

LINGUISTIC MINORITIES IN ITALY.

In Italy people speak other languages as well as Italian.

The main linguistic minorities are located in the North and in the South of Italy.

In the North of our country you can find:

- Germanic languages, along the Alps. One of the Germanic languages is Ladino;
- Slovenian, through the eastern border in the province of Trieste and Gorizia;
- French/ Franco-Provençal, that is one of the official languages of Aosta Valley;
- Occitan, which is spoken in Piedmont.

In the Centre of Italy you can find languages such as:

- Sardinian and Corso, that are spoken in Sardinia, an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea;
- Catalan, in Alghero, a Sardinian city.

In the South of Italy you can hear speaking:

- Albanian. There are Albanian minorities in Calabria, Sicily and Campania;
- Greek, because Italy was a Greek colony (Magna Grecia);
- Croatian, spoken in Molise.

Linguistic map of Italy



