

The pleasure of studying Italian in Tuscany by the sea

Who we are

Since 1981 we have offered students from all over the world the opportunity to learn Italian in one of the most beautiful parts of Tuscany.

Our school is open all year round in Pisa, a university town 12 km from the sea, famous for the Leaning Tower and Miracle Square. From June to September it is possible to attend our courses in Viareggio, a typical sea-side town well known for its pine-woods and nightlife.

Given their importance, both towns have good rail and road links with Rome, Florence, Milan and Venice.

Our school is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, the Swedish CSN, in Germany for educational holidays (Bildungsurlaub) and is member of the associations ASILS and Euditalia. The Istituto Linguistico Mediterraneo is a CILS and DITALS examination site for the Università per Stranieri di Siena.

The Pisa school has a Wireless at the disposal of the students.



Our method

The teaching method is structured to facilitate the development of communicative ability without neglecting the study of the grammatical structures. The teaching material is produced by our institute, but is appropriately supplemented, according to the judgement of the teacher, in order to meet the needs of the class. Each class has its own identity and needs which essentially makes the teaching "personalized". Upon request, once a week a teacher receives students by appointment for any additional explanations or clarifications relating to the part of the syllabus taught during the lessons.

Our Italian Language courses

On the first day of a course each student is carefully assessed by means of an entry test so as to place him or her in a group that is suited to his/her knowledge of the Italian language.

The groups of students are on average small (6-7 students) with a maximum of 12 students per class. The courses are organized by levels according to the Common European Framework for Languages.



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OUR COURSES IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The lessons take place from Monday to Friday.

General course “GA” combines the teaching of grammatical and structural aspects of the language with activities for the development of communicative competences. The course also provides elements of Italian culture. This course is held in Pisa and consists in 20 group lessons a week, 4 lessons a day

Holiday course “GV” is mainly oriented towards developing conversational skills, without neglecting Italian grammar and culture. The course is held in Viareggio with 20 group lessons a week, 4 lessons a day

Intensive course “GB” essentially covers the same syllabus as the General course and Holiday course but with a larger number of hours. Added to the 4 hours of lessons during the morning are added 2 hours of group conversation in the afternoon. The course, held in Pisa and Viareggio, consists in 30 group lessons a week, 6 lessons a day.

Individual courses “IA”, “IB”, “IC” individualised, for those who need to make maximum use of the short periods available, with a personalized syllabus according to specific work and study needs. The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio. 20/30/40 lessons a week, 4/6/8 lessons a day. Times: to be chosen by the student. Starting date: open.

Individual courses with lunch with the teacher “IP1”, “IP2”, “IP3” takes place in the same way as the other individual courses except that each day two hours of conversation are held at a restaurant or pizzeria. The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio 20/30/40 lessons a week, 4/6/8 lessons a day. Times: to be chosen by the student. Starting date: open.

Mini-intensive course “MI1”, “MI2”, “MI3”, MI4 is suitable for those who wish to complete a specific course of study in a short time, but prefer to occupy the afternoon with only one hour of lessons. Like the Super-intensive course, they are group lessons combined with individual lessons, during which it is possible to arrange with the teacher to deal with subjects of interest to the student for his/her profession or studies, e.g. professional deal in a specific area or preparation for a university exam in Italian. The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio. 25 lessons a week (20 group + 5 individual hours a week), 5 lessons a day.

Super-intensive course “SI1”, “SI2”, “SI3”, SI4 is particularly suited to those who wish to complete a specific programme of studies in a short time. The group lessons help to develop general language skills, while the individual lessons can deal with subjects of particular interest to the student, such as topics relating to a profession or for preparation for an university exam in Italian. The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio. 30 lessons a week (20 group hours and 10 individual hours a week), 6 lessons a day.

Preparatory course for the CILS exam. “MC1”, “MC2”, “MC3”, MC4” - “SC1”, “SC2”, SC3”, SC4”
This course is specifically geared to prepare the students for the CILS examination of the University for Foreigners of Siena. The group lessons help to develop general language skills according the CILS exam program (according the Common European Framework for Languages contents). During the individual lessons there are practice sessions using CILS tests and the areas in which the student is deficient are studied more in depth.

