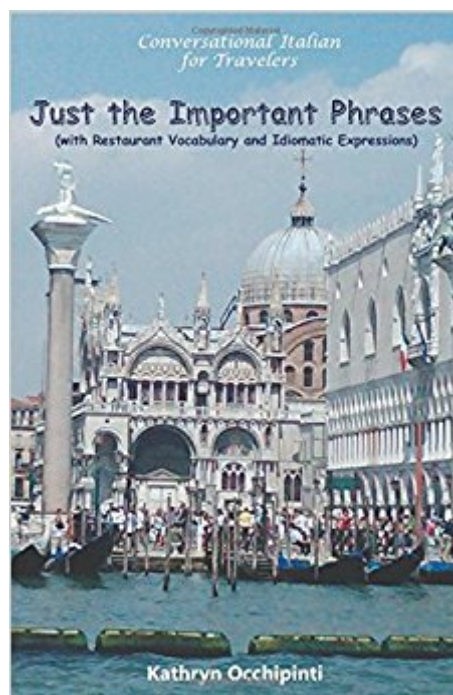




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Conversational Italian For Travelers: Just The Important Phrases (with Restaurant Vocabulary And Idiomatic Expressions)



Synopsis

Your traveling companion in Italy! Truly different from other phrase books - this book is friendly, humorous, and also provides a method to understand and remember important Italian phrases. There are many tips for the reader on how to create their own phrases and how to ask questions to get around Italy comfortably. Includes sections not found in other phrase books so the traveler can really fit into the culture of Italy. Light weight book of phrases slips easily into a pocket or purse. Keep handy simple phrases of greeting, how to change money, or how to take the train. Learn about how to communicate politely in any situation. And, of course, learn how to read those Italian menus and order at an Italian restaurant! This book contains excerpts from the larger work, Conversational Italian for Travelers textbook. All the phrases you need to know with tips on how to create your own!

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Customer Reviews

Review for [Conversational Italian for Travelers](#) - book and website. - January 2017 [A methodology created by a student of Italian, as she herself learns. But, this student is not only passionate about learning Italian, she is a scientist - a truly unique combination!](#) [Kathryn Occhipinti](#) has created this book and the many fabulous add-ons to the series, in a truly comprehensive and practical format. [Working her way through the language, building bit by bit, she is always mindful of the conversational, and idiomatic way that Italians think, and speak. Grammar is explained as needed - and comprehensively: an important solid base on which to](#)

build. I heartily recommend this to students and travellers - and certainly to my own guests, some of whom are travelling to Italy for the first time. Although most are already studying Italian, they are not so well equipped when it comes to day to day speaking. Their practical knowledge of useful phraseology is often lacking, but this is what they need the most to enjoy their holiday.

Jenifer Landor

Live and Learn Italian

Book Review: 5 Reasons

Conversational Italian For Travelers is Your

Best Bet

TIMELESS ITALY on JULY 5, 2016 * (10)

Although I've had the wonderful pleasure of traveling through Italy many times, I firmly believe that the Italian language will be an eternal challenge to adequately grasp and understand. Everyone learns differently, but for me I need total immersion and that means living among the Italians. However, with each new experience conversing with them while I'm in Italy, I learn a little more. They are so encouraging with my efforts to communicate and they make me feel good for putting my best efforts into it. It is such a rewarding experience to say the right words in Italian and to join in the conversation while making good sense. I always make it a rule to travel extremely light. That means just one small pull-bag and a knapsack. As most of us, I had to learn the hard way. So when Dr. Kathryn Occhipinti, author of "Conversational Italian for Travelers ~ Just the Important Phrases" approached me with her lightweight pocketbook, I was eager to look it over. I've had the book now for a few months and honestly, I am very impressed. Would I choose this particular pocketbook over any other similar one? Yes, absolutely. I've compared it to Rick Steves' "Italian Phrase Book and Dictionary," one I've used and loved, but Kathryn's is my favorite for a few reasons. It is nearly one-fourth the thickness which makes it much more pliable and lightweight. The basic phrases are all covered which includes everything from transportation, city life, hotels and restaurants. A few pages are dedicated to explaining the Italian alphabet, sound combinations and general pronunciation for speaking the words. A vocabulary is included at the end of each chapter. On the back of the pocketbook is a colorful regional map of Italy that I love. For the pure essentials to function adequately within an Italian community, with the addition of the pocketbook's slim dimensions, "Conversational Italian for Travelers-Just the Important Phrases" is my top choice.

