

ITALY: Presentation of my country



General Features

- Italy covers a territory of 301338 kmq: but even if we need 57 Italies to reach Russian extension, Italy presents a great variety of environment and climate.
- The Italian peninsula presents its characteristic shape of a boot, to which add two major islands and many little archipelagos along its coasts.
- With 60,8 million inhabitants, it's the fifth most populous country in Europe.
- The main language is Italian and religion is Catholicism, despite many minorities exist especially at the borders.

Brief History

- When West Roman Empire ended in 476 A.D, Italian territory faced a great fragmentation: many populations invaded it from Northern Europe, Asia and North Africa, and in the following centuries were born many kingdoms around the Pope State.
- Only in 1861, after three Wars of Independence, Italy was reunited in a Monarchy with Turin as capital city: in 1870, Rome was added to the reign and became its capital.
- On the 2° of June 1946, with the first universal suffrage in the country, population voted for transition to Republic Government

A Beautiful Country

- The presence of snowed mountains, hills, lakes and seas, along with little medioeval villages and cosmopolitan, artistic cities, make of the country a great turistic destination.



Dolomites, Trentino Alto-Adige



Gran Sasso, Appennins- Abruzzo



Sardinia: the clearest waters



Venice, Veneto: *a city on the water*



Milano, Lombardy: *design, fashion, engineering*



The Five Lands, Liguria: a coloured nature



Florence, Tuscany: *the cradle of Renaissance*

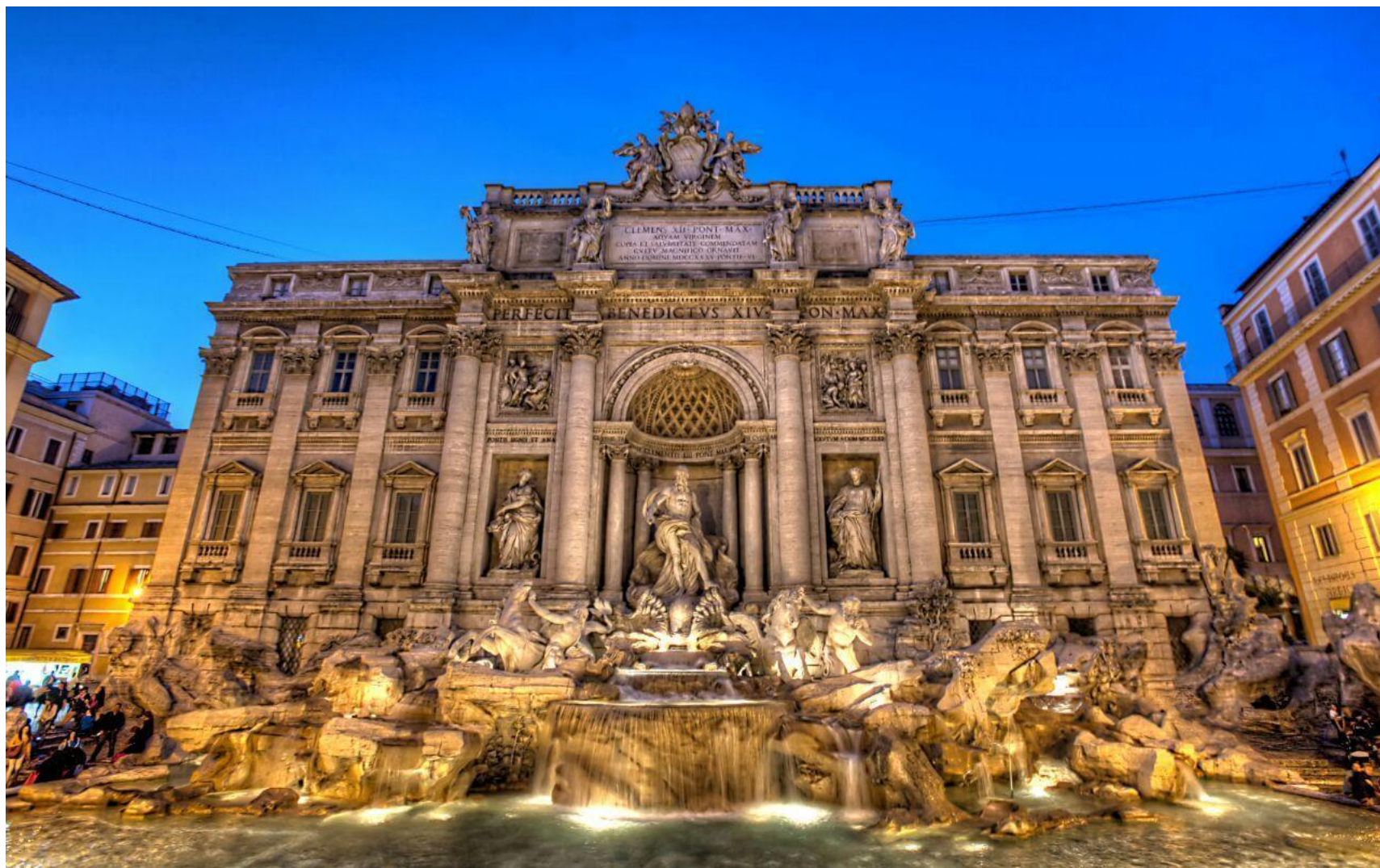


Matera, Basilicata: a city in the rock



Rome, Lazio: *the Eternal City*







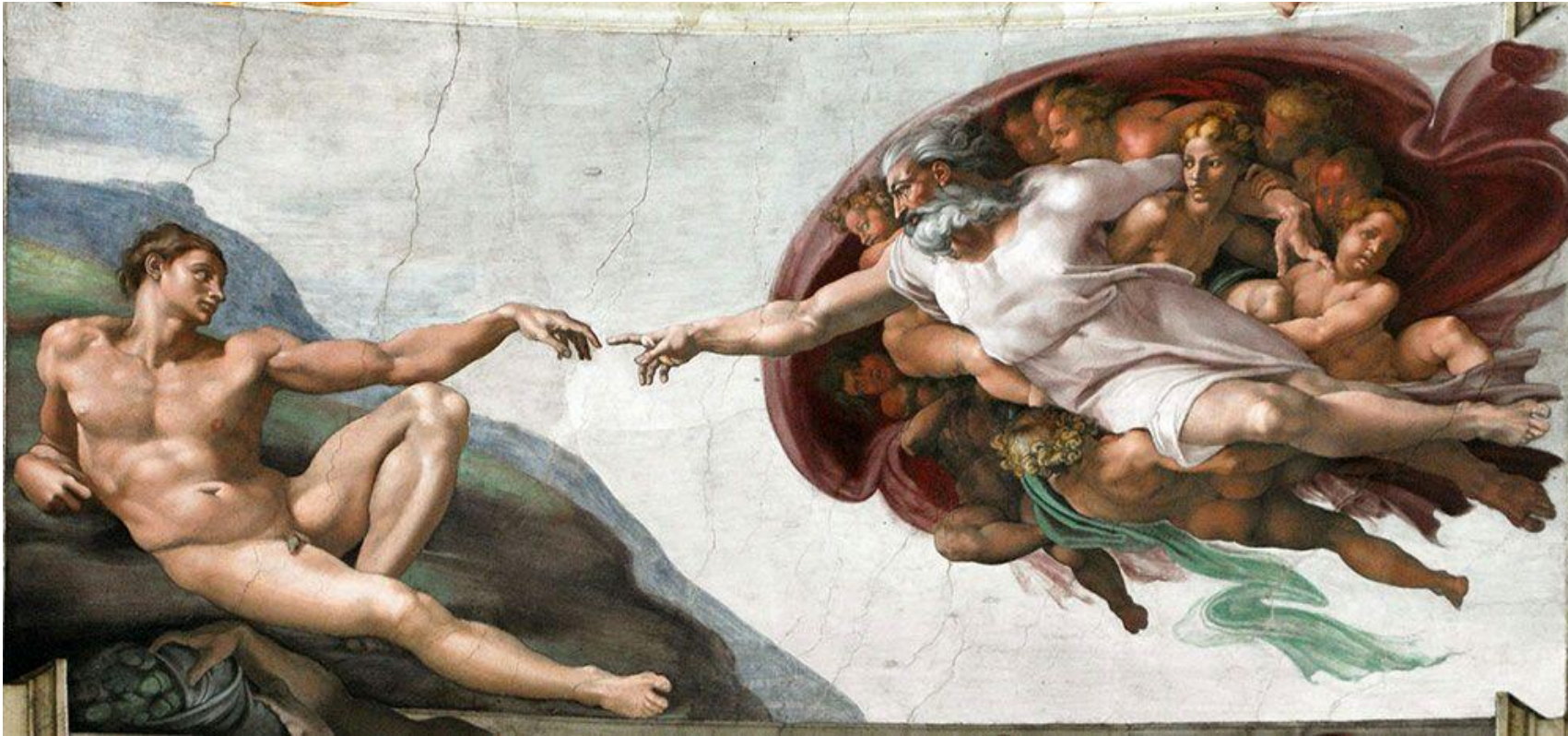
Palermo, Sicily: *Roman, Greek and Arabic influences*



