



STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

FLORENCE, ITALY

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Internship program combines a minimum 4 week Standard Group Italian Study program, professional orientation of specialized classes, followed up with a minimum 8 week Internship Work Experience placement in the community. All internship opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Ever since the nineteenth-century revival of interest in the art of the Renaissance, Florence has been a shrine to the cult of the beautiful. Close up, however, it does not immediately impress visitors as a beautiful city. The marble-clad Baptistery and Duomo are stupendous, of course, the architectural perfection of the latter's dome as celebrated now as it ever was. But these colorful monuments are not typical of the city as a whole: the streets of the historic center are often narrow and dark, their palaces robust and intimidating, and few of the city's squares are places where you'd want to pass an idle hour.

However, Florence is a city of incomparable indoor pleasures. Its chapels, galleries and museums are an inexhaustible treasure, embodying the complex, exhilarating and often elusive spirit of the Renaissance more fully than any other place in the country, and few leave completely disappointed. Florence became the center of artistic patronage in Italy under the Medici family, who made their fortune in banking and ruled the city as an independent state for some three centuries, most auspiciously during the years of Lorenzo de' Medici, tagged "Il Magnifico", who held fiercely onto Florentine independence in the face of papal resentment. Later, in the late eighteenth century, Florence fell under Austrian and then French rule, and in the nineteenth century was for a short time the capital of the kingdom of Italy. The story of Florence since then has been fairly low-key, and nowadays the monuments and paintings of the city's Renaissance heyday are the basis of its survival.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Internship Program in Florence, students will gain unique cross-cultural professional experience, greatly improved foreign language abilities, personal and professional growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and culturally sensitive yet sound communication skills

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 4 week minimum-group 20 Italian 50 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
- **Internship Placement:** in local Business or Organization
- **Lodging:** In a Shared Apartment or Homestay
- **Arrival Transfer**
- **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 4 week minimum prior to internship. Maximum number of students per class is 12. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Italian.

All of the teachers are highly qualified, and most of them have studied the Italian language and literature as part of their higher education. All of the teachers have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

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

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.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

After the minimum 4 week study program, and professional orientation, there is a 8 week minimum internship placement in a business or organization in one of the following fields:

- Hotel
- Restaurant
- Tourism
- Web Design
- Web Marketing
- Design
- Architecture
- Other fields available upon request

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). It is obvious that you will have to adjust a little to the rules of the house. Apart from that, you are free to do what you want. You will be given your own keys, so you can come and go as you please. Students in home-stays will be able to receive phone calls.

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.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 4 weeks of classes, minimum of 8 weeks of internship placement, and minimum of 12 weeks total of housing is:

\$5,782 → \$8,373***

**Price depends on 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 undergraduate, graduate students and adults with an undergraduate degree or higher are eligible. Internship positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

ACTIVITIES

The school offers leisure activities on a regular basis such as:

- Dinners, which enable teachers and students to get to know each other better
- Guided visits in History of Art
- Film evenings at school
- Day and half-day excursions
- Visit to wine cellars

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM in Florence, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

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

Also, you will have to send your Curriculum Vitae/Resume in Italian OR English, typewritten by email to study@nrcsa.com or fax at 414-271-8884. When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.