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THE ACADEMY IN SHORT

The [Solemar Academy](#) Language school was founded in 1986. Since then, we hosted thousands of students from all over the world. We are a CELI and DILS-PG examination center, accredited by the Universities of Siena, Perugia and Palermo, and acknowledged building for the German Bildungsurlaub. Since July 2018, Solemar Academy become a member of the prestigious **ASILS** organization (Association of Italian Language Schools).

WHERE WE ARE

The school is located in [Cefalù](#), Sicily. The town is distinguished by its renowned tourist hospitality, **beautiful beach** and vibrant summers, but Cefalù is much more. It is a **cultural and artistic centre** nestled in a unique landscape. Art and music festivals animate the town all year round. The sea, the "Rocca", the Madonie nature reserve, the Aeolian Islands - which are less than two hours away by boat - the splendid Arabic and Norman style Cathedral, and many other things make Cefalù the **ideal place** to stay for a language holiday. Here is a map showing how to reach the school from the train station: <https://goo.gl/maps/4nk3UKjN9qCVn4Yr9>

HOW TO GET TO CEFALÙ

- From **Palermo Airport**: once landed in Palermo Airport, students can take a bus, a shared taxi or a train to Palermo Centrale train station. Once at the train station, students must take the first train to Cefalù (www.trenitalia.com). A **transfer service** from Palermo Airport to Cefalù is available for € 130,00 (€ 145,00 for two people).
- From **Catania Airport**: once landed in Catania Airport, students can take a bus, a shared taxi or a train to Catania Centrale train station. Once at the train station, students must take the first train to Cefalù (www.trenitalia.com). A **transfer service** from Catania Airport to Cefalù is available for € 250,00 (€ 265,00 for two people).
- From **Trapani Airport**: once landed in Trapani Airport, students can take a bus to Palermo Centrale train station ([see the link](#)). Once at the train station, students must take the first train to Cefalù (www.trenitalia.com). A **transfer service** from Trapani Airport to Cefalù is available for € 250,00 (€ 265,00 for two people).

THE SCHOOL

Our school is a short walk from the beautiful beach of Cefalù. The school premises include: 5 classrooms, a common area with reception and coffee machine, an external area with plants and space to relax, a small kitchen, storage and bathrooms. All the rooms have air conditioners, projection screen or TV, free Wi-Fi. We also have a library with books and DVDs available free of charge.

TEACHERS AND METHODS

All teachers have a great experience and have all gained a Certificate in teaching Italian as a Foreign Language (DILS-PG or CEDILS). The method we use focuses on communication. Every week, each teacher builds a syllabus using texts adapted to the level of the students. These could include literary works, news articles, songs or extracts from textbooks. The classes are designed to fit the levels of the CEFR.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

On Monday mornings, all new students are required to show up at 8.30am to complete their registration. Upon arrival, they are welcomed with a small breakfast (Italian coffee and cookies). Immediately after registration, the new students have a short conversation with the teachers to allow them to complete the division of classes. The first day, due to registrations, the lessons may start at 9,30am. From Tuesday to Friday, the starting time is 9,00am. During busy periods, some group classes may be organised on a second shift, i.e. in the late morning or early afternoon. Individual classes usually take place later in the morning or in the early afternoon.

SAMPLE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

The calendar of the leisure activities is shared with the students on Monday morning. The activities can be booked directly at the school.

Here is a sample of calendar in high season:

Monday = Tour of Cefalù (free of charge)

Tuesday = Aperitivo with teachers

Wednesday = Excursion in the wood of Guarneri

Thursday = Movie night (free of charge)

Friday = Coast to Coast of Cefalù

Saturday = Tour to Agrigento Valle dei Templi and Scala dei Turchi

Sunday = Excursion to the Aeolian Islands

ATMOSPHERE

If you want to get an idea of the atmosphere at our school and have a look at our special programs, please check our videos:

- Our school : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYqAuaP_UGc
- Study Holiday - Borg 2700 – Summer 2022 : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOu0FVxAmdl&t=4s>
- CLUB 50+ : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHBKX67uaE4>

ACCREDITATIONS

- Officially recognised as language school by the regional department of education "Assessorato regionale dell'Istruzione e della formazione"
- ASILS (Association of Italian Language Schools).
- EDUITALIA International Education (Association of Schools and Universities).
- CSN (Swedish Board of Student Finance)
- University for Foreigners of Perugia – CELI and DILS-PG exams
- University of Siena – DITALS exams
- University of Siena and University of Palermo – curricular training
- Erasmus plus - Organisation ID: E10164313
- Bildungsurlaub: we are accredited with the federal states of Berlin, Hamburg, Hessen, Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony, Brandenburg, Thüringen and Rheinland-Pfalz.

