



ITALIAN & PAINTING

PISA, ITALY

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian & Painting program enables you to combine an Italian course with painting lessons, giving you the chance to create your own piece of art. This unique program offers exciting hands-on art classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Pisa, a city of great historical and cultural interest in the heart of Tuscany, is considered the ideal place for studying Italian. Besides the Leaning Tower and the Piazza del Duomo, Pisa is famous for many other masterpieces of art. It's university, founded in the 13th century, is one of the oldest in Europe and the "Scuola Normale Superiore" is frequented by students from all over the world.

All this testifies that Pisa is a center for study. Pisa also has a convenient geographical situation, as it is only a few miles away from Florence, Lucca, Volterra, Siena; the sea is only a four mile distance and can easily be reached by public transportation.

The city of over 87,500 residents contains more than 20 other historic churches, several palaces and various bridges across the River Arno.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian & Painting Program in Pisa, students will gain experience in foreign art programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for art into one incredible life-changing experience.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum-group 20 Italian 60 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 10 students per class.
- **Painting Lessons:** Four 3 hour lessons over 2 weeks; 12 hours total
- **Lodging:** In a Shared Apartment or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Italian classes with a 2 week minimum. Maximum number of students per class is 10, with the average being 8 students. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Italian.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Italian to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 60 minutes in length.

Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

PAINTING PROGRAM

The painting course is conducted by Maestro Enrico Fornaini. This course consists of 4 meeting of about 3 hours each. The teacher, Mr. Fornaini, is an expert in "Tempera Grassa" and fresco techniques. Students of this course will have an opportunity to discover the techniques of the Italian Renaissance painters.

Each student will be able to keep the paintings done in class as a souvenir of this experience. This course must be taken in conjunction with a language course. This course is available in the afternoons.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Single or double room, with breakfast, or half board. Most of the host families have worked with us for many years. The families know from experience what the role of a host is. Living with a host family offers you the opportunity to become quickly into the Italian society. Nowhere else will you so directly experience real Italian life. The word 'family' should not be taken too literally, because your family could also be a single parent or a childless couple who take in students because they enjoy the company. You can choose between a room with breakfast or half-board (breakfast and dinner). You will be given hospitality by families or single ladies who will introduce you to genuine Italian cooking as well as our way of life.

SHARED APARTMENT

Single or double room, shared use of kitchen, bathroom and shower, living room and other common areas. You share a flat or floor of a house either with other students from our school, with other Italian students or with the owner. In selecting the apartments, we do not look for luxury and comfort in material sense, but the apartments are furnished with all essential utilities (bed, table, chair, wardrobe). Kitchen and bathroom are of common use.

In the fully equipped kitchen you can prepare your meals separately or together with your flatmates and fellow students. Normally there is no telephone in the apartment. In any case, our schools can provide you with cell phone rental services. Very often in Pisa, though not always, there is an Italian in these flats who is responsible for the running of the flat

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 2 weeks of classes, 12 hours of painting lessons, and 2 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$1,717 → \$2,141**

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES

Excursions are locally organized and include visits to the most interesting towns in Tuscany. Additionally, there are many cultural and sporting activities that can be enjoyed during leisure time. In June, Pisa offers some interesting folklore and art festivals.

From June to September students are offered special rates on renting deck chairs, umbrellas, changing huts and tennis courts at a pleasant, well-equipped beach at Tirrenia, a bathing resort only 15 minutes by bus from Pisa.

All students receive a special student card that is valid for the duration of the course. It entitles the students to discounts at sports centers in/around Pisa.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & PAINTING PROGRAM in Pisa, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.