

Italian Language and Culture

Active Learning Programs

in Florence, Lucca, Cortona, Bologna and on Elba



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Koinè: a few words about the school

Koinè is a special kind of school. In fact it was set up in 1980 as an association of teachers, all with personal and professional experiences in the area of teaching Italian as a foreign language. Since these teachers were dissatisfied with their experience, they decided to create a new structure which would differ from other private schools in its style of working and its teaching methods.

Two goals were identified from the outset:

- teaching the language to foreign mother tongue speakers requires a specific approach and therefore professional training for the teachers.
- Italian is regarded and studied as a language of culture by people with tourist and cultural motivations and therefore learning must be linked to the contemporary presentation of artistic and cultural production representing the history of the Italian people.

Koinè, a Greek word meaning "common language", but also with a broader cultural sense "everything that is common", was considered to be the ideal name to represent our project.

Today Koinè offers: its own didactic methods, its own text books, cassettes and videos, teachers specifically trained in these methods, lessons which are not limited purely to the teaching of the language, but completed by a series of introductory courses and guided visits to show our country's hallmarks.

Koinè has broadened its organization over time by adding to the main school in Florence others in Lucca, Cortona, Bologna and on the Island of Elba, all employing teachers trained professionally in the Florence centre, with the intention of improving not only the quality but also the quantity and variety of what it has to offer.

Our school was recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education in March 2002.

Teaching Methods

The program and the didactic method have been developed over the years through intense research and testing by the teaching group of Centro Koinè.

As a result of this work, the center has produced materials (books, audiovisual tools) and organised seminars as well as orientation courses for teachers.

The Program: Our courses represent a communicative program, the content of which comes from the reality of everyday life in Italy, and includes the main aspects of its social and cultural environment.

After lengthy research and experimentation, we have established a program which, through the selection of specific reading materials, aids the foreign student to experience Italian society in an individual, personal way and not merely through the eyes of a tourist.

The Method: The program is implemented using a method which takes into account different teaching methods, but is based principally on activities requiring the use of creativity and induction.

These kinds of activities are aimed at developing the autonomy of the student who is supposed to participate actively in classes. In this way, the students become the protagonists and the teacher becomes a discussion leader.

According to the most qualified scientific research, learning should involve not only the rational part of the memory but also the unconscious in order to be truly effective. The goal is to gain concrete skills: first, talking and speaking and then reading and writing, to avoid learning being blocked by the inability to communicate effectively.

On the first day, all the participants take a language test to determine their level and to enable us to create homogeneous classes.

There are five levels divided into two cycles.

Each level takes a month to complete; therefore, it is possible to attend for a minimum of one month and a maximum of 5 months to complete the entire cycle.

Basic Cycle - The attainment by passing three proficiency levels, of the "threshold level" (B1); that is, the level of communicative ability recognized by the **Common European Framework for Languages** as permitting participation in an Italian language environment.

Elementary Level - Supplies the means for coping with most daily situations, satisfying basic needs and understanding relatively simple information.

Intermediate Level - Supplies the means for coping with most daily situations,

expressing one's point of view and explaining, describing and recounting in a sufficiently precise manner.

Advanced Level - This enables one to reach the threshold level, that is, to obtain those linguistic instruments of communication needed to move around easily within the reality of the country and in contact with Italians themselves. The entire cycle lays emphasis on the spoken language.

Specialization Cycle - At two teaching levels: the rationalization through the systematic procedures of knowledge of the language, of correctness of expression of the richer aspects of the spoken and written language.

Upper Level 1 - Morphology and syntax 1st part. Analysis and in-depth study of various tone levels in the spoken language.

Upper Level 2 - Morphology and syntax, 2nd part. Analysis and in-depth study of the various tone levels in written language. Introduction to dialects.

Cultural Activities

We have always thought that social and cultural information plays an important role in language learning, particularly for Italian. The desire to learn about the society and culture of a country is a strong motivation to learn the language. This is particularly true for Italian which is commonly defined as a language of culture. For this reason, all the Koinè centers simultaneously present morning language classes and an intense program of cultural activities in the afternoon. The afternoon program is specifically designed for each city based on the subjects and characteristics that make it unique.

