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SCUOLA ITALIANA – FLORENCE, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Scuola Italiana was established as meeting places for people of all ages and backgrounds who are united in a common aim: to learn a new language and to develop their understanding of other people. Scuola Italiana is located in a Renaissance palace in Florence. In the piazza in front of the school, there are trattorias and cafes full of talk, movement and bustle. The school facilities include 12 classrooms, a multimedia learning centre, a lecture room and a student lounge.

All Scuola Italiana teachers are trained, qualified staff who specialize in language teaching and are teaching in their native language to adults. Classes are taught by a team of 2 or 3 teachers, one of whom has overall responsibility of course planning. The teachers will use student feedback in weekly and daily work plans taking account of the needs of the individuals in the class.

Florence, a city with a population of around half a million inhabitants, spreads on the banks of the Arno, between the Adriatic and the Tyrrhenian seas, almost in the middle of the Italian peninsula. It is a town which bustles with industry and craft, commerce and culture, art and science. On the little streets, shops gleam with fruit, vegetables, wine; craftsmen work in the old ways in wood, gold and leather. The city has retained an extraordinary wealth of art treasures, a glorious witness to its centuries of civilization.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The teaching of real language for a real purpose in an action-oriented approach is at the heart of Scuola Italiana methodology. The school teaches the language the student needs to communicate in real life. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy combined with communicative activities, the school pays very careful attention to the degrees of control in the practice leading from initial presentation of the new language towards realistic communicative use of that language.

Student progress is monitored through regular homework, a feedback session every Friday, which is used to discuss the previous week and the plans for the following week, and a weekly quiz on the language learned that week. In addition, regular and end of course tests are given to each student to evaluate the language level reached.

Basic Course 20 lessons per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds.

Language & Culture Course 24 lesson per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The course combines the Basic Course of 20 language lessons per week with 4 lessons per week of a Culture Program. Language lessons take place in the morning with the culture lessons in the afternoon, Monday-Friday. Culture lessons include gastronomy, art, cultural history, and museum visits. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds.

Teacher Refresher Course Group 25 lessons per week. French language teachers can take this course to update language skills, refresh knowledge familiarity with France and explore new developments in teaching methodology. Staff are experienced, trained specialists in language education and teaching methodology. The typical course has 3 main components: Advanced Language Improvement; Language Teaching Methodology; Cultural & Background Studies. The course is 2 weeks long and each class has a duration of 50 minutes. A maximum of 13 students per class is allowed. The course is open to those at Scuola Italiana Levels 7-10.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Scuola Italiana, Florence has been arranging family accommodation for its students since 1957. Accommodation is usually 3-7 km away and most students have a journey of 20-30 minutes by bus. A single room with breakfast daily is included.

Other Accommodations

Upon request, Scuola Italiana, Florence can also arrange accommodation in small hotels or boarding houses, with breakfast included. They can also provide information on renting a furnished room apartment during a course.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Some social activities are at no cost and some are at additional cost, approximately Euro 5 to Euro 35 and include: Painting and Drawing Courses; Cookery Courses; Lectures; Parties; Films at the School; Evening Meals out in the Country.

Excursions cost approximately Euro 30 to Euro 200 and include: Coast Region and Cinque Terre; Siena; San Gimignano; Pisa; Lucca; Assisi; Rome; Venice.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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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.

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