



Culturforum: Italian language and culture courses since 2000

Quality teaching in a friendly, informal, and stimulating atmosphere; professionalism combined with personal attention and flexibility; courses in small groups tailored according to the needs of the participants are basic principles at Culturforum.

At Culturforum you will be speaking Italian from the first lesson, gaining confidence, learning to master the language and enhancing your capacity for oral expression and comprehension. You will learn how the language is used in real life and in everyday situations.

Our Italian courses are designed to help you communicate with confidence and success in real life situations. Small classes, with a maximum of 8 students, but 5/6 on average, guarantee individual attention and active participation for all students as they progress in their language acquisition while allowing for instructors to monitor each student carefully. We focus our lessons on listening and conversation so that participants can practice all four skills, helping to reach their full potential.

- More than 20 years' experience teaching Italian
- High-quality teaching in a welcoming, culturally-nurturing environment
- Small school and small class sizes ideal for students seeking a personalized learning experience
- Flexible programmes designed for a range of ages, abilities, and objectives
- Italian courses in small groups tailored to the participants' needs
- Qualified and passionate teachers with many years of experience teaching and working with international students tailored to the participants' needs



Whatever your
reason to learn
Italian, for
work, for
travelling in
Italy, for
academic
reasons
or purely for
passion, we will
help you learn
quickly and
effectively!

A dedicated professional staff

Waiting for you at Culturforum is a dedicated team of friendly staff, who can offer you professional help with your Italian language learning and help you discover the culture and hidden charms of our beautiful land.

Our experienced and dedicated teachers promote fun-learning experience through lively and interesting lessons. They will create enthusiasm and a truly friendly, informal, and stimulating atmosphere so that you will feel confident using Italian and converse with ease on many different subjects.

All of them have years of experience, are learner-centred, dedicated, patient, and enjoy teaching Italian!



Our principal goal at Culturforum is the satisfaction of our students and their progress in learning the Italian language.



Quality Italian courses

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In our Italian courses we adopt a global approach as a teaching method that actively involves students promoting interaction in the classroom, while taking into account their specific needs, their pace of learning and aptitude for learning the Italian language.

STANDARD COURSE	COMBINED COURSE	INTENSIVE COURSE	ITALIAN FOR PROFESSIONALS	50 PLUS COURSE
20 lessons weekly in a small group	20 lessons weekly in a small group	20 lessons weekly in a small group	Italian for flight attendants	20 lessons weekly in a small group
Maximum class size: 8 students	1 individual lesson per day	2 hrs Individual lessons per day	Italian for business	Afternoon leisure programme: guided tours, cooking classes, wine tastings, excursions.
Average class size: 5/6 students	Maximum class size: 8 students	Maximum class size: 8 students	Italian for medicine	
			Italian for tourism	

Italian online courses

Study Italian online with qualified native-speaking teachers and improve your knowledge of Italian from your own home.

- Wherever you are, comfortably from your own home or office, garden or terrace, on the day and at a time you prefer.
- Study one to one, with a partner or as part of a group.
- Choose your class content and the topic you are interested in or let us plan the lessons for you.

With our online services, you can find the perfect course for you. You will be able to learn Italian effectively and easily and to practise speaking and listening with a qualified native-speaking teacher while remaining in your own country.



School and academic courses

Are you planning a language trip for a group of school, university or adult students?

With a study holiday at Culturforum your students will be able to meet other students from all over the world who share the same objective: to learn Italian.

From the start of our Italian language course, we will be in a position to offer you a varied and stimulating experience, supplemented by a full programme of activities and visits, which can be personalised and adapted to the level and interests of your students.

The school and academic courses can be organised to respond to the specific needs of students and their own ways of learning. The daily programme of group activities can be agreed upon with the teacher, to offer your students a unique experience, according to their interests.



Italian culture courses

Would you like to know more about Italian history, culture, literature, art, music, film, language and society? Our culture courses are designed to give you a quick and realistic introduction to Italy. We'll share our beautiful country that is not known through the common stereotypes and depictions.