Course “MC” – 25 lessons a week (20 group hours and 5 individual hours a week) 5 lessons a day.

Course “SC” - 30 lessons a week (20 group hours + 10 individual hours a week) 6 lessons a day

50+ Wine and Art “C50”. We have prepared a ‘light’ study programme of the Italian language focusing on conversation and enriched with cultural activities centred around the two principal aspects of Tuscan culture: Art and Wine. There will be Italian lessons in the morning while in the afternoons there will be trips to local places of interest, or wine tastings and the opportunity to sample local delicacies. Other trips include the Piazza dei Miracoli and the Leaning Tower, a visit to a wine producer complete with wine and oil tasting and the chance to view the estate, a trip to the nearby city of Lucca and a gastronomic tour of Florence with a visit to an historical Florentine enoteca. The stay lasts one week and consists in 15 Italian lessons and 6 activities.

SPECIAL COURSES

These courses must be attended together with a language course.



Cookery course

The aim is the practical learning of the basic principles of Italian cooking such as pasta, pizza and Tiramisù. The course is also a pleasant opportunity for socialization and is concluded with a dinner consisting of what has been cooked and with wine added.

The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio and consists in 2 meetings which last about 3 hours each until the end of the dinner.

Course in History of Art

This course is directed at people who are interested in Art History and want basic knowledge on monuments and works of Art in Tuscany. It is theoretical and entails the use of slides. This course is not suited to absolute beginners. The course is held in Pisa and Viareggio and consists in 4 group lessons a week.



Painting course

A course in painting conducted by Maestro [Enrico Fornaini](#). The course consists of 4 meetings of about 3 hours each.. This course is available in in Pisa in the afternoons. **The price does not include painting materials.**

Certificates

A certificate of attendance is issued to each participant at the end of the course.

For those who have attended a course lasting at least 4 weeks it will be possible to take an optional exam, both written and oral, to obtain the ILM certificate, containing an end-of-course evaluation (exam fee: Euro 30,00).

Our school is also a recognized centre for preparation and examination for the **CILS** certificate and **DITALS** University for Foreigners of Siena



Free time

The school organizes trips, usually under the guidance of our teachers and provides information about the varied programme of musical and cultural events that take place during the year.

Our destinations are Lucca, Pisa, Firenze, Cinque Terre but trips to other destinations like Venice and Rome can be organized upon request.



Accommodation

Our secretary offers free and complete assistance to all students regularly enrolled in the search and reservation of accommodation requested. Our accommodation is carefully selected from what is available on the market. Generally, given our policy of keeping down costs, our accommodation is of medium standard, but such as to guarantee our students a pleasant stay. A higher standard of accommodation can be provided on request.



The accommodation options provided are:

1. Single or double room in flat with use of kitchen and bathroom.

Very often in Pisa, though not always, there is an Italian in these flats who is responsible for the running of the flat. In Viareggio the flats are normally shared only with other students of the school.

2. Single or double room with family with breakfast or half-board.

You will be given hospitality by families or single ladies who will introduce you to genuine Italian cooking as well as our way of life.

3. Independent flat on request

4. Hotel or boarding-house

Our secretary can book a room in a Hotel or Boarding House. Both in Pisa and in Viareggio the school has special prices at three-star hotels, but can also find rooms of a different standard on request.



Transfer service



A transfer service is provided, on request, from Pisa and Florence airport or station and from Viareggio station to the respective accommodation. The service must be requested at least one week before the arrival date.

PISA

Young and old town by the sea linked to the whole world



University town of great historical and cultural interest, famous for its Leaning Tower, Pisa is distinguished by the youth of the population, its proximity to the sea, which can be reached by bus or bicycle, and excellent links with the whole of Italy and the world, given that the largest airport in Tuscany and a rail link of primary importance is there. In addition to the sea, there is also the nature reserve of Migliarino-Massaciuccoli-San Rossore, one of the largest and most interesting national parks in Italy. Pisa has an intense cultural life throughout the year, but the month of June is particularly rich in events: the most famous being the Luminara.

