.





Carnival

In Italy Carnival is a great winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerade balls, entertainment, music and parties. Children and young people dress up and throw each other confetti.



The most famous carnival in Tuscany
is held in Viareggio.

The allegorical floats, which are made in papier-
mâché and parade along Viareggio promenade, are
inspired by Italian and international politics and
other events.

The symbol of Carnival is Burlamacco.



The typical Carnival cakes are ribbons of sweet pasta fried and covered with sugar or honey.



They have different shapes: squares, sheets, strips, diamonds, knots and twisted ribbons and different names such as **chiacchiere** (gossip) in the south of Italy, **cenci** (rags- tatters) in Tuscany, **bugie** (lies) in Piedmont...



International Women's Day



Girls, wives, friends and mothers are offered mimosa flowers by men and women. The mimosa flower is the "logo" of many posters, postcards and magazine covers.



FATHER'S DAY

A photograph of a father and his young son playing on a grassy field. The father is lying on his back, wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants, with his arms raised. The son is sitting on the father's chest, wearing a striped shirt and blue shorts, and is holding the father's hands. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background is a blurred green field under a bright sky.

**Italian people celebrate
St. Joseph's Day or Father's
Day on 19th March.**

They commemorate "San Giuseppe" or Saint Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary 's husband and Jesus Christ's foster father , a fatherly symbol of love, kindness and generosity.



The Italian name for Father's Day is "Festa del Papa' ". This is the day when children show their fathers their love and offer them presents.



**Rice fritters are delicious Tuscan cakes eaten
on this day!!**



Easter Sunday





Easter Sunday (Pasqua in Italian) is a public holiday in Italy and it celebrates Jesus Christ 's resurrection.

On Easter Sunday Catholic people go to the Holy Mass and have big meals with their relatives. The traditional Easter meal consists of "crostini", boiled eggs and "salumi", "ravioli" or "lasagne", roast lamb with peas and potatoes, and "colomba", a dove-shaped cake with almonds, symbol of peace.



At Easter children receive big chocolate eggs with a surprise inside. Chocolate eggs are typical Easter presents for friends and relatives.



Easter Monday

Easter Monday, also known as Pasquetta, is a public holiday. Italian people have picnics, go to restaurants or have trips with friends or relatives.



The background of the image is the Italian national flag, consisting of three vertical stripes of green, white, and red. The flag is depicted with a wavy, fabric-like texture, giving it a sense of movement and depth. The colors are vibrant and saturated.

APRIL 25

LIBERATION DAY

Liberation Day is a national holiday in Italy and it is celebrated on April 25th. It commemorates the day when Italy was liberated from the Nazi occupation by the Allied troops in the Second World War.

Italian partisans greet the Allied troops as they enter a Florence suburb south of the Arno



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1 MAY





Labour Day is at the beginning of May and the weather is usually quite warm, Italian people have the opportunity to have some days off and go somewhere. The favourite destinations are cities of art and the countryside, although some people go to the seaside and enjoy an early taste of the summer to come.



Many people organize a picnic in a park or a barbeque in a garden and enjoy the day with friends and relatives .



MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day is a celebration in honour of mothers and the importance of mothers in society.



Mother's Day is a day when children buy their mothers gifts and flowers. Flowers, especially bunches of roses, are a very popular present on this day.



People usually have lunch together to celebrate their mothers. They usually have a heart-shaped cake as a dessert. There are a lot of them in pastry shops.



Republic Day is an Italian national holiday, which is celebrated on 2nd June every year.

2 Giugno

A close-up photograph of the Italian flag, showing the green, white, and red vertical stripes. The white stripe is the central focus, and the date '2 Giugno' is written in a black, cursive font across it. The flag is slightly wrinkled and appears to be waving in the wind.

FERRAGOSTO

Ferragosto is an Italian public holiday celebrated on 15th August.





Catholic people attend the Mass and families have a big lunch together. Many Italian people go to the seaside and have picnics or go to restaurants.

In many cities there processions of people carrying the statue of Jesus' s Mother, the Virgin Mary, and fireworks.

Christmas

Most Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's birth on 25th December. In Italy Christmas celebrations begin on 8th December, The Immaculate Conception's Day, and last on 6th January, Epiphany.



Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, Italian people have a special evening meal called *Cenone di Natale*.



Typical Christmas cakes are “panettone” and
“pandoro”.
After the meal many Italian families attend the
Midnight Mass .



Christmas Day

On Christmas Day most Italian families attend the Holy Mass and people celebrate Jesus Christ's birth.



New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve or San Silvestro' s Day is celebrated on 31st December. Italian people usually celebrate New Year's Eve with friends. Some people organize parties at home, but most people have dinner in restaurants or go to discos.



New Year's Day

Most people have big meals and spend the day with their relatives on New Year's Day.



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