



ITALIAN & POTTERY AND CERAMICS

TAORMINA, ITALY

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian & Pottery and Ceramics program enables you to combine an Italian course with ceramic 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

Taormina is located high atop Mount Tauro, just above the Bay of Naxos. The magnificent Mediterranean blue bay and the not so distant, often smoldering Mount Etna offer a spectacular view which can be seen from almost any point in Taormina. Of the possible destinations for studying the Italian language in Italy, Taormina represents one of the very few possibilities in Southern Italy, by the sea and in a beautiful town full of history and culture. Its celebrity is due to its beauty, its incredible history and architecture, and its reputation for welcoming travelers. Taormina is perfectly situated to offer students easy access to the beautiful and historically important treasures of Sicily.

The town of Taormina is also an important archaeological location. The first Greek Colony in Italy was established in its Bay of Naxos. And the town is also home to one of the most famous Greek Theaters in the world, where the main events of the summer Film, Music, Dance and Theater International Festival of "Taormina Arte" are held. There are also many more important monuments in town, from the Greek period to Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, Spanish, French, Baroque, etc. With a strong vocation for tourism, Taormina offers many opportunities in the way of hotels, restaurants, bars, discos, entertainment and sports (windsurfing, scuba diving, mountain-biking, canyoning, rafting, tennis and golf).

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian & Pottery and Ceramics Program in Taormina, 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-group 20 Italian 60 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 10 students per class.
- **Pottery and Ceramics Lessons:** Three 1.5 hour lessons per week
- **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 1 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.

POTTERY AND CERAMICS PROGRAM

This pottery and ceramics program is offered to those who want to learn how to make Sicilian ceramics or wood and furniture restoration, or other forms of art crafts on request. You will be tutored by professional craftsmen at the atelier. At the end of the workshop a Letter of Attendance is issued by the atelier. Program is 3 times per week and meets for 1.5 hours each meeting.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Available with single or double rooms. We have a limited number of families, couples and single adults who make available rooms in their residences. Many are available with boarding options (meals), which include breakfast only, half-board (breakfast & lunch or dinner) and full board. Obviously this accommodation option requires a greater commitment not only on the part of the property owner, but also on the part of the student. It is well suited to those who desire a more immersive learning experience and additional daily practice speaking Italian.

SHARED APARTMENT

We can provide several shared students' apartments located throughout Taormina, available with single or double rooms. In shared apartments students have their own private room (single or double) and will share a common kitchen and bathroom(s). We recommend shared apartments as a great way to facilitate social/personal interactions with fellow students. Double rooms cannot be shared by 2 people who don't know each other previously and have not previously decided to share the room. The school does not pair people who do not know each other previously.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of classes, 3 Pottery and Ceramics lessons, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

\$1,423 → \$2,113**

**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

Scheduled program of internal extra-curricular activities which are included in the price of the course are available and change from week to week. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Films
- Games
- Seminars on the Mafia
- Italian hand gestures
- literature and poetry
- Contemporary music
- Art, Italian, and Sicilian history
- Mount Etna - active volcano

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & POTTERY AND CERAMICS PROGRAM in Taormina, 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.