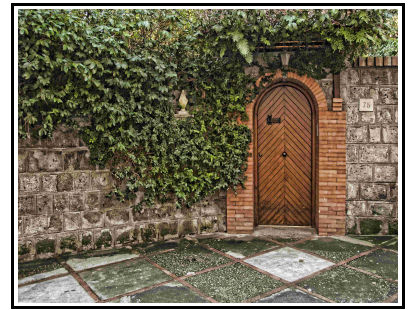




ITALIAN & CERAMICS

SORRENTO, ITALY

PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian and Ceramics program enables you to combine an Italian course with various art lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on art classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Located just to the south of Naples, Sorrento stands on a dramatic line of 150-foot cliffs, looking north with a fantastic view over the Bay of Naples. Sorrento lies on a Tufa terrace and is enclosed by impressive rocks of the limestone mountains. It was originally a Greek village whose name was derived from the mythical song of the mermaids. The very position of the town, built on a high plateau protected by the sea, is typically Greek. According to early Greek legend, it was at Sorrento that Ulysses heard the tempting song of the Sirens, the nymphs who labored long hours to seduce and shipwreck passing sailors.

Sorrento, with its luxuriant vegetation and sun-drenched climate, became a favorite resort of wealthy Romans. A cliff-top setting, an imposing cathedral in the main piazza, a Franciscan church with a distinctive 13th-century cloister, and a charming, flower-filled town draws thousands of modern-day visitors as well.

Sorrento is the gateway to the romantic island of Capri, a magical place where magnificent white cliffs rise to cradle a beautiful, jewel-like town, as well as to the historic city of Pompeii, which offered the world its first glimpse into ancient Roman life. The city is also very close to famous destinations such as Ischia and Procida. The silhouettes of both islands can be seen on clear days, and can be reached very quickly by boat.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian & Ceramics Program in Sorrento, 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:** 1 Week minimum, Standard Group 20 hours/week
- **Art Classes:** 10 afternoon lessons per week
- **Lodging:** In a shared flat, homestay or hotel
- **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 Standard Language & Ceramics Program combines twenty hours of group Italian language classes with ten ceramics classes per week. There is an average 10-12 students per class.

Italian language classes are scheduled to begin at 9.00 each morning, Monday through Friday, and end at 13.15 (1:15pm), with one fifteen minute break from 11.00 to 11.15. There is an average of 10-12 students per class.

CERAMICS LESSONS

Students will learn about the processing, decoration and clay-baking techniques of traditional Italian craftsmen in a typical Sorrento ceramics laboratory. At the end of the course, students can take home their own work.

Ceramics classes are scheduled held in the afternoon. Students learn the techniques of working, decorating and baking clay the artigianale way in a typical, Sorrentine ceramics studio. On request, excursions can also be arranged to Vietri, one of the most famous and beautiful towns of the Costiera Amalfitana, known worldwide for its ceramics.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Homestay accommodation is offered to all students and is the most effective way to learn the language and live the culture. The cost includes a single room with breakfast daily. Half board (breakfast and dinner) and double rooms for students traveling together can be arranged upon request and at additional cost. This is an excellent opportunity to practice Italian on a daily basis and sample the delights of Italian home cookery.

SHARED STUDENT FLAT

Rooms in shared student flats have shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. The number of rooms per flat varies from 1 to 7. Double rooms are for students traveling together only. This option is available upon request and may be at additional cost.

INDEPENDENT FLAT

For the more independent student, we offer private flats. This option is available upon request and may be at additional cost.

HOTEL

There are a wide range of hotels, from one to five stars, in the city center and surrounding area. This option is available upon request and may be at additional cost.

Accommodations usually start on the Sunday prior to the start of the course until the Saturday after classes end.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of Italian and art classes, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

\$1,609 → \$1,768**

**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

Sorrento is full of cultural, artistic and outdoor activities year-round. Participating in these activities is a fun way to learn the language and interact with the locals. Activities students can get involved with include:

- International Cinema Festival in downtown Sorrento
- Visit prestigious Italian Theater companies
- Music Festivals
- Religious Festivals
- Excursions to Ischia, Capri, Naples, Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & CERAMICS program in Sorrento, 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.