



ITALIAN & COOKING and WINE PORTICO DI ROMAGNA, ITALY PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian & Wine with Cooking program enables you to combine an Italian course with cooking and wine lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on cooking classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Portico di Romagna and San Benedetto, a single community made up of three small centers, was originally, that is, in the Middle Ages, part of the Principedom of Tuscany. Today it is part of Emilia Romagna. It has remained a picturesque and historical little town, situated in one of the many Appenine valleys between Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. Well restored medieval buildings, oak beams and narrow streets characterize the town. It is an interesting place which invites one to relax and to enjoy life outdoors. There are plenty of opportunities, as well, for outdoor activities and sports, such as trekking, riding and canoeing.

The 'Romagnoli', as the city inhabitants are referred to, are amongst the most friendly and forthcoming of all Italians. You will find it easy to make friends, and you will be pleasantly surprised by their unforgettable politeness, honesty and generosity. The town and the villages in the vicinity organize, all through the year, various different cultural events. In the woods nearby one can go for beautiful walks and peacefully regain harmony with the world of nature. The remnants of the past, from the early Roman days to the Middle Age, will attract those with a, eye for history.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian & Cooking and Wine Program in Portico di Romagna, students will gain experience in foreign culinary styles and programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for food and cooking into one incredible life-changing experience.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1 week minimum-group 20 Italian 45 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
- **Wine and Cooking Lessons:** 9.5 hours a week of lessons, 2 winery visits
- **Lodging:** In a Student Residence 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 5, with the average being 2 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 45 minutes in length.

COOKING and WINE LESSONS

In the afternoons after the language program, students participate in cooking and wine lessons whose themes vary daily. Duration of this course is a 1 week minimum with about 9.5 hours per week included. Some of the themes may include:

- Handmade pasta (tagliatelle, tagliolini, ravioli, cappelletti) and various sauces & dressings
- History and description of the wines produced in the Romagna region
- Tasting of 4 different wines and tasting of typical products like the ham, olive oil, balsamic vinegar and cheeses
- Mousse, tart and cantucci biscuits (honey and almonds biscuits originally coming from Tuscany)
- Starters, vegetable and meat dishes.
- Winery Tours

LODGING OPTIONS

APARTMENTS

This center offers mini-apartments for one, two three persons as well. They have one or two bedrooms, a kitchen-living-dining-room and a bathroom. These independent apartments are completely furnished. All accessories and towels and bed linens are included in the service.

HOTEL

In the recommended hotel the rooms are nice, comfortable and cosy with the original and traditional furniture from the 19th Century in wood, terra cotta and iron. The rooms are all with bathroom, television and a phone. The hotel is situated in a splendid building that used to belong to one of the oldest families from this area from the 18th century.

The kitchen of the hotel is famous for it's cooking and Italians come from all over the region in the weekends to eat there. The cuisine offers all kind of typical and seasonal specialities such as: home- made pasta, tortellini, tagliatelle, wild truffles, porcini mushrooms and fresh vegetables picked ripe from the chef's personal garden which vary according to the season. The excellent dishes are typical for the Tuscany and the Emilia Romagna region and it might be worth noticing that The Hotel is mentioned in the Michelin Guide, Karen Brown and many others. The Hotel has a TV-hall, a restaurant and a little, beautiful green garden, where you are welcome to relax in the sun, read a book or do your homework.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of Italian classes, 9.5 hours of cooking and wine lessons, 2 winery tours, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

\$1,029 → \$1,550**

**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

Sightseeing-tours are organized regularly to the historical cities of the region:

- Ravenna, ancient capital of Italy and city of the mosaic
- Terra del Sole, the ideal-city of XVI century, built by Cosimo De Medici
- Faenza, world famous for its museum and the production of ceramic.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & WINE WITH COOKING program in Portico di Romagna, 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.