

Welcome to Tuscany, Italy!



2009 Dates: Begin any month!

2009 Price Estimates for 12-Week Programs:
\$4,900 in Florence
\$5,150 in Lucca

4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!

The Locations

If you love art and culture, what better place to study Italian than **Florence**, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to a wealth of museums, churches, and historical sites. Now that Florentines have banished autos from most of the city's historic center, you'll find it a pleasant and fascinating city to explore on foot.

For a classic Tuscan experience, we recommend **Lucca**, a tidy gem of a town still encased within its famous Patrician walls. Enjoy the relaxed pace while you explore this lovely blend of ancient and modern Italy. It is only one hour from Florence and thirty minutes from Pisa and the sea.

The Language Institute

Established in 1980 by an association of Italian language teachers, the language center brings to its students a wealth of experience and research in the teaching of Italian as a foreign language. Courses vary in length, level, and teaching method to satisfy a variety of student needs. The campuses are centrally located in each town, often in historic buildings such as the Palazzo Borghese, a 16th century renaissance palace in Florence.

The Classes

These programs incorporate Italian culture and customs into the framework of an active communicative curriculum. Group courses have between 4 to 12 students of all ages and nationalities. At the end of your course, you can request a certificate of attendance, stating the length of the course and your language ability level.

Cultural Activities

The language institute offers many cultural activities. Some of them, like screenings of Italian films, are free of charge. For other options, you might want to budget a little extra. These options vary depending on the location of the school, but can include: art history lessons, exploring Etruscan archeological sites, day trips to nearby towns, lessons on garden architecture with visits to Villa gardens, concerts, and classes on Tuscan cooking and wine-tasting.

Special Option: Photography Workshops or Art Classes!

Capture the beauty of Florence and the surrounding landscapes in photographs or artwork that reflect your individual experience in a creative, artistic, and professional way. Call for details and additional options!

Accommodations

Stay with a welcoming Italian host! You will have a private room and breakfast provided by your family. Dinner with your hosts can be arranged at an additional fee. Homes are easily reached by walking or by public transportation, usually within 30 minutes.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, homestay placement with breakfast, some cultural activities, class materials and on-site support are included. Dinner with your host family can be arranged at additional cost. Budget some extra money for the optional excursions.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, beginners can participate in this program. Call us for specific beginner start dates!

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

Will there be an orientation in Italy? Yes, on the first Monday of your program you will have a general orientation about the school and the area where you are living. In Florence, you will also receive a student card that grants you discounts in several bars and theaters in the city.

Will I have access to email? Yes, both campuses offer a wireless internet connection. If you don't want to bring your laptop, you can access the internet at one of the institute's computers.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 6, April 13 and 25, May 1, June 2, August 15, December 8, 25, and 26. Refunds are not available for classes missed on these holidays.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

Can I speak to people that have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have previously participated in this program.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download the application at www.andeo.org. Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

What is your cancellation policy? If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the language school. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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