



### #3 Italian in TV language program

I don't have any plans to visit Italy, but this year I'm watching NHK TV's language program "Tabisuru Italia-go". I simply record the expressions covered by the program on my smartphone. I fantasized about using it someday and continued.

As I continued, I began to want to talk to converse in Italian. So in July, I decided to go to a bar that was previously introduced on the program, run by Italians and where many Italians congregate. The food and atmosphere were so nice. I wrote down what I would say ahead of time, but I was only able to use a little.

The second challenge was an Italian restaurant in Minato Ward two month later. The first thing I heard when I entered the store was not "Welcome" in Japanese but "Bongiorno". Italian is spoken by chefs and waiters in the kitchen. Over the counter, I could converse with Nino, who appeared in the program. With the help of a Japanese waiter who is fluent in Italian, I enjoyed Italian talk better than I anticipated.

Not only was the food delicious, but the dishes and interior decoration were wonderful. I was able to spend a fulfilling lunch time.