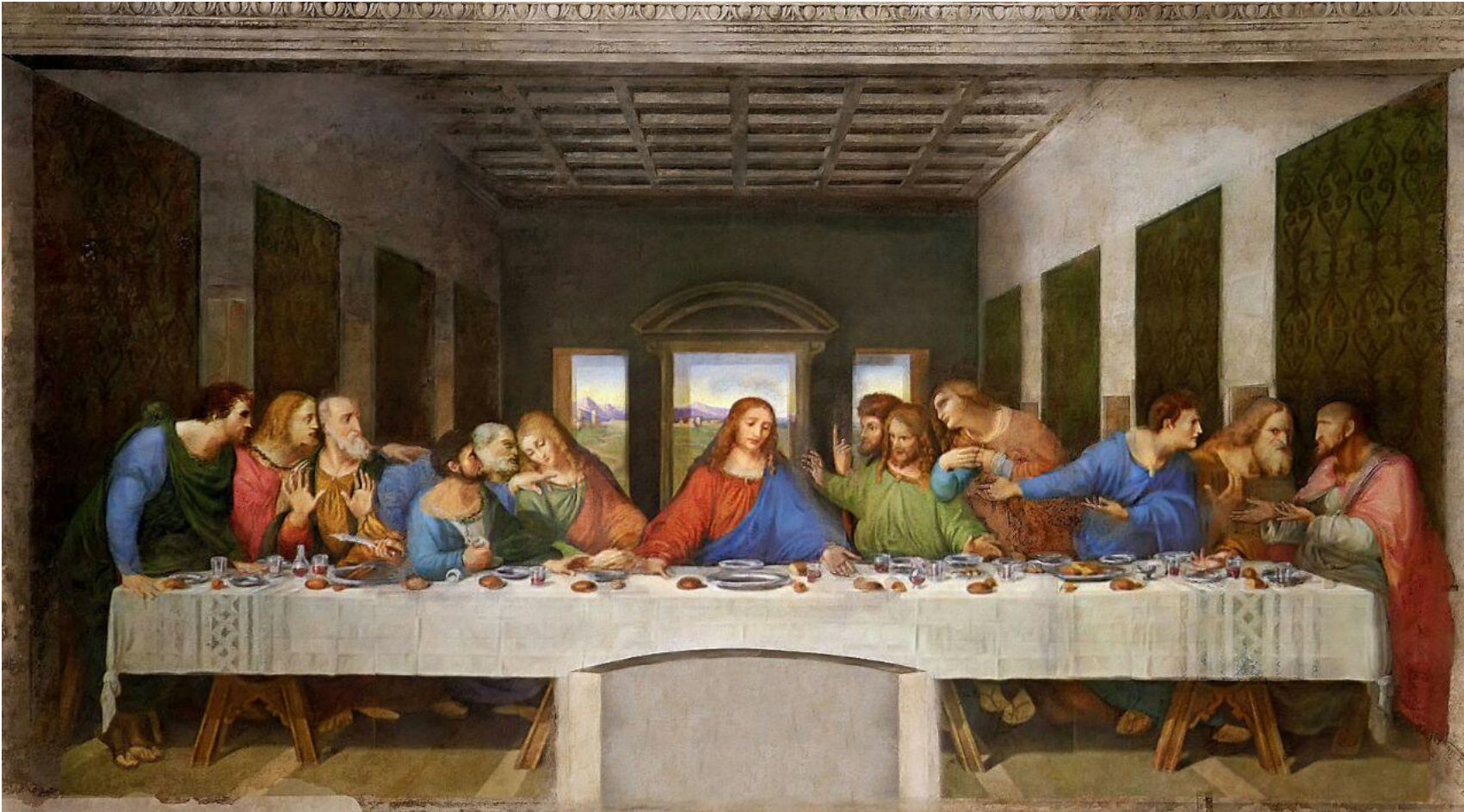
Patrignone, my village



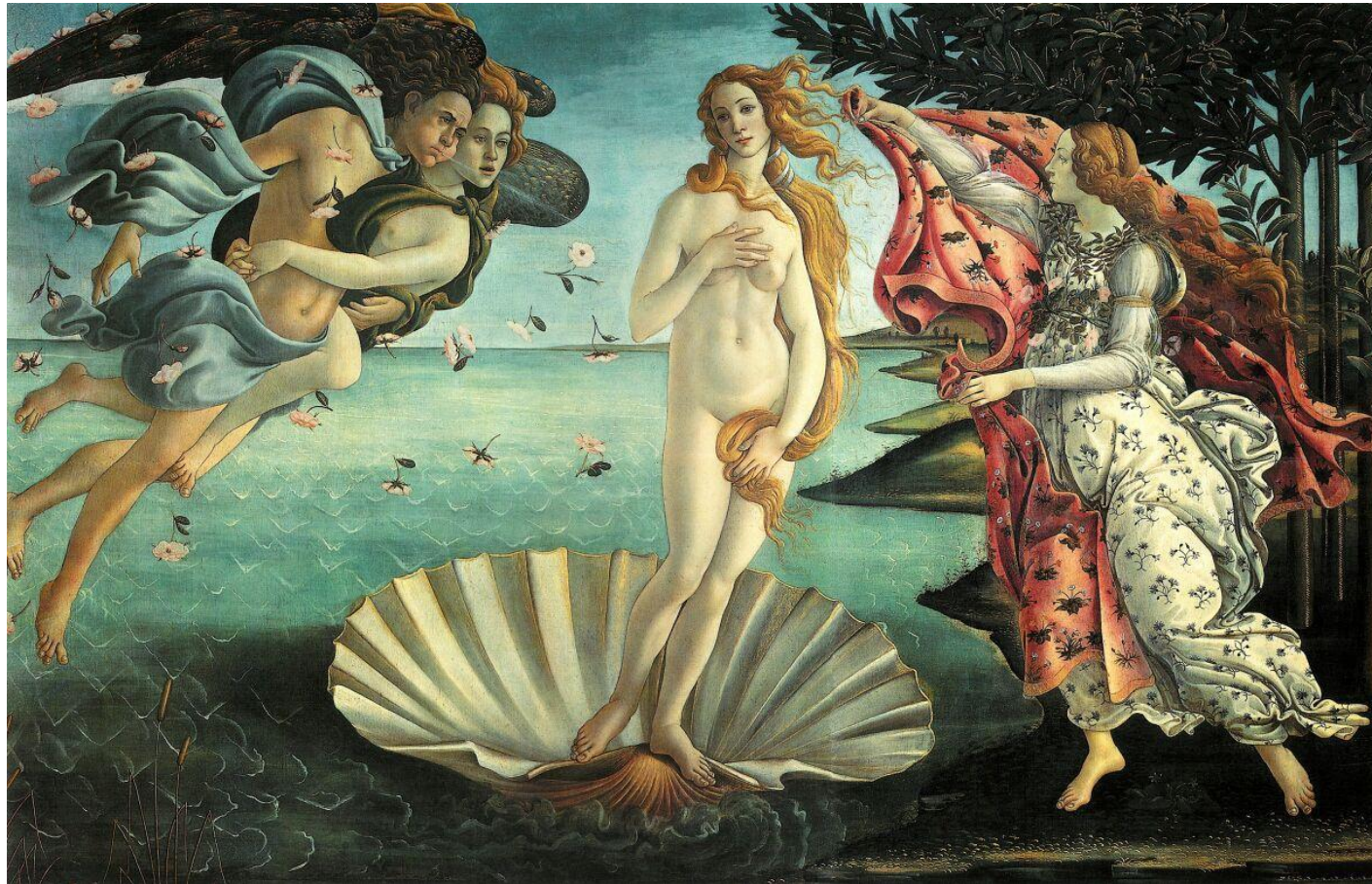
***A bit of Italian Art: Michelangelo, The
Last Judgment (Rome, Sistine Chapel)***



Leonardo da Vinci: The Last Supper (Milan, convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie)



Sandro Botticelli, The Birth of Venus (Florence, Uffizi Gallery)



FOOD



PIZZA

PASTA

PARMIGIANA



Typical food of my city



Fried olives filled with meat, called “olive all’ascolana “

The education system

In Italy the education system is divided into three grades:

- Elementary school, it lasts 5 years*
- Seconda school, that lasts 3 years*
- High school, it lasts 5 years and you can choose what to study (language, physics, Greek and Latin, mechanics...)*

Grazie per l'attenzione



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