Italian Pocket Pal for Travelers

Fra Noi Magazine, Chicago September 2016

Pocket pal: Don't speak Italian? Planning your dream vacation to Italy? Kathryn Occhipinti's pocket travel book may be just what you're looking for. The full title says it all. "Conversational Italian for Travelers: Just the Important Phrases (with Restaurant Vocabulary and Idiomatic Expressions)" is accessible and humorous while offering a tried-and-true method for understanding and remembering important Italian phrases. Small and

lightweight, it slips easily into a pocket or purse. The book covers pronunciation, basic vocabulary and communication, meetings and greetings, how to be polite, changing money, taking the train, asking for help, shopping, making friends, talking on the telephone, dealing with hotels, reading menus, ordering at restaurants and much more. [Available on Amazon.com](#)

Conversational Italian for Travelers - Book Review

Posted on February 10, 2016

Blog: Marge in Italy

Occasionally I like to introduce an author or feature a book about Italy or anything Italian. Today I am honored to recommend a book I recently discovered, and I think you'll like it too.

Conversational Italian for Travelers Just the Important Phrases

by Kathryn Occhipinti

is the perfect travel companion for your trip to Italy. Concise and well organized, only 4 inches by 6 inches, this pocket-sized Italian language book can travel with you wherever you go in Italy.

Beginning with pronunciation of the Italian alphabet this book is full of practical information about every aspect of travel in Italy. Conversational Italian is what you need in Italy and you can learn it so quickly here with the author's focus on "just the important phrases." From meeting people to transportation, to renting a car, to shopping, to ordering food in a restaurant, to money, all topics of importance are covered. I am impressed with the ease of learning the Italian language, especially since I have studied it for several years. I guess what I am saying is that a traveler doesn't need to know all the rules of grammar and verb conjugation. Kathryn hones in on what is important and even explains certain phrases that are used for casual conversation versus more formal situations. Even if you are not going to Italy anytime soon, this book makes it fun and easy to learn to understand and speak the Italian language. I highly recommend it for anyone who has an interest in Italy.

You can purchase [Conversational Italian for Travelers Just the Important Phrases](#) on [Amazon.com](#)

Review: Conversational Italian for Travelers

Travelling Weasels Blog: January 2016

It's lightweight, but it's jam-packed with everything you need.

Lightweight

Before we even open a book, we consider its weight. We travel with just hand luggage only, so it's extremely important to us that books don't take up too much space. With *Conversational Italian for Travelers*, there is no problem, the book is so lightweight and thin! This was the first thing we loved about it.

Jam-packed

The downside of having a thin book, is that you often don't get all the essential information. But *Conversational Italian for Travelers* has managed to win that battle! It's just under 100 pages long, and each page is filled with important information, laid out in an easy to read way. From experience, talking about food is the most important thing to know in Italian. And this book contains 13 whole pages dedicated to food. (Note, side effects may include being hungry):

We particularly love that the Italian is in blue and the English is in black - it

makes for very easy reading.~ ~

Learn Italian as I did, with my Conversational Italian for Travelers series of books! I was born into a family that loves to travel and I have spent many happy hours exploring Italy and getting to know my Italian "relatives" and their language and culture.~ ~ My Phrase Book is really different: Not just a list of phrases, it provides a method for the traveler to create his own phrases so he can get around Italy easily and comfortably. And of course there is a special section on reading those Italian menus - well organized by how the Italian menu is laid out and with my insights into Italian food!Most importantly, my books are friendly and combine travel tips and humorous anecdotes that truly make learning the Italian language come alive!Interactive audio recorded with native Italian speakers for the textbook is found on the Learn Travel Italian website, and a "phrase a day" on Twitter at Stella Lucente Italian.

