

Children's World's Fair



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In the Louisiana Children's Museum's Learning Framework, a comprehensive document that guides all our decision-making, we have identified "Essential Experiences" that "allow children to become strong adults who are healthy, caring, and responsible." One of the five key essential experiences is "experiences that Expand a Child's World," connecting with others of varied backgrounds, abilities, and interests and giving a child a sense of place in the community, Louisiana, and the world.

Our annual Children's World's Fair is an extraordinary opportunity to allow children to connect with others of varied backgrounds and build broader perspectives about the many, many people in our global community.

LCM was counting down the days for our Children's World's Fair when the Stay-at-Home orders were received, and will, sadly, be unable to deliver our plans to you in person this year.

BUT – we have lots of fun we'd like you to explore – virtually – that will expand your world!

Destination #4: Italy

Capital: Rome

Official Language: Italian

Population: 62,246,674

Currency: Euro

Did you know?

- There is an awesome 100-year-old tradition in Italy's coffee shops. Sometimes people pay for 2 coffees but only take 1, so the shop can donate free coffee (*sospeso*) to people who cannot afford it.

Next time you shop for clothes, school supplies, or groceries, think about buying an extra item for someone in need.

- Italians are some of the healthiest and longest living people on Earth. Many Italians eat homemade, fresh food and choose fruit over sweets for dessert.

You can eat fruit when craving something sweet. Thank your parents when they cook you a fresh homemade meal.



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Fun Facts

- Italy is a country known for a wonderful range of landscapes, from the snowy **Italian Alps** to the **Mediterranean Sea**. It is a **peninsula**, which means it is almost completely surrounded by water but is still connected to the mainland.
- **Piazze** are Italian city squares, where communities gather together and children play as parents relax at cafés.
- The **opera** was invented in Italy in the 16th century. Instead of speaking, characters in operas sing their lines. The stories can be funny, sad, or romantic. The words of the opera are called the **libretto**.

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PAINT LIKE MICHELANGELO

Italy is the home to many famous artists, including Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Sandro Botticelli, and Michelangelo Buonarroti. Michelangelo was a painter, sculptor, architect, and poet. He is known for painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel over four years -- while lying on his back!

Paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel!



- Gather your supplies: large piece of paper or poster, tape, pillows, paint, paint brushes, or crayons.
- Check out some pictures of the Sistine Chapel [here](#). Decide what you'd like to paint from the images you see.
- Attach the paper or poster underneath a table in your home with tape.
- Set up pillows under the table that place you high enough to reach your paper canvas.
- Create your masterpiece! Use paint and paint brushes or crayons. Imagine what it would be like to paint like this for over four years like Michelangelo.

To learn more about Italy, visit:

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/italy



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