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Italy’s restaurant and accommodation prices fell 1.1% in October

The second straight monthly drop left prices 3.3% above a year earlier, below Italy’s 5.5% headline inflation rate

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Italy’s consumer prices for restaurant and accommodation services fell 1.1% in October from September, extending a monthly decline that began in September, according to final data released by Istat on Tuesday, November 17.

The Italian statistics office said the restaurants and accommodation division of the national consumer price index dropped again after a 1.3% monthly fall in September. Even with the back-to-back monthly declines, prices in the sector were still 3.3% higher than they were in October 2025.

That annual rate marked a slight acceleration from 3.2% in September. The change was modest, but it came at a time when Italy’s broader inflation rate was rising more quickly. Istat said overall consumer inflation accelerated to 5.5% in October from 4.2% in September, while the general consumer price index rose 1.0% on the month.

The figures show that price growth in restaurants and accommodation remained below the pace seen in the overall consumer basket. On an annual basis, the sector’s 3.3% increase was 2.2 percentage points lower than the 5.5% rise in the headline index. The data refer to prices paid by consumers and are part of Italy’s national consumer price index, known as NIC, with a 2025 base of 100.

The October release is significant because it points to a second straight monthly decrease in a sector that is closely watched for signs of pressure on household spending and travel-related costs. While the broader index continued to rise, restaurant and lodging prices moved in the opposite direction on a monthly basis, suggesting that service costs in this part of the economy did not follow the same short-term pattern as the general price basket.

Istat published the numbers as definitive data for October. The monthly drop means consumers paid less on average for restaurant and accommodation services than they did in September, even though they were still paying more than a year earlier. The contrast between the monthly fall and the annual increase reflects how prices can ease over a short period while remaining elevated compared with the same month a year earlier.

For businesses in the hospitality and food service industry, the report adds to evidence that pricing conditions in October were softer than in late summer. September had already recorded a decline, and October brought another reduction of similar size. At the same time, the small increase in the annual inflation rate for the sector indicates that the year-over-year comparison remained firm rather than weakening.

The data came from Table 2 of Istat’s final report for October. The release covered the restaurants and accommodation division of the Italian national consumer price index and provided both the monthly and annual readings used to track inflation in the sector.