The Courses

Centro Koinè offers courses of varying duration, intensity and teaching techniques, according to the participants' requirements.

In all the morning group courses teaching will make use of the following basic concepts:

- Learning units will be centred around everyday communicative situations which the student may find himself in during his stay in Italy
- The methodological approach makes use of active participation in dialogues, role play and reading together.

1. Italian Language Course - 20 hours per week - Florence

Four hours a day of language lessons from 9 am to 1 pm with a short pause of 20 minutes Monday through Friday for a total of 20 hours a week. Classes are organized in small homogeneous groups from 4 to a maximum of 12 participants. There are 5 different ability levels, each with its own teaching materials designed specifically for that language level.

1. Long term courses - 20 hours per week - Florence

For all those who wish to stay in Italy for a longer period and use the opportunity to learn Italian we offer courses of 6, 9 and 12 months at special conditions.

Full payment of the course fee is requested in advance.

Please find a detailed program on our website www.koinecenter.com

1.1. Italian Language Course - 30 hours per week - Florence

Six hours a day of language lessons from 9 am to 1 pm and from 2 pm to 4 pm, Monday through Friday for a total of 30 hours a week. Classes are organized in small homogeneous groups from 4 to a maximum of 12 participants. In the morning there are 5 different ability levels, each with its own teaching materials designed specifically for that language level.

Afternoon lessons consist mainly of written exercises and the various levels are grouped together into two classes.

The language lessons are completed by a program of cultural activities in the afternoon which are not included in the price of the course. An example of the activities offered can be seen in the description of the Italian language and culture course (see below). Enrolment for these activities is through the secretarial office.

1. Italian Language and Culture Course - Lucca, Cortona, Elba and Bologna (language 20 h/week)

Language lessons of 4 hours a day from 9 am to 1 pm with a brief pause of 20 minutes, from Monday through Friday for a total of 20 hours a week.

Classes are organized in small homogeneous groups of 3 to 8 participants (Lucca max 12). There are five different levels, each with specialized teaching materials designed for students of that level.

Each course will include socio-cultural activities organized in the afternoon: 2-3 activities a week for a total of 6 hours in Lucca and 3 activities for 9 hours weekly in Bologna, Cortona and Elba.

Here are some examples:

- Guided visits to the old downtown area with an art history teacher.
- Lesson about popular Tuscan music and original songs or lesson about Italian Literature.
- Introductory cooking and wine-tasting classes, with preparation of typical regional dishes (extra cost).
- Half day and one day guided trips by bus train or ship.
- Introductory lessons on the history of Italian cinema with viewing of films on video tapes or DVD's.
- Excursion to a farm with snack and wine-tasting.
- Lessons in garden landscaping with visit to Villas and their parks.

Tickets, food and beverages will be charged extra.

This course is offered in Lucca and Bologna year-round and in Cortona and Rio Marina (Elba) from Easter to October.

2. Combined Intensive Course - Florence, Lucca, Cortona, Elba and Bologna (30h/week)

Participation in the group course in the morning from 9 am to 1 pm - 4 hours daily Monday through Friday, plus 2 hours afternoon individual lessons from 2 pm to 4 pm. The possibility for the participants to integrate their program and to discuss issues of their own specific interest.

Possibility of attending only 1 h of individual lesson in the afternoon, fees on www.koinecenter.com

3. Individual Intensive Course - Florence, Lucca, Cortona, Elba and Bologna

Individual lessons for participants who are interested in the Italian language either personally or professionally but who have specific time restrictions. There is also the possibility of choosing a specific area such as Italian for economics, business, medicine, banking, history, art or architecture.

Minimum duration: 1 week (Monday to Friday).

Minimum attendance: 2 hours a day.

Structured lessons of 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8, hours a day. The 8 hour course is given by two different teachers, one from 9 am to 1 pm and one from 1 pm to 5 pm including a conversation-lunch with the teacher.

