



Coffee



For Italians ordering coffee abroad is usually easy: in most cases you can just order in Italian and you'll get what you wanted. That's because Italians invented the **espresso** machine and created an entire culture around it: Italian espresso has always been the golden standard for espresso coffee. That being said, there are still a couple of things to keep in mind to avoid surprises when you get your order:

- When you order a **caffè** in Italy, you'll be invariably served an **espresso**, whereas in most countries ordering a coffee will get you a **caffè americano** or **caffè lungo**;
- When ordering a **caffè latte** (or just **latte**), especially in coffeehouse chains, you might get a very broad flavoring choice, such as Vanilla, Creamy Caramel, Pumpkin Spice, Cinnamon and many more;
- Sometimes the same word might be used with different meanings: for example, in some places a **mocha** is an espresso shot topped with a chocolatey sauce and whipped cream.