



# ITALIAN for MATURE ADULTS

## PORTICO DI ROMAGNA, ITALY

START DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian for Mature Adults program enables you to enjoy learning Italian with other individuals above the age of 50. This tailored program offers exciting group lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language experience.

### 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. From an administrative point of view, it is today 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 contacts, 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 - the Harvest Festivals, for instance. 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 an eye for history.

Emilia Romagna is well-known, not only in Italy, but worldwide for its homemade noodles and pasta. Typical of these are ravioli, tortellini, capelletti and tagliatelle alla bolognese. The roast veal and beef as well as venison dishes are also extremely good. Local specialties are truffles and wild mushrooms. Local wines of international repute are the red Sangiovese and the white Albana.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian language for Mature Adults in Portico de Romagna, students will greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for language into one incredible life-changing experience.



## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 20 Italian group lessons of 45 to 55 minutes per week- 2 weeks minimum
- **Lodging:** Homestays or apartments
- **Placement Testing:** first day placement levels for beginner, intermediate, and advanced
- **Age:** over 50
- **Cultural Social Activities\***
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Welcome Package**
- **Telephone and Fax access**
- **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 Italian group lessons per week with a 2 week minimum. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Italian. Group size is of 5-10.

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.

### **MATURE ADULT PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to study the Italian language and experience the culture of Italy. There are significant benefits to studying in a program that is designed specifically to fit the skill level and interests of the more mature age group. The courses will be held in Italian, so language immersion is the core goal. Lessons will be in intimate groups with other students of the same age.

You might be working alongside other individuals with a range of life-experiences that you can relate to, perhaps having already finished their professional career, maybe still working, or getting out for their first, or fiftieth, time abroad. It is not too late to have a cultural immersion that deeply resonates with you and all of your valuable previous life experience.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **SCHOOL APARTMENTS**

The school staff arranges lodging in student apartments located in a very quiet area, 5 minutes on foot from the language school. The apartments are plain and functional, with students being responsible for the cleaning of their own bedroom and of the shared spaces. There are single and double rooms available with a shared bath and kitchen.

Bed linens are provided but students must bring their own towels.

### **HOMESTAY**

The local families have been chosen for their kindness and open mindedness towards the guests, they all live in nice, clean and comfortable houses and they are all good cooks! All the families, except for one in Bocconi, 4 km away from Portico and the language school, live in Portico. This way of accommodation is ideal for those of you who want to speed up the learning process and who also want to get even more in touch with the Italian way of living. You can choose between B&B or half board.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 2 week of classes, housing, and cultural activities from:

**\$1,712 → \$1,740\*\***

\*\*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.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season.

Activities include:

- Wineries
- Cooking classes on traditional Italian cuisine
- Visiting the ancient capital, Ravenna
- Local tourist visits
- Social games
- Dinner Parties
- Museum, theatre, opera visits, and other cultural attractions

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the Italian for MATURE ADULTS 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.