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SCUOLA SORRENTO – SORRENTY, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Scuola Sorrento is located in a 16th century palazzo in the dramatic seaside town of Sorrento. The teachers are selected using the highest criteria to ensure that each student has a successful and gratifying learning experience. Each language instructor is required to pose a superior level of education, training, experience and skill. Each one has been trained and qualified to administer language certification under TELC, The European Language Certificates. Each instructor represents a multitude of ages, races, ethnicities and genders, providing each student with a diverse educational experience..

Sorrento, with its luxuriant vegetation and sun-drenched climate, became a favorite resort of wealthy Romans. A cliff-top setting, an imposing cathedral in the main piazza, a Franciscan church with a distinctive 13th-century cloister, and a charming, flower-filled town draws thousands of modern-day visitors as well.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Standard Program Group 20 hours per week. Consists of four hours per day of Italian language classes held five days per week, Monday through Friday. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9.00 each morning and end at 13.15 (1:15pm), with one fifteen minute break from 11.00 to 11.15. There is an average of 10-12 students per class.

Intensive Program Group 25 hours per week: 20 Italian Language + 5 Culture. The Intensive Program combines twenty hours of Italian language classes with five hours of cultural study per week. The cultural classes are held in the afternoon and themes are based on the particular interests of the participants. Themes could include topics related to Italian history, literature, current events, etc. that are designed to build a students' cultural language skills. There is an average of 10-12 students per class.

Super Intensive Program Group + Tutor 25 hours per week: 20 Group Italian Language + 5 Tutor. The Super Intensive Program combines the Basic Program of four hours per day of Italian language classes with one hour per day of individual Italian language classes, held five days per week, Monday through Friday.

Basic Language & Cooking Program 20 hours of Italian language + 3 lessons of Cooking per week. The Standard Language & Cooking Program combines twenty hours of group Italian language classes with three cooking lessons per week.

Basic Language & Voice Lessons Program 20 hours of Italian language + 10 Voice lessons of per week. The Standard Language & Voice Lessons Program combines twenty hours of group Italian language classes with ten voice lessons per week.

Basic Language & Ceramics Program 20 hours of Italian language + 10 Ceramics lessons of per week. The Standard Language & Ceramics Program combines twenty hours of group Italian language classes with ten ceramics classes per week.

Christmas Course 2 weeks, 24 hours Italian Language + Activities. This special 2 week course is designed for students that want to experience the year-end holidays Italian style. The course includes six days of formal Italian language classes held four hours per day in small groups averaging 10 to 12 students, as well as special dinners, a tour of the churches of Sorrento, a Christmas cooking class, an excursion to Naples, and a New Year's Eve dinner cooking class. Combine that with staying with a host family and you've got a perfect intercultural holiday experience.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay Includes a single room with breakfast daily. Half board (breakfast and dinner) and double rooms for students traveling together can be arranged upon request and at additional cost. This is an excellent opportunity to practice Italian on a daily basis and sample the delights of Italian home cookery.

Shared Student Flat Rooms in shared student flats have shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. The number of rooms per flat varies from 1 to 7. Double rooms are for students traveling together only. This option is available at additional cost.

Independent Flat For the more independent student, we offer private flats. This option is available at additional cost.

Hotel There are a wide range of hotels, from one to five stars, in the city center and surrounding area. This option is available upon request and may be at additional cost.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Sorrento is full of cultural, artistic and outdoor activities year-round. Participating in these activities is a fun way to learn the language and interact with the locals. Some activities students can get involved with include

TO REGISTER:

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Program & Admission Information - Sorrento, Italy

Programs

The Italian for Foreigners program is designed to enable students, professionals and those simply interested in learning Italian to develop an integrated mastery of the language and its the four main skill areas: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Programs are practical, stimulating, and interactive. Teachers use a range of material from textbooks to. articles from newspapers and magazines, videos and tapes. This ensures that each student receives both an academic understanding of the language and a contemporary understanding of the Italian culture and language. The overall objective is to enable students to communicate effectively and confidently in Italian.

In addition to classroom instruction, the surrounding community offers students an excellent opportunity to practice their language skills. Because the NRCSA Center also teaches foreign languages to Italians, students are exposed to Italian native speakers on a daily basis. Whether it's a casual encounter in the hallway or a school-organized event, students are in an environment which encourages conversation and interaction.

Italian language courses are divided into six levels consistent with the criteria of the Council of Europe: Beginner (I), Elementary (II), Pre-Intermediate (III), Intermediate (IV), Upper Intermediate (V), and Advanced (VI). If a student has previous Italian language experience, a test will be administered in the beginning of the course to determine placement. Each level lasts four weeks for the average student.

A TYPICAL DAY OF CLASSES

Time Learning Agenda

9:00-11:00 Conversation practice, vocabulary and grammar

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 Vocabulary expansion and conversation practice

12:15-13:15 Conversation practice and development of speaking and pronunciation abilities

15:00-17:15 Thematic lectures and discussion based on a class' particular interests (i.e., Italian history, literature, current events)

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Italian language classes are scheduled to begin at 9.00 each morning, Monday through Friday, and end at 13.15 (1:15pm), with one fifteen minute break from 11.00 to 11.15. Cultural classes are scheduled from 15.00(3:00pm) to 17.15(5:15pm).

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Programs

Standard Program
Intensive Program
Super Intensive
Program
Basic Language &
Cooking Program
Basic Language &
Voice Lessons
Program
Basic Language &
Ceramics Program
Christmas Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities

Excursions and
Cultural activities

Comments

"I liked being immersed in the culture and language 24/7, and being able to live with a family. Sorrento Lingue's teachers were outgoing, enthusiastic, extremely pleasant and professional. The staff was superior in anticipating and responding to needs."

University Student, Brooklyn,
NY

Group classes are scheduled to begin at 9.00 each morning, Monday through Friday, and end at 13.15 (1:15pm), with one fifteen minute break from 11.00 to 11.15. There is an average of 10-12 students per class.

Tutor classes are held in the afternoons and can be custom-tailored for students with more specific needs (i.e., Italian university preparation, business Italian).

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Cooking classes are scheduled held in the afternoon. Students learn how to prepare traditional Italian recipes as well as dishes unique to the Sorrento and the Campania region. The instructor will lead students on a gastronomical tour of Italy and teach the secrets of making Mediterranean food (i.e., handmade pasta, gnocchi, fish). Each course is designed as a full meal, including antipasti, primo piatto, secondo piatto, and dolce.

Basic Language & Voice Lessons Program 20 hours of Italian language + 10 Voice lessons of per week. The Standard Language & Voice Lessons Program combines twenty hours of group Italian language classes with ten voice lessons per week.



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Voice lessons are scheduled held in the afternoon. Led by Maestro Federico De Curtis, former tenor of the Teatro San Carlo in Naples, the center offers both professional and beginner-level voice lessons. Professional lessons cover techniques and interpretation of Italian opera and Neopolitan songs, voice laying, and breathing emission. Beginner lessons enable future talents to develop their vocal and respiratory techniques through Italian and Neopolitan songs.

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Ceramics classes are scheduled held in the afternoon. Students learn the techniques of working, decorating and baking clay the artigianale way in a typical, Sorrentine ceramics studio. On request, excursions can also be arranged to Vietri, one of the most famous and beautiful towns of the Costiera Amalfitana, known worldwide for its ceramics.

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Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Italian is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates

At the end of each level, students will have the opportunity to take an examination accredited by The European Language Certificates (TELC) for an additional fee.

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.
 City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:
 Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

Check Preferences.

- Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.