



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### DATES

- ❖ Fall Semester: early September to mid-December.
- ❖ Spring Semester: mid-January to early May.
- ❖ Summer terms: May to July.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

SIS accepts applications on a rolling basis.

### PROGRAM FEE

It includes pick-up at the Rome airport upon arrival, all program activities and trips, tuition, and room & board. Please contact us for details.

### CONTACT

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## PROGRAM

Based at the International Center for Intercultural Exchange in the heart of *Siena, Italy*, SIS offers some of the most innovative programs in Italy that work to fully integrate the education of language, culture and service-learning, in and out of the classroom. The programs offered by SIS are a 'gentle full immersion' in Italian life for highly motivated beginners, intermediate and advanced Italian language students.

## LOCATION

*Siena* is a medieval town of 70,000 people located in the center of Tuscany. Located one hour from Florence and three hours from Rome, Siena offers a perfect base for exploring Italy.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

SIS will carefully evaluate each student's housing request to place them with an appropriate host family. Families have hosted SIS students for years and are individually selected by the program director. Host families will provide students with breakfast and dinner and a packed lunch.

## COURSES

Upon arrival, students will take an Italian placement test to determine language level. The SIS Fall and Spring semesters begin with a three week intensive Italian course (25 hours/week for 3 weeks) after which the students will follow a standard course of 2 hours per day. Students will also take content classes and participate in service learning activities and internships. During the 6-week Summer session, students will also take language and content classes of a shorter duration.

## EXCURSIONS AND FIELD TRIPS

Each semester program includes several half-day and full-day excursions, as well as an overnight trip, to give students a wide-ranging, meaningful experience of Tuscany and other regions of Italy. These can range from visiting local towns around Siena such as Pienza, Montalcino, and San Gimignano, to seeing an opera or visiting the Uffizi in Florence. The Summer program includes several half-day and full-day excursions, including the world-renowned Palio.

## In addition to taking classes...

### Service-Learning

Participants in all SIS programs are encouraged to perform service in the community through the IC partner Ulisse Cultural Association. This service can range from 1-5 hours a week and opportunities are in a variety of different service sites. Students might set tables at the city soup kitchen, visit with the elderly at a nursing home, teach English to local elementary school children or volunteer on the city ambulance. Volunteering in the community is an unparalleled way to improve language skills, get involved in the local social fabric and make a genuine contribution to the host community.

- ❖ Community Health Organization
- ❖ Elementary Schools
- ❖ And more...

Siena Italian Students during a cooking lesson with Lella Cesari Ciampoli. ➡



### Internship Opportunities

There are several internship placements available for interested students. These unpaid internships allow students to observe and participate in the day-to-day activities of several local businesses, organizations and structures. Internship students will participate in weekly on-site activities, as well as complete related coursework during the semester and a final reflective paper about a relevant aspect of the internship experience.

- ❖ Cooking School Internship
- ❖ City Library "Biblioteca degli Intronati"
- ❖ And more...



➡ Volunteering at a vineyard.



Collecting chestnuts near Florence. ⬆