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**VIVA ITALIA!**

Directed by MARIO MONICELLI • DINO RISI • ETTORE SCOLA • FROM CINEMA 5



VIVA ITALIA! is an outrageously entertaining black comedy comprised of nine short vignettes. Touching on kidnaping, old age homes, Catholic hypocrisy, love and what really goes on in the kitchens of those quaint country inns, VIVA ITALIA! tells us more than we could ever want to know about the human condition today.

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Washington Post

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Vincent Canby, New York Times


#### Credits

Directed by Mario Monicelli, Dino Risi, Ettore Scola

Starring Vittorio Gassman, Alberto Sordi, Ugo Tognazzi

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