

Bowhunting in Italy

No resident: you can bowhunt in Italy in these ways:

Small game : Whith your valid hunting license issued by the authority of your state you can hunt small game in the period allowed by law throughout the national territory where permitted.

It is to be kept in mind that the Italian regions, while referring to national legislation, can move independently on certain issues; therefore before making the hunting request it is better to inquire about the region in which you want to hunt as there may be small differences on the requests for documents to be presented to obtain the hunting card.

Generally, the procedure required for foreigners who want to hunt in Italy, and therefore obtain the relative hunting card is as follows:

1. Go to your consulate in Italy in the region where you want to hunt.
2. Bring 2 photocopies of your hunting license issued by your country of origin.
3. Have a declaration issued by your consulate as follows:
"subject: Rifle port license for hunting use n °:(number of your license)
it is confirmed that the document referred to in the subject and attached hereto
is currently valid "

Stamp and signature of the consulate.

4. You have to pay 64.56 euros for the government concession.
5. Make a photocopy of your valid hunting insurance. If you do not have insurance, activate one (it costs few euros).
6. Go to the headquarters of the region where you want to hunt at the hunting cards office, deliver the documents mentioned above and payments. At this point the hunting card will be issued.

With the hunting card, together with the license, insurance and taxes paid, you can go hunting at small game in commercial hunting preserves (AFV), If you want to go hunting in the regional hunting areas of the different regions (public land) ; you will have to choose one and pay the relative tax which must be kept together with the documents described above.

Not in all regions it is allowed to go hunt small games with bow and arrows.

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In Italy the hunting season with rifle and with bow are the same.

SMALL GAME SEASON				
START	END	WHEN	WHEN NOT	NOTE
from the 3rd Sunday of September	to 31st January of each year.	It is possible to hunt 3 to 5 days a week. Depending on the Regions and the periods.	Tuesday and Friday	In compliance with the hunting calendar issued by each Region.

Big game : Bowhunting big game in Italy is allowed only in selection or numerical control and only in the areas affected by regional measures and in regions that have decided to do so. In the areas where the selection of the different species of ungulates is established, the qualification for hunting in selection of the different species is required.

If you are already enabled in selection hunting by your home state, then you can ask for “the equivalence” in the region you have chosen and for the area you want to hunt; at this point you will be entered in the selection hunters register.

You have to pay the taxes required as for small game and the insurance (if you don't have one). You will be given the hunting card and tags (issued by Regional Territorial Offices -UTR- of each province) For the animals to be taken and at that point you can go bow hunting ungulates.

To obtain the qualification as a selection hunting it is necessary to attend the training course; and take the exam with the relative rifle shooting test.

For bowhunters in some regions there is an integration to the course which includes: a theoretical part on the bow, the use of materials, hunting techniques and a shooting test conceived as follows: 5 shots on 3D roe deer or chamois, or rifle target placed at 15/20 meters for the traditional bow and 25/30 meters for the compound bow. To pass the test, the vital area of the 3D target must be centered, 15 cm in diameter or the rifle target, always 15 cm in diameter with at least 4 centers on 5 shots. A bow of no less than 45 pounds at 28 inches of draw length if compound must be used in the shooting test; and not less than 50 pounds if traditional bow.

Once you have passed the exam you have to choose an area where to do the selection hunting within the region you have chosen, register in a special register of selection hunters, have paid the taxes required as for small game and the insurance (if you don't have one). You will be given the hunting card. Tags for the animals to be taken will be given to you by Regional Territorial Offices -UTR- a few days before the selection hunting season start and at that point you can go hunting ungulates. Before receiving tags you must participate in the animal censuses provided for the area you have chosen.

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You can hunt big games even in AVF (commercial hunting preserves) that allow bow hunting. (find out first if you can hunt with the bow inside them, how big they are and the hunting methods).

The hunting license is required in order to access in the AVF: so follow the points reported in the small game paragraph.

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The following chart is just an example of the hunting seasons in selection for ungulates. For the actual hunting seasons and the relative rules consult the Regional Territorial Offices (UTR) of each province where you want to hunt.

BIG GAME GAME SEASONS							
WHICH	AGE		START	END	WHEN	WHEN NOT	NOTE
ROE DEER	M1-M0 M2	F0 F1-F2	06/15 08/16 01/01	7/15 09/30 03/30	It is possible to hunt 3 to 5 days a week. Depending on the Regions and the periods.	Tuesday and Friday	In compliance with the hunting calendar issued by each Region and on the basis of specific animal control plans. And consult the Regional Territorial Offices (UTR) of each province where you want to hunt.
DEER/BUCK	see Note collum.	/	/	/			
FALLOW DEER	see Note collum. It may not be divided into age groups.	/	/	/			
WILD BOAR	It can be hunted: in team, in numerical control and in selection. It may not be divided into age groups.	see Note collum					
MUFLON	see Note collum.						
CHAMOIS	see Note collum.						

* M = male/F = female - M0/F0 = < 1 years old. M1/F1 = from 1 to 2 years old. M2/F2 = > 2 years old.

** Wild boar: in addition to selection hunting, it is possible to choose the following hunting methods: team and numerical control. For each form of hunting chosen it is necessary to follow a specific course. Unless the selected hunting course attended also includes team hunting.

*** Fallw deer: can also be hunted in numerical control. For this form of hunting it is necessary to follow a specific course.