ITALIAN COURSES

Every student is required to pay a one-time inscription fee of € 50,00 (valid from January to December). This fee includes placement test, teaching material, some leisure activities.

GROUP COURSES

All prices are per person. Group courses start each Monday morning (no matter language level) and are held from the 26th of February to the 29th of November (Mon-Fri).

- STANDARD COURSE: general course

| 20 units of 45 min. | 1 week | 2 weeks | 3 weeks | 4 weeks | 5 weeks | 6 weeks | 7 weeks | 8 weeks | Units reduction for classes with less than 4 students: |
|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Course only | 220 € | 430 € | 620 € | 800 € | 960 € | 1120 € | 1280 € | 1440 € | 2 - 3 students: 15 units/week 1 student only: 10 units/week |

- COMBINED COURSE: group course + one extra individual class per day

| Standard course + 1 individual lesson a day | 1 week | 2 weeks | 3 weeks | 4 weeks | 5 weeks | 6 weeks | 7 weeks | 8 weeks | Units reduction for classes with less than 4 students: |
|---|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Course only | 370 € | 730 € | 1070 € | 1400 € | 1710 € | 2020 € | 2330 € | 2640 € | 2 - 3 students: 15 units/week +5 private units 1 student only: 10 units/week +5 private units |

- INTENSIVE COURSE: group course + two extra lessons in group per day on specific topics (valid for Bildungsurlaub, [here our updated recognitions](#))

| Standard course + 2 extra units a day | 1 week | 2 weeks | 3 weeks | 4 weeks | 5 weeks | 6 weeks | 7 weeks | 8 weeks | Units reduction for classes with less than 4 students: |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Course only | 370 € | 730 € | 1070 € | 1400 € | 1710 € | 2020 € | 2330 € | 2640 € | 2 - 3 students: 15 units/week +10 units in group 1 student only: 10 units/week +5 private units |

PROGRAM CLUB 50+

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| Standard Course from Monday to Friday + Leisure activities | Price (course + leisure activities) |
| 2 weeks (course + activities) | 750 € * |

Period: 25 March – 5 April 2024; 21 October – 1 November 2024;
Minimum 8 participants. Students must arrive on Saturday or Sunday.

Sample of activities included:

- Tour of Cefalù;
- Wine tasting at “Abbazia Sant’Anastasia”;
- Cooking class (sicilian cuisine);
- Tour of the historic center of Palermo + “Opera dei Pupi” (puppet theatre);
- Unknown Sicily tour (2 villages in the Madonie Mountains);
- Visit to the wood of Guarneri + tasting of local products;
- Seminar on Italian culture.

***Not included:** accommodation.

INDIVIDUAL COURSES

One to One and **One to Two** courses can be customised in terms of number of units and topics and can be scheduled in late morning or early afternoon, according to availability.

- ONE TO ONE COURSE:

| Any number of classes | 1 unit | 10 units |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Course only | 35 € | 320 € |

- ONE TO TWO COURSE:

| Any number of classes | 1 unit | 10 units |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| Course only | 25 € * | 225 € * |

*Price per student

CELI EXAM TRAINING COURSE

| | 2 weeks | 3 weeks | 4 weeks | 5 weeks | 6 weeks |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| One to One (10 units per week) | 740 € | 1060 € | 1380 € | 1700 € | 2020 € |
| Combined (Standard + 10 units per week) | 1030 € | 1520 € | 2000 € | 2460 € | 2920 € |

STUDY AND WORK PROGRAMS

These courses are meant for those who wish to stay in Italy for a long-term and take the course while interning with an Italian company. Prices do not change during the high season.

- LEARNING WHILE WORKING:

4 weeks of Combined Course + 4 weeks of internship (minimum level B1)

| | Price |
|------------------|----------|
| 4+4 weeks | 1550 € * |

*Not included: accommodation.

