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Therefore, when booking a **local guide** in any Italian city, it is your right to ask for proof that he or she holds a **license** before closing any deal. Under present regulations in Italy, as in most European countries, there is no such thing as a "*docent*", "*lecturer*", "*art historian*" or "*cultural association*" to deal with when hiring the services of a local guide, either directly or through travel agents. Before showing any personal title or degree, guides must show that they are **Licensed Tourist Guides** first.

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