Pisa airport

Pisa airport is served by 18 airlines operating 422 weekly flights to 63 national and international destinations (Summer 2009).

Thanks to this you can reach Pisa from a number of European and non-European destinations.

The flag companies reach Pisa from Rome but there are a lot of Low cost flight companies that provide direct flights to Pisa. In a short time and for a very cheap price. it is possible to get there from United Kingdom and Spain, from Germany and Austria, as well as from Paris, Lion Budapest, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Oslo, Bergen, New York and several other countries and destinations. Please visit the site www.pisa-airport.com for more detailed information.



The courses

Each lesson lasts 55 minutes

The following courses are held in Pisa:

General course "GA"

Intensive course "GB"

Individual courses "IA"; "IB"; "IC"

Individual courses with lunch with the teacher "IP1", "IP2", "IP3"

Mini-intensive course "MI1", "MI2", "MI3", "MI4"

Super-intensive course "SI1", "SI2", "SI3", "SI4"

Preparatory course for the CILS examination "MC1", "MC2", "MC3", "MC4" and "SC1", "SC2", "SC3", "SC4"

Cookery course "COK"

Course in Art History "SAP"

Painting course "PANT"

Wine-tasting course "VT"

50+ Wine and Art "C50"

Preparatory courses for admission to the Italian Universities

VIAREGGIO

An ideal town for entertainment



Viareggio is considered one of the most attractive sea-side resorts in Italy. Typical of this small, quiet town is the Liberty architecture and its long beach. The Apuan Alps, mountains famous for their marble, are close at hand and offer a beautiful panorama from the beach itself.

Viareggio offers a host of different kinds of entertainment. The numerous discotheques, with their intense and original nightlife and bars by the sea, that are the favourite haunts of our students, who can meet and get to know the locals. Also, during the summer, for lovers of Opera, the famous Puccini Festival takes place. This is an open-air festival by the picturesque Lake of Massaciuccoli with the most important names of Italian and international Opera. This town is just 12 km from Forte dei Marmi and 25 km from Pisa.

The courses

Each lesson of GV lasts 45 minutes. The one-to-one lessons last 45 minutes each.

In Viareggio the following courses are held:

Holiday course "GV"

Individual courses "IA", "IB", "IC"

Individual courses with lunch with the teacher "IP1", "IP2", "IP3"

Mini-intensive course "MI1", "MI2", "MI3", "MI4"

Super-intensive course "SI1", "SI2", "SI3", "SI4"

Preparatory course for the CILS examination "MC1", "MC2", "MC3", "MC4" and "SC1", "SC2", "SC3", "SC4"

Cookery course "COK"

Course in Art History "SAP"

Wine-tasting course "VT"

50+ Wine and Art "C50"



CALENDAR 2012

**Absolute beginners are obliged to begin the course on the dates indicated on the calendar.
The non-beginners may begin the course each Monday.**

PISA

VIAREGGIO

Starting dates: - 09/01; 06/02; 05/03; 02/04; 30/04; 28/05; 11/06; 25/06; 09/07; 23/07; 06/08; 20/08; 03/09; 17/09; 01/10; 29/10; 26/11.

The language courses in Pisa will last until 14 Dec. 2012.

The language courses in Viareggio will last until 07 Sept. 2012.
The accommodation low season is from the 17/06 to the 30/06 and from the 26/08 to the 08/09

Bank holidays: 09/04; 25/04; 01/05; 15/08; 01/11

In these dates a trip is offered as compensation

Prices 2012 (prices in Euro)