ONLINE COURSES

- VIDEO SESSIONS:

This course is ideal for all students willing to learn Italian from home or continuing to study with their favorite Solemar teacher.

| | Price |
|--|-------|
| 10 units (1 or 2 sessions per week) | 250 € |

- E-LEARNING COURSE:

The package includes one sending multimedia materials per week with subsequent correction. The course also includes one video session.

| | Price |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| 4 sending + 1 video session | 120 € |

ITALIAN CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Students that attend Standard Courses can choose to add an additional course among those listed below. The students will attend one group lesson of 45 minutes per day from Tuesday to Friday at the end of the Standard classes. Each Program last 1 week (4 days, Tuesday – Friday). Minimum level required B1.

| | Price |
|---|-------|
| ATTUALITÀ ITALIANA - daily readings of newspaper, debates, social and political topics | 80 € |
| MAFIA E ANTIMAFIA - stories, readings, videos and testimonies about the phenomenon | 80 € |
| MUSICA E CANTAUTORI - listenings, lyrics analysis and debates about italian "cantautori" | 80 € |
| CINEMA ITALIANO - watching of videos, movies, interviews about Italian cinema | 80 € |
| RACCONTI D'ITALIA - literature, tales, stories, poetry, and legends about Italian history | 80 € |

HOLIDAYS

01.01; 01.04; 25.04; 01.05; 15.08; 24.12, 25.12; 26.12;

SCHOOL YEAR

We are open all year. In December, January and February, we typically do only individual courses. Leisure activities are not guaranteed in low season.

ACCOMMODATION

To make the key collection easier, the students are required to inform the School in advance about their expected arrival time. Check-in cannot take place before 4pm (unless otherwise agreed). Check-out cannot take place after 10am. For check-ins made after 9pm, a surcharge of € 30,00 is applied.

SHARED ACCOMMODATION

Single room (SR) or in double room (DR) in shared apartment are located in our [Villa Caterina](#). Electricity is paid extra (€0,50 KW/h). City tax € 1,00 per person per night (from 1.04.24 to 31.10.24). Double rooms are only for pairs. High season: 22.06.2024 – 7.09.2024.

- SINGLE ROOM:

| | Price |
|-------------|-------|
| Low season | 220 € |
| High season | 260 € |

- DOUBLE ROOM:

| | Price |
|-------------|-------|
| Low season | 160 € |
| High season | 200 € |

PRIVATE STUDIOS

Private Studios are located in the historic center of Cefalù or nearby the center. The prices include the use of water, gas, bed linen and towels, final cleaning, electricity and Wi-Fi. City tax € 1,00 per person per night (from 1.04.24 to 31.10.24). Double rooms are only for pairs. High season: 22.06.2024 – 7.09.2024.

- ONE STUDENT:

| | Price |
|-------------|--------------|
| Low season | 60 € per day |
| High season | 80 € per day |

- TWO STUDENTS*:

| | Price |
|-------------|--------------|
| Low season | 80 € per day |
| High season | 90 € per day |

*Only for pairs

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

During their stay students can take part in many different **activities**. Every week we offer a free guided tour through Cefalù and excursions to the most interesting spots in Sicily. We also provide cooking courses, boat trips, sport activities and much more.

For more details about our leisure activities visit our website: <https://solemar-academy.com/en/leisure/>

Prices*

Unknown Sicily tour € 60,00

Coast to Coast of Cefalù € 55,00

Wine tasting € 50,00

Palermo Markets tour € 30,00

Agrigento Valle dei Templi – Scala dei Turchi € 75,00

Excursions to the Aeolian Islands € 70,00/ €90,00

Excursion at Serra Guarneri Environmental Education Center € 40,00

Cooking classes € 60,00

Palermo by night €50,00

Trekking € 50,00

*Prices may change during the year. The students are always informed of the updated price.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Here you find our General conditions: <https://solemar-academy.com/en/general-conditions/>

- CANCELLATION POLICY:

- In the event of the cancellation of a reservation it is necessary to send a written communication to Solemar Sicilia.
- For cancellations of language courses made up to 30 days prior the start date, the customer is entitled to a refund of the deposit from which the school will only deduct the registration fee (€ 50.00). Cancellations of language courses made less than 30 days prior to the start date, will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- Cancellations of accommodation made between 60 to 30 days prior to the start date, will incur a 50% cancellation fee. For cancellations made less than 30 days from the arrival date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied.
- Solemar Sicilia reserves the right to apply, in special cases, different penalties.
- Solemar Sicilia advises guests to take out travel insurance which may protect you, in addition, against these costs.
- Once the registration for an Italian course has been completed, it is not possible to convert the course into a shorter one. If a student is absent from classes, or shortens their course after starting it, they have no right to recovery of the missed lessons.

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