



## SARDINIA, ITALY

### 2011 Dates and Fees:

- May 2 - 27, 2011
- June 20 - July 15, 2011
- July 18 - August 12, 2011
- Sept 12 - Oct 7, 2011

**Sardinia Course Fee:** 1350 EUR

**Accommodation:** 400 EUR for shared room in shared apartment.

Italy is a country located on the Italian Peninsula in Southern Europe and on the two largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily and Sardinia. Italy shares its northern, Alpine boundary with France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia. The independent states of San Marino and the Vatican City are enclaves within the Italian Peninsula, and Campione d'Italia is an Italian exclave in Switzerland.

Italy has been the home of many European cultures, such as the Etruscans and the Romans, and later was the birthplace of the University, the Renaissance that began in Tuscany and spread all over Europe, Vitruvian Man, modern science and astronomy, heliocentrism and Opera. Italy's capital, Rome, was for centuries the center of Western civilization. Today, Italy is a democratic republic and a developed country with the eighth-highest quality of life index rating in the world. It is a founding member of what is now the European Union, having signed the Treaty of Rome in 1957, and it is a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). It is a member of the G8, having the world's seventh-largest nominal GDP, and is also a member state of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Council of Europe, the Western European Union, and the Central European Initiative. Italy is a Schengen state.

Located on the northwest coast of Sardinia, Alghero has become a major holiday destination in recent years and yet still retains its distinctive Catalan character. This derives from the influence of Pedro IV of Aragon who seized control of the town in the mid-fourteenth century and embarked on an intense period of colonization from Spain. Today, Alghero manages to combine its role of tourist centre with that of a thriving port. This enables it to maintain a year round economy outside that of the busy summer months.

Alghero is recognized to be the most Italian of the holiday towns in Sardinia with an old town centre on the sea front consisting of a labyrinth network of narrow lanes, most of which are car free. These play host to numerous hotels, bars, cafes and restaurants that preserve Alghero's reputation for excellent seafood.

## TEFL Training Center:



In Alghero, the Via Lingua CTEFL course is run in cooperation with Inlingua Alghero, a well-reputed language school that organises native-speaker taught language courses during the autumn and winter months for the locals of Alghero, and holds group courses for international travelers from all over Europe who come to Alghero during the spring and summer months for the express purpose of learning Italian. Via Lingua Alghero is a trusted member of an international network of language schools and as such is able to help CTEFL graduates obtain

employment with its affiliates worldwide, or even in Sardinia, should a graduate decide to opt for "island living". The school is conveniently located near both public gardens and beaches and is equipped with air-conditioning.

## Teaching English in Italy:

Enrollment in English language schools continues to increase at a dramatic rate among Italians. Milan is considered a promising destination yet it is not just the sophisticated urbanites of Rome, Florence, and Milan who long to learn English. Small towns in Sicily and Sardinia, in the Dolomites, and along the Adriatic all have more than their fair share of private language schools and institutes. As in Spain, a number of organizations run language summer camps. Another possibility is to set up as a freelance tutor, though a knowledge of Italian is even more an asset here than is knowing the local language elsewhere in Europe.

## The importance of English in Italy:

Frustration with traditional Italian schools has led to the increasing popularity of international schools offering the entire curriculum in English. There are teacher jobs for English-speaking teachers in every subject, especially English as a second language (ESL). Americans, Canadians and Australians are working in Italy even though they aren't citizens of the European Union.

## Food & Clothing:

If you do not love Italian food, what on earth are you doing in Italy? Even if you do, however, figuring out where and what to eat in Italy can pose delicious quandaries for the traveler. Our advice: determine whether you desire a meal or snack, consider your time limitations, and consider the following choices:



- Bar: The place to have espresso and all its caffeinated variations, rolls or small sandwiches, alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks. Pay first and give the receipt to bartender with your order. Stand at the bar, or pay a service charge to sit at a table. Bars in Italy are open from early morning to late night.
- Panineria: A sandwich bar, where a quick meal can be had.
- Trattoria: Less formal than a ristorante, but a step up from most bars. Often where local specialties are served.
- Ristorante: The most formal type of place to eat when one is not in a hurry. The order of courses is antipasto, pasta or soup, main course, salad, and dessert - all accompanied by good wine.

Water in Italy is safe to drink. You will find public fountains (usually button- or tap-operated) in squares and city streets everywhere, though look out for "acqua non-potabile" signs, indicating that the water is unsafe.