Type of course		Weeks	Lessons	PISA	VIAREGGIO
GA	General Course (Pisa)*	1	20	160	160
		2	40	290	290
GV	Holiday Course (Viareggio)*	3	60	430	430
		4	80	560	560
		Add. week	20	130	130
GB	Intensive Course	1	30	240	240
		Add. week	30	210	210
IC	One-to-one course**	1	10	340	340
		add. hour	1	34	34
IP	Individual course with lunch with the teacher	1	20	980	980
		1	30	1320	1320
		1	40	1660	1660
		1	20 + 5	320	320
MI	Mini-intensive Course	2	40 + 10	590	590
		3	60 + 15	880	880
		4	80 + 20	1160	1160
		Add. week	20 + 5	290	290
		1	20 + 10	490	490
SI	Super Intensive Course	2	40 + 20	890	890
		3	60 + 30	1330	1330
		4	80 + 40	1760	1760
		Add. week	20 + 10	450	450
		1	20 + 5	320	320
MC	Preparatory course for the CILS examination	2	40 + 10	590	590
		3	60 + 15	880	880
		4	80 + 20	1160	1160
		Add. week	20 + 5	290	290
		1	20 + 10	490	490
SC	Preparatory course for the CILS examination	2	40 + 20	890	890
		3	60 + 30	1330	1330
		4	80 + 40	1760	1760
		Add. week	20 + 10	450	450

Special Courses

These courses must be attended together with a language course or includes a language course

Type of course		Weeks	Lessons	PISA	VIAREGGIO
COK	Italian Cooking	1	6	180	180
SAP	History of Art	2	8	280	280
PANT	Painting	2	12	360	NO

Note: C50 stay includes 15 hours of Italian lessons and 4 half day activities

Starting dates: 18/06; 02/07; 30/07; 27/08 - In Pisa are available the starting dates 28/05 and 01/10

Special discounts

At the Pisa centre the following discounts on the chosen language course will be applied:

20% to the students of the "Erasmus" programme.

20% to holders of a scholarship awarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prices of transfer service (in Euro)

Pisa airport and railway station – Pisa	40	Florence airport and railway station - Pisa	150
Viareggio railway station – Viareggio	40	Florence airport and railway station - Viareggio	150
Pisa airport and railway station – Viareggio	100	Each hour of delay	20

Cost of Lodging

(in Euro)

PISA

		1 Week	2 Weeks	Add. week (7 nights)	extra-night 1 night	half-board per day per person
Room in shared apartment with shared kitchen and bathroom	Double room	115	200	95	15	15
	Single room	150	250	100	19	15
Family with breakfast	Double room	115	200	95	15	15
	Single room	150	250	100	19	15
Hotel 3 stars (prices per person per night)					MIN	MAX
				Single room	65	110
				Double room	39	65
Independent apartment: price on request						
Lodging prices are intended per person						

VIAREGGIO

The accommodation low season is from the 17/06 to the 30/06 and from the 26/08 to the 08/09

			1 Week	2 Weeks	Add. week (7 nights)	1 extra- night	half-board per day per person
Room in shared apartment with shared kitchen and bathroom	Double room	Low season	110	235	126	18	--
		High season	140	305	161	23	--
	Single room	Low season	165	350	189	27	--
		High season	210	455	245	35	--
Family with breakfast	Double room	Low season	110	235	126	18	14
		High season	140	305	161	23	14
	Single room	Low season	165	350	189	27	14
		High season	210	455	245	35	14
						MIN	MAX
Hotel 2 ** (prices per person per night breakfast included)					Single room		
					Double room		
Hotel 3 *** (prices per person per night breakfast included)					Single room		62
					Double room		45
Independent apartment: booking and price on request							
Camping: booking and price on request							
Notes. Low season accommodation prices are from 16/06 to 29/06 and from 01/09 to 08/09							

Notes on accommodation:

The lodgings are available from the Sunday before the start of the course until the Saturday after the end of the course. The departure should be within the h.12:00. For arrival and departure in other days, students have to contact the School Secretary previously.

Lodging prices are intended per person.

In flat and shared apartment only an initial cleaning of the room is carried out.

Family:

The choice of accommodation in a family normally excludes the use of the kitchen. In case of necessity it is advisable to contact the family in advance. Usually "half-board" means breakfast and dinner.

The price includes cleaning and weekly change of sheets.

Nearly all Italian families have pets. If the student suffers from allergies the school should be informed at enrolment.

Room in flat with use of kitchen and bathroom:

Towels are never provided.