4. Tutor Course (35h/week) - Florence, Lucca, Elba and Bologna

Superintensive course at the teacher's house, 7 hours of lessons a day from Monday to Friday, from 9 am till 1 pm and from 1 pm to 4 pm (lunch included). Single room & half board (breakfast and lunch) at the teacher's home, participation in daily life and freetime activities over the weekend.

In Florence separate accomodation in italian family, apartment or hotel with course at the teacher's home.

5. Bread, Wine and Language (2 weeks) - Florence and Lucca

Centro Koinè and Enoteca de' Giraldi have been working together over the last years to develop the idea of combining a language course with cooking lessons and wine tasting. The meetings do not have a specialistic approach, our intent

is rather to present a part of the Italian culture made of fermenting musts in old cellars and roasted bread fragrant with garlic and freshly pressed olive oil. Rather than classes, we propose introductory meetings to Tuscan wines and food tasting, in a fun atmosphere and a traditional tuscan setting.

The Activities

Students choosing the program with the language course attend Italian lessons at the Koinè school from 9 am to 1 pm. The rest have the morning free to visit the city and surroundings. The food and wine activities are divided into meetings about wine, Tuscan cooking and trips to farms and cellars. The meetings take place in the afternoon at some of the best wine-cellars or in a Renaissance building adjacent to the school. In these settings or in the classrooms, students will follow the various stages of the lessons: a brief historical and technical introduction on how, for example, wine is produced, and how to make homemade pasta; a practical section where students follow and collaborate in the preparation of typical Tuscan dishes, in all its tradition and simplicity; and lastly, the final tasting of the various wines presented or the numerous dishes prepared. An interpreter will be present at the lessons for all the participants who don't speak Italian.

The Program

with language course:

Sunday - Arrival and accommodation in hotel or with Italian family.

Monday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm Orientation tour of the city

Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm Cooking course

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm The Tuscan whites: guided tasting.

Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm Cooking course

Friday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - Afternoon free

Saturday 9 am Trip to Greve in Chianti, with visit to farm and cellar with lunch and tasting of Gallo Nero.

Sunday free.

Monday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm The Tuscan reds: guided tasting.

Tuesday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm Cooking course

Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 2 pm Trip to Chianti with visit and wine tasting in farm and cellar.

Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - 4 pm Cooking course

Friday 9 am - 1 pm Language lesson - Afternoon free, Good-bye dinner in typical Tuscan trattoria.

Saturday Departure.

Program for 2 weeks, without language course.

The afternoon activities will be offered with an interpreter if necessary.

This program is also available without language course and/or for 1 week.

Feel free to ask us for a detailed program or find it on our website

www.koinecenter.com

6. Italian and cooking with "mamma" in Florence and Lucca

This course offers the opportunity to study Italian in a Koinè class in the morning from 9 am to 1 pm and to enjoy cooking and eating a Tuscan dinner with a special instructor, the Italian landlady. The fee includes the Italian lesson, accommodation in single room with breakfast in a private homestay and 4 evenings (after 5 pm) cooking and dinner with the Italian "mamma" - landlady.

Please find a detailed program on our website www.koinecenter.com

7. Italiano all'Opera - A trip in the Opera World - Florence

Italiano all'Opera is a course offering both the enthusiast and the curious the opportunity to get closer to the wonderful world of stage opera in all its different aspects.

The Opera originated right here in Florence at the end of the 16th century, and looking closely at the historical, social and linguistic implications and true weight in our contemporary society, is like opening a new window onto the panorama of Italian Culture.

The course lasts 1 or 2 weeks and consists in an Italian language course in a group for 4 hours in the morning from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday to Friday and 3

afternoon lectures per week on Italian Opera (history, listening, and analysis of Opera).

Intermediate level of Italian requested.

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8. Preparation Course for the CILS Exams - Florence and Bologna

(level 1 to 4)

Group course following the exam syllabus of the Università per Stranieri in Siena. Length of course 4 weeks, attendance three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 pm to 4 pm).

