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SIENA LANGUAGE SCHOOL – SIENA, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Siena Language School was founded in Siena in 1979. Since that time, the school has been welcoming students of a wide range of nationalities and all ages to study language, art and culture in the centre of this charming medieval city. The school represents the Siena Committee of the nonprofit making cultural organization Società Dante Alighieri, founded in Rome in 1889 with the aim of promoting and sustaining the knowledge of Italian language and culture throughout the world. All students attending the school for at least four weeks automatically receive free membership of the Society and benefit from the numerous advantages that it offers, both in Italy and abroad. Siena Language School is also recognized by the European Consortium as an examination centre for the ECL (European Certificate of Language) exam at various levels of knowledge.

Siena Language School's teachers are all native Italian speakers, are highly qualified, university graduates and are specially trained to teach foreigners. All teachers attend a teacher-training course organized by the school's Director of Studies before teaching at the school. Each teacher specializes in an area of Italian Culture, such as History of Art, Literature, Theatre or Music.

Siena is a city of contrasts, from the medieval treasures to be found within its city walls to the modern shops and facilities to be found all around the city; from the calm and tranquility of the hidden back streets to the hectic Palio preparations, race and celebrations which go on in the main squares for over half a year. It is a small city but has a large student population (both Italians and foreigners), meaning that there are plenty of things to do.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Siena Language School's Italian language courses can be taken all year round, to maximum of 18 months. Groups are of a maximum of 12 students and lessons are measured in full 60 minute hours. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with Saturdays kept free for visits and outings. On the first day, there will be an orientation tour around the city in the afternoon. One of Siena Language School's teachers will show students the main sights, useful places (post office, banks, etc.) and the two school premises.

Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. This course permits students to study general Italian language from 9.00 to 13.30 in the morning and leave afternoons free to take part in the school's social activity program, to study independently, etc. The last hour of each morning is dedicated to workshops in which students study two basic language skills in greater depth, either speaking and listening or reading and writing. Classes are held at 4 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced and superior.

Combined Course 30 hours per week-20 Group + 10 Tutor. This course is suited to those who wish to study intensively and on specific topics but have little time available. The morning group language lessons concentrate on general grammar and conversation, while in the afternoon individual lessons students can choose to specialize in a particular area of the language - e.g. business Italian, Italian for journalism or politics, literature, conversation, history of art, etc.

Language & Cooking Course Group 20 hours per week + 3 or 6 evenings of cooking lessons. Post Beginner level required. The course combines the Standard Course of 4 hours daily with 3 evenings of cooking classes over 2 weeks, or 6 evenings of classes over 4 weeks. The cooking lessons are intended for nonprofessionals who love Italian food and want to learn to prepare traditional dishes (appetizers, pasta, meat, fish, vegetables, pizza, desserts, etc.). Each lesson will prepare a complete meal. The course calls for a minimum of 3 participants and a maximum of 6. Examples of topics include: Vegetarian and fish dishes; Traditional Mediterranean flavors; Cold dishes and ice cream; Traditional Italian flavors and Christmas sweets and cakes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All accommodation is payable locally.

Homestay Siena Language School can book single or double rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner) with one of their carefully selected families. Most families live just outside the city walls and an average bus ride is about 10-20 minutes.

Shared Student Apartment Rooms in shared student flats have shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. The number of rooms per flat varies from 1 to 7. All bedding is provided.

Hotel Mini-Apartment Siena Language School can book a mini-apartment with cooking facilities and private bathroom in residences just outside the centre. Facilities include telephone, garden and parking place.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural, Social & Excursion Activities

Every month the school organizes at least 2 guided visits around the city which are free, plus an outing to famous cities or places of interest. Meetings, dinners and parties are also organized.

TO REGISTER:

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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
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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.

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