



# ITALIAN for MATURE ADULTS SIENA, 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**

Siena has an abundance of artistic and historical points of interest. There is the wonderful Piazza del Campo, in the form of a shell, dominated by the Gothic Public Palace, containing masterpieces by Simone Martini and Lorenzetti and the slender Torre del Mangia. No less important is the group by Duomo and Baptistery: the Cathedral proudly presents great works of art such as the Pulpit by Nicola Pisano. The adjoining museum preserves the "Maesta," a famous painting by Duccio di Buoninsegna.

Churches, palaces and museums abound in Siena. The Gothic Basilica of San Domenico; the Salimbeni Palace; the church of Saint Francis with frescoes by Lorenzetti; the superb Palazzo Tolomei; Santa Maria dei Servi, in a romantically isolated position with many precious paintings; the rich Art Gallery in Palazzo Bonsignori and the Archaeological and Etruscan Museum. Siena is a charming medieval city filled with interesting architecture and friendly people and the school is located in the historical center.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Italian language program in for Mature Adults in Siena, 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 plus excursions- 1 week minimum
- **Age:** over 50
- **Lodging:** Homestay or apartment
- **Airport Transfer:** at an additional cost
- **Welcome Package**
- **Cultural Social Activities\***  
\* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Placement Testing:** first day placement levels for beginner, intermediate, and advanced.
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **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 1 week minimum. 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.

### **MATURE ADULT PROGRAM**

This course is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to study the Italian language and experience the culture of Siena. 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.

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**

### **HOMESTAY**

Single or double room, with breakfast, or half board options available. 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.

### **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. 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.

### **UPSCALE APARTMENT**

Single room, shared use of kitchen, bathroom and shower, living room and other common areas. Our shared extra comfort apartments are of various sizes, each one offering a welcoming and functional atmosphere.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week of classes, housing, and cultural activities from:

**\$1,075 → \$1,269\*\***

\*\*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 may include:

- Cooking classes
- City tours
- Social games
- Dinner Parties
- Museum, theatre, opera visits
- Film evenings at school
- Guided art history tours
- Visits to wineries

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the ITALIAN for MATURE ADULTS in SIENA, 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.