We want to show you and allow you to discover the past and present of this controversial land, home of authentic creative geniuses as well as audacious improvisers.

Culture courses can be combined with your language course but can also be booked separately.

- Island of contrasts: History of Sicily
- "I know nothing, I saw nothing...": Let's talk about the Mafia
- Let's read some Italian literature together.
- History of the Italian Language
- Italy: a nation of saints, navigators and ... singers.
- Sicilian Literature: from 1900 to the present day
- History of Italy from the Unification
- Suggestion of colour and matter: the mosaic
- Italian Literature: from the late 1800 to present
- Ciak, s'impapa. A journey through Italian movies

Cultural and leisure activities

Learning a language should not be confined to time spent at school, for this reason we worked out a lively and varied social programme offering a range of activities and excursions that will allow you to discover the artistic treasures and the imposing monuments, the traditions, food, wild natural sceneries and secret fascination of Sicily and give you a real understanding of our people and country.

- Walking tour of Palermo
- Monte Pellegrino and the cave of the "Santuzza"
- Monreale and the majestic Arabo-Norman cathedral
- Tour of Cefalù
- Cooking evenings and wine tasting
- Discovering street food
- Visits to archaeological sites and places of cultural and historical interest
- Films, videos and school meetings
- Weekend excursions for student groups

Palermo

Palermo is a vibrant capital city where there is zest for life, liveliness and lots of culture, the ideal place to learn Italian.

Palermo will surprise you. Wandering through the streets of the old town as you seek the many pearls of the city: Punic walls, Roman villas, delightful Arabian-style dwellings, stunning Norman cathedrals, sumptuous baroque churches and palaces, neoclassical theatres and lovely art nouveau villas.

Lose yourselves in the bustling markets and breathe in the atmosphere, the aromas that will make you feel as if you've been dropped into an Arab souk. Here you can taste the street food, pride of the city's culinary tradition, a triumph of colours and flavors.

The streets of Palermo town centre are pulsating with life at any time of day or night. Here you can experience the voices, the colours, the smells, the flavours and friendliness of a city where, with its undeniable controversial sides, north and south meet and that offers a warm Mediterranean atmosphere permeated by oriental charm.



History, art, delicious food and a lively nightlife: Palermo will cater to everyone's taste. An Italian language course in Palermo will give you the opportunity to discover and experience this intriguing multi-faceted city, truly melting pot of cultures and to immerse yourself in the incredibly lively atmosphere of a Mediterranean country.



Sicily

Learn Italian and discover the magical mix of tradition, art, history, nature and the warmth of Sicilians.

Blessed by sun throughout the year and set in crystal clear waters, with its strong and fascinating contrasts, the variety of its natural scenery and its wild beauty Sicily has always enchanted visitors.

Its strategic position in the middle of the Mediterranean has attracted invaders and colonizers who all have left so many impressive buildings, amazing monuments and unique works of art on the island that Sicily has been called open air museum.

Sicily boasts some 3000 years of history, which is attested by its extremely rich and varied artistic and architectural heritage.

Travelling across Sicily, you can discover and enjoy the history, myths and legends of an ancient civilisation and of a land still today swinging between East and West.

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The loveliest region of Italy: a stunning orgy of colours, scents, and lights ...a great delight!

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Sigmund Freud

Great school, wonderful teachers, very nice atmosphere. Lessons are conducted transparently and effectively. In one week I learned more than half a year in lessons in my country. I heartily recommend!! I am already thinking about the next stay. Thank you for this part of Italian course. See you soon!!

Marcelina Z. - Poland

My students participated in a study program at Culturforum and we were all very pleased with the competence, friendliness and helpfulness with which the school staff accompanied these two weeks. Vittoria is a history lover, with her we discovered a fascinating Sicily, we will be back!!!