In Viareggio contact the owner to ask if sheets should be brought or not.

In Pisa the owners normally provide sheets with a weekly change.

Flat:

The prices of the flats vary according to what the owner asks, the type of flat, the size and position. In Viareggio the price also depends on the period of the year.

An initial downpayment for the accommodation requested is required.

Hotels:

The prices are per person per room with bathroom and continental breakfast

Camping:

Both in Pisa and in Viareggio it is possible to reserve in Camping

REGULATIONS

Enrolment

- For the enrolment of under-eighteens the written authorization of the parents is needed.
- To effect enrolment an enrolment form must be completed and sent by fax, post or e-mail to the central office in Pisa, with the receipt of the advance payment requested.
- The advance payment is the equivalent of 30% of the total price of the course chosen, plus 70 euro enrolment fee

Type of payment

The advance payment can be paid by:

- 1) international postal order,
- 2) payment into Current Bank Account:

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- The receipt of the advance payment must be sent to the Secretary of the Pisa office.
- On receipt of the advance payment the Secretary in Pisa will confirm the enrolment and at the same time transmit the the address of the accommodation.
- The **balance** must be paid on the day of the course entry test.
- Any bank charges must be paid directly to the school with the balance.

The lessons

- The lessons take place from Monday to Friday and do not take place on public holidays of the Italian calendar. Lessons missed for holidays will be made up.
- On the day of the entry test lessons are not held.
- The absolute beginners must begin the course on the dates indicated on the calendar of the courses.
- If the number of enrolments makes it necessary, the lessons will be held in the afternoon.
- In the rare cases in which, after the entry test, there is only one student in a class, the 4 hours of group lessons will be converted into 2 hours of individual lessons. If, on the other hand, there are 2 or 3 students the 4 group lessons will be reduced to 1 hour (3 lessons instead of 4) in consideration of the fact that lessons in such small groups are more intensive.

Cancellation

- If a cancellation is communicated within 30 days of the beginning of the course, the advance-payment will be refunded minus bank or postal charges, if less than 30 days, the advance-payment will be withheld.
- Once the course has begun, no refund is made, either for discontinuous attendance of the lessons, or for abandonment of the course. If the course is abandoned for reasons beyond the control of the student, there is the possibility of receiving a voucher, to be used within 12 months.
- The payment for the course is not transferable to another person.

Visa for purposes of study

Students from countries where a visa is required for purposes of study can obtain a certificate of enrolment in our courses which can then be presented to the appropriate authorities. In this case the entire cost of the course, for which they will receive the certificate and an invoice, must be paid in advance. If the student does not obtain the visa, he/she must inform the school in writing enclosing a document that testifies the refusal of the authorities or all the original documents received by the school. In this case the school will refund the entire sum paid for the course, after deduction of postal or bank charges, minus the enrolment fee of 70 euro.

After the issue of the certificate, it is no longer possible to obtain a cancellation or change of dates without returning the original enrolment certificate.

Once the visa has been obtained, in the event of non-attendance of the course a refund will not be given. In the case of serious reasons it will be possible to have a voucher that can be used by another person and is valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

The expenses for sending the certificate by courier or express post are born by the student. The Istituto Linguistico Mediterraneo will communicate to the appropriate authorities the name of the students, for whom the certificate has been issued for the application for the Visa, who have been absent from lessons for more than 2 days without informing the Secretary.

Accommodation

- The service of reservation of accommodation is free of charge and the school is not responsible for the relations between the student and the owner.
- Payment of the outstanding amount for the balance the accommodation booked by the school must be made within two days of arrival
- If the student decides to change accommodation, he/she must inform the owner at least 2 weeks in advance. These two weeks must in any case be paid.
- The costs of any damage caused to the accommodation must be reimbursed directly to the owner.
- In the accommodation booked by the school, students must behave in such a way as not disturb neighbours or any co-tenants.
- The booking of the accommodation is strictly personal and the presence of guests must be negotiated directly with the owner.

Insurance

Students are covered by insurance only inside the school. We therefore advise students to take out insurance before leaving their country of origin.



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