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9. Course for Teachers of Italian as a Foreign Language - Florence and Lucca

Il Centro Koinè, fino dalla sua fondazione (1980), ha affiancato al normale insegnamento un'attività ricerca e di aggiornamento nel campo della glottodidattica, comprendente anche corsi per insegnanti e produzione di materiali didattici. I contenuti dei corsi sono stati elaborati e sperimentati all'interno delle lezioni di italiano con studenti di varie nazionalità e sono stati sottoposti a verifiche e confronti nell'ambito di annuali seminari specifici. I corsi sono rivolti sia a partecipanti di madrelingua straniera che ad italiani.

La durata del corso è di due settimane. La prima settimana si lavora con lezioni di teoria ed attività teorico pratiche, dalle 9 alle 13 e dalle 14 alle 16 per un totale di 30 ore. La seconda settimana si partecipa ad un tirocinio in classe, dalle 9 alle 13, affiancando un insegnante del Koinè.

Il tirocinio può essere svolto anche in un periodo successivo, a scelta del partecipante.

Per ulteriori informazioni, potete visitare il nostro sito web www.koinecenter.com o prendere contatto direttamente con il responsabile dei corsi per insegnanti, Dr. **Stefano Allegrini**, tel. 0583 493040, e-mail: stefano@koinecenter.com

10. Italian and Sailing - 2 weeks in Florence and Elba

The course participants will study the first week in Florence, attending a group course of Italian lessons from 9 am to 1 pm from Monday to Friday. The second week they will be transferred on a sailing boat on Elba. The boat is based near Rio Marina and depending on weather conditions the daily trips will go around Elba and to the nearby islands. Italian will be taught for 3 hours per day, the afternoons will be free for swimming, discovering the island, and learning to sail.

Your tutor and skipper will take care of you during the whole journey.

The course fee includes the language lessons, accommodation in a single room with breakfast for 7 nights in Florence (Sunday to Sunday), the transfer from Florence to Elba and the accommodation in double berths with full board for 6 days (Sunday to Saturday) on the sailing boat.

It is possible to attend only the sailing week on Elba with 15 hours of Italian tuition.

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11. Internship in Italian Companies - Florence and Lucca

To students who have attended a course of at least two weeks we offer the opportunity to take part in an unpaid training course with public and private companies in various trade sectors. For this type of activity Italian at an intermediate level is required (our basic course) and a curriculum relevant to the sector requested.

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12. The Art School - Florence

The course is held in an traditional atelier of the florentine artist Andrea Ortuno in the old center of the town and can be considered as a subsidiary activity to the Italian language course in the morning. Painting and drawing lessons with different techniques are offered for a 2, 3 or 4 weeks period for beginners and advanced.

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13. Photography Workshop - Florence

Why not bring home a collection of photographs of your stay in Florence as well as an improved knowledge of Italian? Centro Koine' is pleased to offer you this valuable opportunity jointly with the photography studio **The Darkroom**.

The course may last from 2 weeks to 3 months and is 10 hours a week (2 times a week from 2 pm to 7 pm). Practical lessons are held in the photography laboratory. The photographer supervises each person's work in English or Italian and helps them to prepare their album-diary.

The course is based mainly on photography in black and white for beginners and advanced level.

Courses of digital photography on request.

Feel free to ask us for a detailed program or find it on our website
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14. Travel and learn in Tuscany

Do you want to learn Italian and get to know Tuscany?

This course combines both travelling and frequenting language courses in 2 or 3 different Tuscan towns and different Koinè Centers (i.e.: Florence and Lucca). This combination offers you the possibility to get to know the charming landscape of Tuscany, interesting towns and the tuscan culture, as well as learning Italian in a communicative way.

Feel free to ask us for a detailed program or find it on our website
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Accommodation

Centro Koine's secretarial office offers its course participants assistance in finding accommodation for the duration of their course free of charge.

Various accommodation options are available: in private homes (homestays or in apartments with students), in hotels, guesthouses, residences or convents.