Great item.

Travelling to a foreign country can be a terrible experience if you don't know how to communicate. Kathryn thus solved this potential problem for all foreign visitors to Italy with her book picking on just the important phrases.To start with, the book is both exciting and humorous. The reader discovers the Italian alphabet has 21 letters and borrows some additions from Latin. There are surprising differences from English, like z becomes zeta and is pronounced zeh-tah. I spent some time translating my name and found the result amusing. Learning to pronounce the words correctly was an enjoyable experiment in which I found myself closer and closer to sounding very foreign and learned. I discovered "buongiorno" is all I need to say from morning to early evening, and if I am not yet in my hotel then "buonasera" will do until bedtime. For hi and bye to friends there is just one word to learn "ciao", but there are so many ways to say goodbye you really have to take your time to learn them. "Millie Gracie" means thanks a lot (a thousand) though I expected it to be "thanks a million".The writer takes the reader through the basic everyday conversational Italian in an interesting manner. You learn to be polite and formal and at the same time to be friendly and appreciative of any assistance. You also learn how to form important phrases, how to ask for the important things and making friends. The book teaches you to get comfortable at the hotel, at a restaurant and when sightseeing. It is indeed a comprehensive

guide I would recommend to anyone travelling to Italy who does not speak Italian. As for me if someone says "Parla italiano?" (Do you speak Italian?), I will just say "Sì, un po'" (Yes, a little) even though I am from Zimbabwe (I am from Zimbabwe). Si, I loved this book.

Well organized. Easy to understand. Told in an interesting way. Freed from the burden of memorizing rules, we start with pronunciation and learn the important expressions for traveling, sightseeing, and shopping. Tips involve polite or informal usage. That may seem hard to digest, but to the reader's relief familiar words and phrases from movies, books, and songs, give comforting moments of aha. And if you have some knowledge of other Romance languages, it's interesting to see the similarities. We also find words Italians adopted from English or English speakers adopted from Italian. In the last two sections of the booklet the author shows us why we may want to visit Italy, to find friendship, romance, or great dining. I had to smile over useful sentences, such as "Can I buy you a drink?" to "Take a hike." My smile broadened where the author left us with a great list of foods, some of them familiar, such as spaghetti, tortellini, ragu, calamari... With that, your appetite is awakened, and Italy beckons. Minor confusion calls for clarification on some of the reflexive verb and pronoun usage. Otherwise, here is a handy booklet of important expressions you can carry in your pocket.

Prior to our trip to Italy my wife and I wanted to learn some basic Italian words and phrases. We knew this would be challenging because neither one of us could speak or read any Italian. The topics covered in "Just the Important Phrases" helped us learn how to greet people, shop in local shops and farmer's markets, speak with waiters and even order train tickets. My wife and I recently returned from a very enjoyable trip to Italy! We highly recommend Kathryn Occhipinti's Conversational Italian for Travelers resources!

I love Italy: the wonderful and free flowing food, loud and welcoming people, gelato and Limoncello, the colors and brightness of everything and I wish I had this book to read when I went there last. This is a handy guide for a short stay in the country and perhaps even for the student or professional on a study/ work break. The phrase book is segregated into nifty sections: basics, transportation, city life, at the hotel, restaurant just the most important phrases to navigate through them. One wonders though at how useful this can be to carry around, and I believe a brief of top 50 commonly used phrases at the beginning of the book might have

been useful. A dictionary at the end with 500 or so most used words also would have been helpful. The problem with phrase book is that you can either memorize the book (quite impossible) or carry them around for ready reference. But you cannot really be standing waiting to buy a ticket and frantically navigate through a book. Still, I think this book is useful and given it is inexpensive, is worth a buy if you're travelling to Italy. It delivers what it promises. Note: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest, non-reciprocal review.

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