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Title: **The Italian Job**

(2 Disc) Anniversary Edition

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Information

Release **Title:** The Italian Job 25^h July 1969
(United Kingdom)

Origin: United States, United States, Italy

From:

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Release date: United States – 3rd September 1969

Genres: Action, Comedy, Crime, Thriller,

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: U

Duration: 1h 39m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, Italian

Filming locations: Kilmainham Jail, Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland (Prison interior)

Sound mix: Mono

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1



The Italian Job



Original theatrical release poster

Directed by	Peter Collinson
Written by	Troy Kennedy Martin
Produced by	Michael Deeley
Starring	Michael Caine Noël Coward Benny Hill Raf Vallone Tony Beckley Rossano Brazzi Maggie Blye
Cinematography	Douglas Slocombe
Edited by	John Trumper
Music by	Quincy Jones
Production company	Oakhurst Productions
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures
Release date	5 June 1969 [1]
Running time	99 minutes
Country	United Kingdom
Language	English
Budget	\$3 million ^[citation needed]
Box office	\$113,867 ^[2] ^[better source needed]



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Storyline

Driving through the Alps, thief Roger Beckermann is killed when his car crashes into a bulldozer parked in a tunnel by the Mafia, who dispose of him and his car by pushing it into a nearby river. Meanwhile, his friend and fellow thief Charlie Croker is released from prison, reuniting with his girlfriend Lorna to enjoy his first taste of freedom. Leaving her to meet with Beckermann for a job he was planning in Italy, Croker is shocked to meet his widow instead. She insists he continue her late husband's plan, which he had completed before his death, of an ambitious heist of \$4 million in gold bullion from a security convoy intended as a down payment to Fiat by China for a car factory.

Croker breaks back into prison to ask British nationalist crime lord Mr. Bridger for financial backing. Initially unconvinced, Bridger soon offers support when he learns of the heist's target. With help from Bridger's organisation, run by his right-hand man Camp Freddie, Croker recruits a crew of specialists, including Lorna and computer expert Professor Peach – the latter needed for sabotaging Turin's traffic control system. After finalising preparations, Croker and his team are summoned by Bridger to a fake funeral ceremony, where he informs them that the Mafia killed Beckermann because of his planned heist, advising them to be careful, but not to return without the gold.

After leaving for Italy, Croker and some of his crew split off from the others while en route to Turin, to avoid raising suspicion. However, the small group soon encounter the Mafia waiting for them in the Alps, led by their boss Altabani, who destroys their cars. Croker narrowly manages to talk his way out of getting murdered. His crew infiltrate the Turin traffic control centre later that night, whereupon Peach replaces one of the computer's magnetic tape data storage reels with a duplicate designed to sabotage Turin's traffic control system on the day of the heist. The next day, as the gold arrives and the crew prepare for the heist, Croker sends Lorna to Geneva to protect her and the plan. At the same time, Peach absconds from the crew, and is later arrested for molesting a woman on a tram.

With the city's closed circuit television traffic monitoring cameras sabotaged and the Turin traffic control system malfunctioning, a massive traffic jam builds up. The crew swiftly ambush the gold convoy outside the Museo Egizio as it is stalled by the traffic jam. Subduing the police and moving the van inside the building, they divide the gold between the boots of three Mini Coopers. Most of the crew then escape the building disguised as football fans, while Croker leads the rest out of the city in the Minis, going over stairs, pedestrian streets, rooftops and sewers. Following a set route designed by Beckermann, the crew escape from Turin with the gold, and rendezvous with a modified coach to collect the Minis before they reach the Alps. Once aboard, the group unload the gold, dispose of the Minis in the Alps, and collect the rest of the crew.

As Bridger celebrates with his fellow prisoners and prison staff, the coach suddenly loses control and teeters over a cliff, with the gold balancing over the edge. Croker soon contemplates how to save the crew and the gold, which is sliding further away down the vehicle, and claims "hang on a minute lad, I've got a great idea."

Cast

Michael Caine as Charlie Croker
Noël Coward as Mr. Bridger
Benny Hill as Professor Simon Peach
Raf Vallone as Altabani
Tony Beckley as Camp Freddie
Rossano Brazzi as Roger Beckerman
Maggie Blye as Lorna
Irene Handl as Miss Peach
John Le Mesurier as the Prison Governor
Fred Emney as Birkinshaw
John Clive as Garage manager
Graham Payn as Keats
Michael Standing as Arthur
Stanley Caine as Coco

Barry Cox as Chris
Harry Baird as Big William
George Innes as Bill Bailey
John Forgeham as Frank
Robert Powell as Yellow
Derek Ware as Rozzer
Frank Jarvis as Roger
David Salamone as Dominic
Richard Essame as Tony
Mario Valgoi as Manzo
Renato Romano(in Italian) as Cosca
Franco Norvelli as Altabani's driver
Robert Rietti as Police chief
Timothy Bateson as Dentist
David Kelly as Vicar
Arnold Diamond as Senior computer room official
Simon Dee as Shirtmaker
Alistair Hunter as Warder
Lana Gatto as Mrs. Cosca
Louis Mansi as Computer room official
Henry McGee as Tailor
Lelia Goldoni as Mrs Beckerman
Valerie Leon as Hotel Receptionist

Parents Guide

Certification

Australia:A (original rating) Australia:PG (1985, re-rating) Canada:PG Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:15 Finland:K-11 (DVD rating) Finland:K-12 (original rating) France:Tous publics Germany:12 (DVD rating) India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1969, original rating) Ireland:PG Ireland:PG (Blu-ray rating) Ireland:PG (DVD rating) Ireland:G (1969) Italy:T Japan:G Mexico:A Netherlands:AL (original rating) Netherlands:12 (re-rating) New Zealand:PG Norway:15 Norway:16 (cinema version) Portugal:M/12 (DVD imports) Portugal:(Banned) (original rating) Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Korea:15 Spain:13 Sweden:11 Taiwan:13+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:U United Kingdom:PG (Blu-ray rating) United Kingdom:PG (DVD rating) United Kingdom:PG (1988, re-rating) United Kingdom:U (1969, original rating) United States:G (mpaa rating: certificate #22025) West Germany:12

Sex & Nudity –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Mild **Profanity** – Mild **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Mild

MPAA Rated PG for rude humour and some action