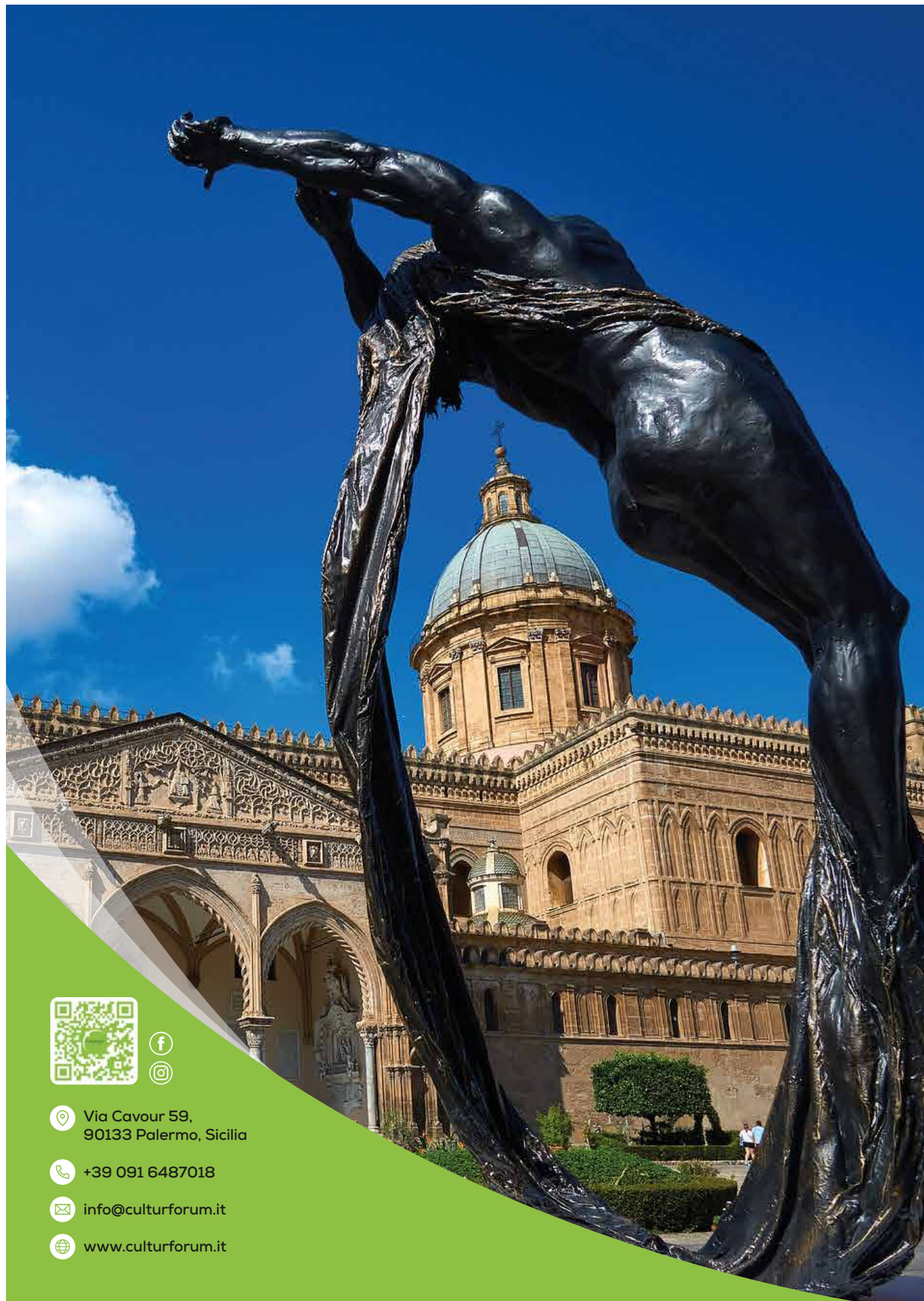
Ester V. - Argentina

Our students' comments

What a fantastic experience. I highly recommend this school! I was fortunate enough to spend 5 weeks there... The teachers are just fantastic -- all super experienced and generous with their time. They very much tailor the lessons to your individual level, so you'll be guaranteed lessons at the appropriate level.

James S. - USA

Our main aim is to ensure that you are satisfied with your learning experience and to make your stay in Palermo and in Italy a unique and memorable experience!



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