

TRACCE INGLESE

1) Shopping in Britain and the USA

Shopping in the United States and Britain is different from in Italy. There are not as many small shops and there are more self-service shops and department stores. Supermarkets and department stores are bigger and sell a greater variety of things. Shopping centres are called “malls” in the United States. Hundreds of individual shops are built together inside a single giant complex. It is air-conditioned, with a constant comfortable temperature in winter and in summer. There are large car parks, restaurants, cinemas and even fountains and gardens with play areas for children.

2) New York – The city that never sleeps

New York is also called the Big Apple, and it's one of the most exciting cities in the world! Over 8 million people live in New York, and millions of tourists come here every year. Why will they never forget their visit to the Big Apple? Because there are hundreds of things to do and see in NY! There are fashionable streets with expensive shops – 5th Avenue, for example. There are famous sights, like the Statue of Liberty, and interesting museums, like the Guggenheim Museum. There are spectacular shows and musicals on Broadway, and many places to relax, like Central Park. Come and visit New York – you'll never forget it!

3) Italians in New York

At first most of the Italian immigrants lived together in the same parts of New York. They started shops and soon there were thousands of Italian grocer's, baker's, butcher's and restaurants. The Italians were also great builders. 90% of the men working on the new buildings in New York at the start of the twentieth century were Italian. Later Italian Americans became important in every part of life. There were singers such as Enrico Caruso and musicians like Arturo Toscanini.

4) Holidays

Young people like going abroad for their holidays, especially to Greece, and Spain; but for the older generations the Italian coasts are still very popular areas. They can choose among the so many seaside resorts such as Rimini, on the Adriatic coast, which provides every kind of attraction and entertainment. More and more Italian people nowadays go camping or travel around in caravans and motor-homes because they want to be free to do what they like and to go where they prefer without fixed times and dates.

5) The United States of America

The USA is the fourth largest country in the world. Million people live there. Over 10% of the American population are black, and for almost 33 million people the first language is not English, but Spanish. There are 50 states. The largest state is Alaska. It is in the north, next to Canada. A very small American State is a group of islands. Hawaii (it's in the Pacific Ocean). The state where the most people live is California. The three biggest cities are New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, but the capital city is Washington DC (district of Columbia).

6) A trip to London

London, the capital of Britain, is a fascinating cosmopolitan city. It is the centre of government, with the Houses of Parliament. Buckingham Palace, the Queen's home, is also in London and there are hundreds of other places of great historical interest, including Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Saint Paul's Cathedral, and the British Museum. You can take a boat trip along the River Thames or a sightseeing tour on a double-decker bus. Go shopping in Harrods, visit the world famous museums or relax in one of the city's beautiful parks.

7) William Shakespeare

The most famous English writer is William Shakespeare and *Romeo and Juliet* is his most famous play. It's set in Verona, but Shakespeare never went to Italy. In fact, he probably never left England. Shakespeare came from Stratford-on-Avon, in the Midlands. You can still visit the house where Shakespeare was born. He lived in Stratford-on-Avon with his wife, Anne Hathaway, and his children, Susanna, Judith and Hamnet. Shakespeare was an actor as well as a writer. He appeared in his own plays at The Globe and other London theatres.

8) The Empire State Building

The Empire State Building, constructed in 1931, is a 102-story skyscraper, the ninth highest building in the world, and the fourth tallest structure in the United States. It is located in Midtown, Manhattan. This skyscraper is an iconic symbol of the city, having been featured in over 90 popular movies (as of 2018) throughout film history.

Tourists come from all over the world to visit this building and view the city from its famous observation decks.