Dress in Italy is typical for a Western country. When teaching, be sure to adhere to the local working culture and basic ideas of professionalism. Business Casual is a safe bet.

## Climate:

The weather in Sardinia is hot and dry in summer, spring and autumn are particularly pleasant and winters are mild and humid with the occasional hot day. The island is surrounded by warm Mediterranean sea and its 1200 miles of coastline sees plenty of sun. Sardinia enjoys 7 hours of sunshine each day in April, rising to 11 hours in July.

## Accommodation:

On request, Via Lingua will book housing accommodations. Accommodation options can be within walking distance of the school or well connected by public transportation -- your accommodations will never be more than a 20-minute bus ride from the school. Apartments are clean, comfortable and well heated. Any special requests or requirements regarding accommodation can be specified on the course application form. Via Lingua will do its best to meet these needs. While it should be stated that the standards of accommodation are generally less luxurious than those found in the UK and North America, apartments are clean, comfortable and well heated. Any special requests or requirements regarding accommodation can be specified on the course application form.

You may choose from the following housing options:

### **Shared Apartment**

You may book a single or twin\* room in selected private apartments. These apartments are shared with students from Via Lingua, Italian Students or, sometimes, with the owner. You are allowed to use the kitchen and bathroom. All apartments are completely furnished. You will be provided with a change of towels and bed linens once a week.

### **Studio Apartment**

This option is suitable for those who would like the privacy and independence of their own furnished apartment. Via Lingua provides furnished studios or small apartments for one person or two people travelling together. Bedrooms and bathrooms come complete with linens and towels and kitchens have all accessories.

## Communication, Telephone and internet:

You may buy or rent a cellular phone from any of the phone stores in Alghero. You may reserve a rental phone prior to arrival at [www.platform3000.com](http://www.platform3000.com). Via Lingua housing does not provide telephones and phone service is generally not available in your accommodation. Internet access is available at the school.

## Excursions and Cultural Highlights:

One of the most unforgettable geological marvels, definitely amazing for all those who have the chance to visit it, is represented by the Neptune Caves deep inside the limestone promontory of Capo Caccia. Extending for a total of 2,500 metres, with a complex array of caverns, wide passages, clear lakes, deep wells and narrow tunnels. From Alghero the Neptune Caves can be reached in two different ways, both spectacular. By sea, leaving from the town port, visitors can admire the scenery of the Coral Riviera, as the boat passes close to Capo Galera and Punta Giglio cliffs and then rounds the tip of Capo Caccia, to arrive right at the entrance of the caves.



## The Nuraghi of Palmavera

10 kilometres from Alghero on the road to Porto Conte. Extremely interesting settlement consisting of a complex nuraghe, the so called palace, surrounded by at least 50 "huts" which are mostly circular. The complex, abandoned in the V century B.C., shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. The main tower of the nuraghe which still has its dome shaped ceiling dates back to 1100 years B.C. Extremely interesting is the "Reunion Hut" where political debates and magical-religious cults were held.



## The Necropoli of Anghelu Ruju

This pre-nuragic complex of tombs is situated about 10kms from Alghero on the road to Porto Torres. It is one of the most extensive necropoli in Sardinia, boasting 38 "hypogea", and one of the most important archaeological sites in the Mediterranean. The complex dates back to the recent neolithic age, 3000 B.C. The architectural evolution of the tombs used by the populations to bury their dead, suggest that some tomb areas were places of cult. Many interesting findings have come from the necropoli, among which small female idols which are on show at the Museum of Cagliari and Sassari.



## Special Offers:

Via Lingua has announced the first annual "**Ernestine Moore**" **Scholarship Award** to be offered to a deserving candidate in 2009 to any of the Via Lingua locations for a one-month intensive TEFL Course, including Free Job Placement! Ernestine Moore was a lifelong advocate of education and worked tirelessly to promote educational opportunities for children and young adults. Through her personal and professional advocacy in the field of Social Work and Children's Rights she had a lasting contribution to her field and all those around her. She lived and practiced Service Learning. The author of the widely adopted college textbook "Child Welfare and Family Services: Policies and Practice", Ernestine was a staunch supporter of Via Lingua and its dedication to global learning and multicultural understanding for all ages.

## Double-up discount

Book together with a friend for the same course and you can both claim a 100 EUR discount on the advertised price. Offer applies to all course dates and locations. We can also arrange for you to share the same accommodation if required.