

If you want to **Learn Italian: Talk about cities**, focus on the names of common places and simple verbs that tell where you go and why. Below you will find a compact, practical guide to the most useful city vocabulary in Italian, clear example sentences, and quick tips to practice speaking naturally.

## Essential places in a city (with translations)

Learn these Italian words and their English equivalents. Each entry includes a short example sentence you can repeat aloud.

- **aeroporto** — airport. Example: “Vado in aeroporto.” (I go to the airport.)
- **panificio** — bakery. “Compro il pane al panificio.” (I buy bread at the bakery.)
- **banca** — bank. “Deposito denaro in banca.” (I deposit money at the bank.)
- **bar** — cafe/bar. “Prendo un caffè al bar.” (I have a coffee at the cafe.)
- **libreria** — bookshop. “Compro libri in libreria.” (I buy books at the bookshop.)
- **biblioteca** — library. “Prendo libri in prestito in biblioteca.” (I borrow books from the library.)
- **macellaio** — butcher. “Compro carne dal macellaio.” (I buy meat from the butcher.)
- **chiesa** — church. “Vado in chiesa.” (I go to church.)
- **sinagoga** — synagogue; **moschea** — mosque. (Places of worship for other religions.)
- **tribunale** — courthouse. “Il processo è al tribunale.” (The trial is at the courthouse.)
- **centro commerciale** — shopping centre or mall.
- **cinema** — movie theatre.
- **palestra** — gym. “Faccio esercizio in palestra.” (I work out at the gym.)
- **parrucchiere** — hairdresser.
- **ospedale** — hospital.
- **albergo** — hotel.
- **fruttivendolo** — greengrocer (fruit and vegetable seller).
- **lavanderia** — laundrette.
- **museo** — museum. “Vado al museo a vedere quadri.” (I go to the museum to see paintings.)
- **farmacia** — pharmacy.
- **polizia** — police station. “Vado alla polizia dopo un furto.” (I go to the police after a theft.)

- **posta** — post office.
- **parco** — park. “Passeggio al parco la domenica.” (I walk in the park on Sundays.)
- **ristorante** — restaurant.
- **stazione ferroviaria** — train station.
- **supermercato** — supermarket. “Faccio la spesa al supermercato.” (I go grocery shopping at the supermarket.)

## How to say where you go — useful verbs and prepositions

Common verbs: **andare** (to go), **comprare** (to buy), **prenotare** (to book), **depositare** (to deposit), **visitare** (to visit), **prendere** (to take).

Prepositions with places:

- Use **in** for many places: “Vado in biblioteca”, “Vado in chiesa”, “Vado in aeroporto”.
- Use **al/alla/allo/all'** when the place takes a definite article: “Vado al supermercato”, “Vado alla posta”.
- When a place is feminine and starts with a vowel, use **all'** as in “all'ospedale” (I go to the hospital) when contracted with the article.

### Short practice phrases

“Vado al ristorante stasera.” — I am going to the restaurant tonight.

“Hai bisogno di andare in farmacia?” — Do you need to go to the pharmacy?

“Prenoto una stanza in un albergo.” — I book a room in a hotel.

## Tips to practise and remember vocabulary

- **Make flashcards** with the Italian word on one side and the English meaning plus a sample sentence on the other.
- **Use role play:** pretend you are asking for directions or buying tickets. Say: “Dov'è la stazione?” or “Quanto costa il pane?”

- **Group words** by category: transport, food shops, public services, culture.
- **Repeat aloud** whole sentences, not just single words, to practise prepositions and articles naturally.

## Quick review

To **Learn Italian: Talk about cities** effectively, memorise the key place names, practise basic verbs, and get comfortable with prepositions like **in** and **al/alla**. Short daily drills and speaking aloud will make these phrases feel natural when you move around an Italian city.

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