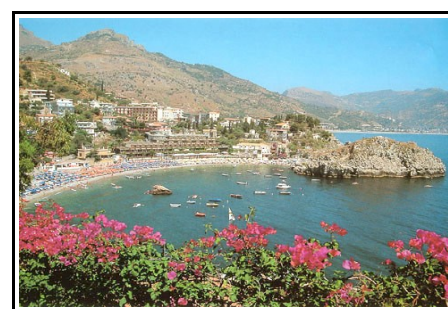




ITALIAN & COOKING

TAORMINA, ITALY

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian & Cooking program enables you to combine an Italian course with cooking lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on cooking 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 & Cooking Program in Taormina, 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.
- **Cooking Lessons:** 3 afternoon cooking lessons per week (3.5 hours per lesson)
- **Lodging:** In a Student Residence or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities/Excursions 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 LESSONS

The cooking program is given by a real Italian/Sicilian "mamma" or "papà" in their home and it is for those who wish to learn "la cucina casalinga". You will learn how to prepare a full meal with first course (pasta, risotto or soup), a second course (vegetarian, meat or fish), side dish (salad or vegetables) and, during the week, one sweet or cake. The price includes dinner with "mamma" and family in her home.

LODGING OPTIONS

SHARED APARTMENT

There are several apartments available throughout Taormina. All are privately owned and meet a standard level of quality. All are within a 15 minute walk from the school. Lodging includes a private room and use of bathroom and kitchen. Apartments are comfortably furnished with the basics, so as to be completely independent.

HOMESTAY

Students are provided with a private room and a choice of either breakfast or 2 meals daily while living with a host family. Availability of homestays in Taormina is very limited, so early registration for this lodging option is recommended. This option is at additional cost.

PENSION OR HOTELS

For those students who want total independence, accommodations in a 2 star pension with breakfast daily is available. This option is at additional cost. Three star hotels are also available upon request, and at an additional cost.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of classes, 3 cooking lessons a week, and 1 week of housing ranges between:

\$1,081 → \$1,447**

**Cost ranges according to lodging 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 AND EXCURSIONS

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, poetry, film, contemporary music
- Art history, Italian history, Sicilian history
- Mount Etna - active volcano
- Dinners, theater performances and concerts

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & COOKING 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.