We can also book flats or campsites for our clients upon request.

Rooms in private homes may be single or double and include the use of the bathroom and shower and change of bed linen once a fortnight. Use of the kitchen in apartments shared with students and breakfast or half board in homestays may be requested upon payment of a small supplement.

The bookings made by us, at the best market conditions available, must be respected by the participants as confirmed.

The costs which may occur from not respecting the booking conditions will be charged to the participant. Payment should be made directly to the family, private host or hotel.

Florence



The Town

Florence is a city of culture. Culture of the past with infinite examples of its antique Renaissance splendor. Culture of the present with its many exhibitions of painting and sculpture, cinema and fashion, which are organised each year. The headquarters of Centro Koinè are located in the historic center of Florence, between Piazza del Duomo and Piazza S.Croce. It's just a few hundred metres from the market of S. Ambrogio and from the old antiques flea market. In this area there are also lots of popular bars and restaurants. The University and the largest public libraries in the city are also situated within walking distance of Koinè Center.

The School

The classrooms of Centro Koinè are situated in Palazzo Borghese, a 16th century Renaissance palace which Prince Borghese completely rebuilt in the 19th century in the neo-classical style. An internal bar/ restaurant open from 8 am to 3 pm allows students to have breakfast and lunch at reduced prices. There is also a collection of more than 100 films on VHS and DVD available for students' use in the afternoon. Students can surf the Internet with a card sold at the office and have a free WiFi connection. Wine and gourmet information is available to recommend restaurants and advise you on the purchase of Tuscan wines as well as offer wine tastings, cookery courses and visits to farms.

On the first day students will receive a folder containing the monthly program of activities and excursions, a small guide with useful addresses in Florence, and a list of exhibitions, concerts and other cultural events which will take place during the course. Furthermore, every student can request a Koinè card which will allow them free entrance to discoteques and reduced prices at bars and theatres. At the end of the course, each student will receive on request a certificate of attendance which states the length of the course and the level of proficiency in the language.

The Courses

1. Italian Language Course of 20 hours/week (short and long term)
 - 1.1. Italian Language Course of 30 hours/week (group lesson)
2. Combined Intensive Course - 30 hours/week (group + individual lesson)
3. Individual Intensive Course
4. Tutor Course 35 hours/week
5. Bread, Wine and Language
6. Italian and cooking with "mamma"
7. Italiano all'Opera
8. Preparation Course for CILS Exam
9. Course for Teachers of Italian
10. Italian and Sailing
11. Internship in Italian Companies
12. The Art School
13. Photography Workshop
14. Travel and learn Italian in Tuscany

Accommodation

A. Homestays and student apartments - Single or double rooms with shared bathroom and use of kitchen (in student apartments). Available half-board or breakfast in homestays. The rooms are rented from families, single people or students.

B. Albergo Balcony - 2 star hotel, downtown. Rooms with bathroom and breakfast.

C. Albergo Benivieni - Comfortable 3 star hotel in the centre of Florence, walking distance to school, all rooms with bathroom, television and telephone, price includes breakfast.

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Lucca



The Town

Lucca is one of the few Tuscan towns which has retained its original urban structure. The ancient center was enclosed and protected by the Patrician walls and the town developed within them until the end of the 19th century, creating an interesting superimposition of styles which reflect different historical periods. Today, the walls play an important part in town life, shielding the streets of the center from traffic and creating a ring of green around them. Thus Lucca has developed like a modern city, retaining at the same time the characteristics of a little country town where ancient and modern coexist and the pace of life is leisurely.

In addition, Lucca is only half an hour's car or train journey from Pisa and the seaside resort Viareggio and one hour from Florence.

The School

The classrooms of Centro Koinè are in an historic building in downtown Lucca between the Piazza dell' Anfiteatro and the Torre Guinigi. On the first day, each student will receive a folder with a monthly program of cultural activities and excursions, a guide with useful addresses for a stay in Lucca, and a map of the city. A collection of video tapes and DVD of Italian films is available to students in the afternoons.

