

Over 50 Italian courses

Florence 2025

Why not combine your language studies with a chance to explore the cultural delights of Florence, and share the experience with your peers?

On set dates each Spring and Autumn, we offer you the chance to practise and improve your Italian with other adult students. The programme also enables you to explore the city with an Italian guide and sample the wines, enjoy a traditional meal, and tour some of the amazing churches and museums that Florence offers.



Course Format:

One- or two-week duration

20 group language lessons per week
(mixed age group) plus social
programme per week

Max. 14 people per class

Levels: All ability levels

Timetable: Morning timetable plus social
programme in the afternoons and some
evenings

Course Notes

Open to students of all language levels, these courses concentrate on developing general language skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and are always held in Italian. These short-term Italian courses are aimed at those who need to build on current skills or who want to learn Italian in Florence, from scratch on an Italian immersion course, with their peers. Older adults are placed in classes together wherever viable, however, if necessary, a student is placed in a class with a mixed aged group to ensure the language tuition is appropriate for their skill level.

The programme is aimed at those students who wish to share the experience with their peers whilst concentrating on developing their communication skills.

The morning course of Standard Italian Language is designed to improve language and conversational skills and heighten the awareness and appreciation of the Italian culture.

Classes are in small groups (mixed age group) with the emphasis on oral expression, as well as social and cultural aspects rather than grammar analysis and written skills.



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Course Dates: 2025

Arrival: Sunday
Classes: Monday/Friday
Departure: Saturday

One & Two week start dates:

Monday 19 May
Monday 01 Sept
Monday 13 Oct

Course Fees:

One week	€ 730.00
Two weeks	€ 1,325.00
CESA admin fee:	€ 70.00

Accommodation Fees:

Important note: Accommodation fees are paid
DIRECTLY in Italy, not via CESA

Italian hosts: B&B, single room

One week	€ 300.00
Two weeks	€ 520.00

Italian hosts: half-board, single room

One week	€ 396.00
Two weeks	€ 728.00

Shared rooms also available

Hotels: Single room, B&B

From € 120.00 per night

Please ask for local recommendations
and let us know the category you'd
prefer.

Course Activities First Week:

Enjoy a guided tour of Florence, a half-day excursion to the Chianti vineyards, take a trip to a wine cellar and sample a local specialty, a 'merenda' (this is a typical Tuscan afternoon snack); participate in a guided history of art visit (all in Italian of course!) and also tour of some local Artisan workshops (ceramics, etching, Florentine paper, shoemaker etc) and round off the week with a traditional Italian dinner in a typical 'Trattoria' in the city.

Course Activities Second Week:

Escape the classroom at the weekend, with a group excursion in Tuscany to Siena, Pisa or Lucca with a guide.

In the second week the school will take you to visit Fiesole and the Roman Theatre or visit the Renaissance Villas and Gardens with a guide, take a tour of the Fashion Workshops or indulge yourself with some shopping at some of the famous Outlet stores, indulge your taste for Italian food in a Tuscan cookery class, visit one of Florence's many museums or a historic 'Palazzo' and finally enjoy an 'Apericena' (this is a rich Italian buffet serving up typical traditional Florentine snacks)

Exact timetable may vary from the above itinerary

Public holidays: There are public holidays in the year, but they don't coincide with the Over 50 course dates.



Accommodation

Students can choose to stay with local Italian hosts (great for practising your Italian out of class!) or in local Hotels (all categories offered, just let us know your preference).

Italian hosts:

Many language students choose to stay with hosts. You will be provided with a single room with a hostess, on a Bed and breakfast or half-board basis.

Host accommodation generally involves a short commute in from residential areas, (allow 20/30 mins).

Hotels:

All categories offered, just let us know your preference.

Travel/Transfers

Transfer on arrival:

Collection from Florence international airport: **€70.00** / one way

If arriving in Florence, you can either book the Italian language school private transfer or make your own way into the city centre and your accommodation.



Background information

The Italian College in Florence offers a wide range of Italian courses to suit all needs, from Italian Academic Year course for Gap Year students to the intensive Italian Private tuition courses and of course the Italian Over 50 courses.

Established in 1977, the Italian school is in the heart of the city. Situated on the first floor of a historic building, it offers a quiet working environment to help students learn Italian in Florence yet is only 4 minutes by foot from the Duomo. There is also a lounge with snack machine and coffee machine. The lounge is equipped with tables and chairs and may be used as a study room for student use. There are 18 classrooms for group course and private tuition use and the Italian staff are always on hand should you have any questions once on your course. The Italian college requires all their Italian teachers to have university degrees and extensive experience teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. Just along the road from the Italian college are several internet points where students can access the internet and email at a reduced price.

Course duration	1+ weeks, throughout the year Over 50 course: 1 or 2 wks
Minutes per Italian lesson	45
Minimum age	16 yrs (year round)
No. of classrooms	18
No. of students /quietest months	70/90 per month
No. of students /busiest months	180 per month