

LA PASSEGGIATA

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PAROLA

Passeggiata (Pah-sch-jah-ta) - literally meaning "walk," *fare la passeggiata* is more than just a simple walk. To Italians, it is more of a concept. An evening stroll that you take before dinner, in an effort to catch up with friends and the town gossip

BENVENUTO!

In *Benvenuto Presidente!*, directed by Riccardo Milani, party leaders cannot agree on who should be the next president, and so, a librarian with the same name as a famous historical figure is accidentally chosen to be Italy's next president.



FUN FACT

The language that we know of as Italian did not exist until 1861, when Italy was unified under one government and the regional dialect spoken in Toscana (specifically Firenze) was chosen as the national language of Italy, and thus became Italian.



AGLIO E OLIO

Spaghetti aglio e olio is a cheap, easy, already vegan recipe that is sure to impress!

Start by chopping 3-4 garlic cloves. Crush them a bit with the flat edge of your knife first, it will be easier to cut them!

For added spice, chop a whole Calabrian chili pepper in half, then remove the seeds, then chop to a fine mince. If you don't want fresh chilis, just put crushed red pepper in the olive oil!

PART II

Set a large pot of heavily salted water to boil your spaghetti, then add olive oil (3 and a half tbsps), the garlic, and pepper to a sauté pan. Don't heat the oil before adding the garlic, or else it will burn!



PART III

Once the garlic is simmering and golden brown, add the spaghetti. Give it a toss, and add in some extra pasta water to give it some texture. Garnish with parsley and fresh lemon juice.
Buon appetito!



SAN MARCO

The most famous *piazza* of Venezia, and one of the most famous *piazze* in all of Italy, San Marco is a central part of Venetian life and history. For hundreds of years, it has been a point of pride for the famous water front city. It houses its largest and most famous church, *Basilica di San Marco*, along with other very famous landmarks, like the *Piazzetta dei Leoncini*, and the *Torre dell'Orologio*, the massive clocktower from which you can see the entire city

I CAVALLI

I Cavalli di San Marco are bronze, roman statues depicting a *quadriga* (a roman chariot). It once sat in the front of the façade, but it has sense been moved to the interior for preservation.



"LA PIAZZA"

Piazza di San Marco is a large enough figure that it has monopolized the term *piazza* in Venezia. The locals simply call it "*la piazza*," or the square, and the many other *piazze* are called *campi*, which literally means "fields."