A free internet point is available in the school. Besides the language course at the school you can also find cooking and wine tasting courses as well as excursions to local wincellars and their vineyards.

At the end of the course, the participant will receive on request a certificate of attendance indicating the length of the course and the level of proficiency in the language.

The Courses

1. Italian Language and Culture
2. Combined Intensive Course - 30 hours/week (group + individual lesson)
3. Individual Intensive Course
4. Tutor Course - 35 hours/week
5. Bread, Wine and Language
6. Italian and cooking with "mamma"
9. Course for Teachers of Italian
11. Internship in Italian Companies

Accommodation

A. Homestays and student apartments - Single or double rooms with shared bathroom and use of the kitchen in homestays and student apartments . Half-board available (breakfast and dinner).

B. Bed & Breakfast - In the centre inside the walls, rooms with bathroom and TV, pleasant atmosphere, breakfast included.

C. Albergo Piccolo Puccini - Little 3 star hotel near the main square Piazza S. Michele, completely rebuilt. Rooms with bathroom and breakfast.

D. Albergo San Luca - 4 star hotel in the centre of the town near the school, breakfast buffet, internet access available in the hotel.

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Cortona



The Town and its Surroundings

Cortona, a small town in the Valdichiana, offers the advantages of the country as well as those of the city. This characteristic medieval town lies on a hill at a height of 600m between Lake Trasimeno and the Appenine mountains.

It was an important cultural center during the Middle Ages and is rich in Etruscan archeological remains. During the summer it offers a selection of interesting exhibitions and activities including film festivals, art and antique exhibitions and interesting gastronomical fairs. Its surroundings offer beautiful opportunities for walks and interesting excursions. There are excellent facilities for bathing only 20 km away at Lake Trasimeno. It is easy to reach some of the most beautiful Tuscan and Umbrian towns and villages from here (Arezzo 30km, Gubbio 50km, etc.).

Moreover, in Cortona, thanks to the collaboration of the local authorities, Koinè teachers can organize, on request, guided visits and excursions not included in the program.

The School

Thanks to its collaboration with the Cultural Association Polymnia, Centro Koinè's classes are offered in a building in the city center. On the first day of each course participants will receive a folder containing the program of afternoon cultural activities and excursions, a tourist's guide with useful addresses for a stay in Cortona and a list of cultural events planned during the course. Classes are formed from 3 to 8 students for each level. At the end of the course, each student will receive on request a certificate of attendance specifying the duration of the course and the level of proficiency in the language.

The Courses

1. **Italian Language and Culture**
2. **Combined Intensive Course - 30 hours/week (group + individual lesson)**
3. **Individual Intensive Course**

Accommodation

A. Convento S.Margherita - Nunnery located just outside the city wall. Single or double rooms with bath and breakfast.

B. Albergo Italia - 3 star hotel located in downtown Cortona facing the City Hall, panoramic roof garden, nice atmosphere; recently rebuilt. Breakfast included. Rooms with bathroom.

C. Albergo Sabrina - 3 star hotel centrally located in the heart of Cortona. Rooms with bathroom. Breakfast included.

D. Youth Hostel - Situated in an old convent which has been completely rebuilt. Offers a bed in a room with 4, 6 or 8 people, includes half-board (breakfast and dinner).

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Rio Marina (Elba)



Rio Marina and the Island of Elba

Elba has always been considered a favourite destination by those who wish to spend a holiday surrounded by nature, clean beaches and crystal clear sea without the need for a long journey by sea or several hours by plane. The atmosphere of the towns inland and the villages along the coast is the same as in any other Tuscan town with a large central square, church and town hall facing each other, as two such powers ought to, grocery shops and bars frequented by the locals. The natural surroundings however, add something special, low vegetation and the Mediterranean bush typical of the islands, alternating with vineyards and olive groves. Rio Marina is one of these villages with a square which opens onto the port and the marine horizon. The village has something further to offer: a history of mines and iron quarrying which has left its mark from the Etruscans up to recent times. **From November to March individual tuition is offered at a 20% discount on the course fee.**

