

Cities of Italy, Italian-American Style

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Across

- 1 Birthplace of composer Giacomo Puccini, this Italian city was founded by the Etruscans and became a Roman colony in 180 B.C.
- 5 Officially became an Italian city on October 26, 1954.
- 6 An inland city connected to the Adriatic Sea by a canal. Once served as the seat of the Roman Empire, Ostrogothic kingdom and the Byzantine government in Italy.
- 8 Largest city in southern Italy, its name means "New City" in Greek. Home of one of the world's favorite foods, pizza.

Down

- 2 This city was the home of the Stradivari, Amati, and Guarneri families, makers of the world's most honored violins, violas, and cellos.
- 3 Its leader once said, "We wed thee, O sea, in token of perpetual domination." The year was 1177 and henceforth, this city was known as the "Bride of the Sea."
- 4 Located at the toe of Italy, it is the oldest and largest city in the region of Calabria.
- 5 A major industrial city located on the Po River. Home of one of the most famous religious relics in Christendom.

- 9 Birthplace of the Italian Rinascimento (Renaissance), flourishing of artistic and scientific activities that changed the world.
- 11 A one-time major maritime power, now known for its tower.
- 12 Palio is an annual athletic contest typically conducted in costume that commemorates some event or tradition of the Middle Ages. The most famous palio is held in what Tuscan town?

- 7 In 1908, one of the worst natural disasters in modern European history took place when Reggio di Calabria and this Sicilian city were destroyed by earthquake and tidal wave with over 100,000 deaths.
- 10 One of the world's major commercial and financial centers. It is also renowned as a fashion/design hub. When it comes to food, this city is synonymous with risotto.
- 14 Archimedes is considered by some historians of mathematics to be one of the greatest mathematicians in antiquity. In what Greek seaport colony on the island of Sicily was he born?

- 13 This Abruzzo port city is the birthplace of poet Gabriele D'Annunzio.
- 17 Main city of a plain called Capitanata, also known as the "granary of Italy."
- 18 This city has the largest university in Europe, the La Sapienza University, with 150,000 students from all over the world.
- 20 Became famous in the 16th century for the important council held there from 1545 to 1563, which led to the Counterreformation in the Catholic Church.

- 15 This port city was founded by Phoenician traders in the 8th century B.C. Because of its location, it is widely considered to be the most conquered city in the world.
- 16 It is the capital city of the Basilicata region of Italy and home region of Francis Ford Coppola's family.
- 19 The flag of this Italian city (flag of St. George) was adopted by England and the City of London in 1190 for their ships entering the Mediterranean to benefit from the protection of this Italian city's powerful fleet. The maritime fleet of this city became, with its rival Venice, one of the most important powers in the world.

- 21 The Appian Way ends in this port city in Apulia.
- 22 A city and a seaport in the Marche, a region of northeastern Italy.
- 23 The 13th century Capulet palace is located in this city, with its balcony made famous by Shakespeare's immortal Romeo and Juliet.

Solution

Across
1 Lucca
5 Trieste
6 Ravenna
8 Napoli (Naples)
9 Firenze (Florence)
11 Pisa
12 Siena
13 Pescara
17 Foglia
18 Roma (Rome)
20 Trento (Trent)
21 Brindisi
22 Ancona
23 Verona

Down
2 Messina
3 Venezia (Venice)
4 Reggio di Calabria
5 Torino (Turin)
7 Mesina
10 Milano (Milan)
14 Siracusa (Syracuse)
15 Palermo
16 Potenza
19 Genova (Genoa)