The School

The school is located inside the Museum of the Mineral Park of Rio Marina (Palazzo del Burò) and in other typical buildings of the town centre looking onto the sea and the narrow streets of the port. Teaching groups are composed of small groups of min. 3 and maximum of 8 students with 5 different skill levels. The method used and the teaching materials are those produced by Centro Koinè, based on a communicative approach to the Italian language. All the teachers have done special training courses at the school in Florence. On the first day of the course, after a brief test to assess the participants' knowledge of the language, each student will be given a folder with a schedule of the cultural activities and trips organised in the afternoons, a guide with useful addresses for their stay such as: how to get to the nearest beaches, good places to eat and drink, the opening times of shops, banks and post offices and recommended tourist, wine and food itineraries. At the end of the course each participant will receive, on request, a certificate of attendance specifying the duration of the lessons and level of learning.

The Courses

1. Italian Language and Culture
2. Combined Intensive Course - 30 hours/week (group + individual lesson)
3. Individual Intensive Course
4. Tutor Course - 35 hours a week
10. Italian and Sailing

Accommodation

A. Rooms in apartments - Private rooms in centrally located in attractive apartments with other course participants including kitchen utilities and bathroom (from 2 to max. 4 persons per flat). The apartments are of medium/high standards.

Independent studio apartments and flats with 1, 2 or more bedrooms are available in Rio Marina or in the countryside. Weekly rent from € 250 - 350 (April, May and September) and € 400 - 600 (July, August).

B. Albergo Rio - 3 star hotel in the center, rooms with bathroom and breakfast. Half-board available on request.

C. Agriturismo Le Sughere - Beautiful farm country house on the hill dominating Rio Marina. Prices on request.

D. Casa Valdese - Guesthouse of the Valdesian Church with single, double and multiple rooms with bathrooms situated in the center of Rio Marina within a large garden. Religious boarding house of basic standard especially suited for student groups. Half-board from Mid June to Mid September.

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Bologna



The Town

Bologna is the home of one of the oldest and most famous universities in the world and traditionally one of Italy's major cultural centres, besides being an important business-centre with international trade-fairs throughout the year.

The city has retained its original medieval layout and a large number of ancient buildings and monuments, including the splendid Palazzo Re Enzo in Piazza Maggiore, the magnificent Neptune's fountain and of course the famous Two Towers which are the symbol of Bologna. The taller tower, La Torre degli Asinelli, offers a bird's eye view across the city's rooftops and the surrounding hills and plains.

Another attractive feature consists of the many wide arcades which shelter the pedestrian from the traffic and weather. As you walk along the main streets admiring the smart shops and boutiques, try turning off into the narrow side-streets, where you may discover old cobbled courtyards, small craft-shops or maybe a quiet trattoria, where you can sample the renowned Bolognese cuisine.

Bologna is a friendly town with a lively atmosphere where you are sure to find a warm welcome.

The School

Thanks to the collaboration with the Cultural Association Arca, lessons are held in the heart of the town in a Palazzo located near the university quarter. On the first day of courses each participant will receive a folder containing a list of cultural activities and excursions, a guide with useful addresses for a stay in Bologna and a map of the city. Classes are formed from 3 to 8 students for each level. At the end of the course, each student will receive on request a certificate of attendance which specifies the length of the course and the student's level of proficiency in the language.

The Courses

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2. Combined Intensive Course - 30 hours/week (group + individual lesson)
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4. Tutor Course - 35 hours/week
8. Preparation Course for CILS Exam

Accommodation

A. Homestays and student apartments - Single or double rooms with shared bathroom and use of kitchen (in student apartments). Available half-board or breakfast in homestays. The rooms are rented from families, single people or students.

B. Albergo S. Vitale - 2 star hotel in the old center of the town. Rooms with bathroom but no breakfast. Family atmosphere.

C. Albergo Touring - 3 star hotel in the city center. Pleasant atmosphere. All rooms with bathroom and breakfast.

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