



# 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 is a city of contrasts, from the medieval treasures to be found within its city walls to the modern shops and facilities to be found all around the city; from the calm and tranquillity of the hidden back streets to the hectic Palio preparations, race and celebrations which go on in the main squares for over half a year. Siena is home to the spectacular Piazza del Campo and many other old Roman castles. The historic heart of Siena is called Castelvecchio, meaning old castle, where there are many remnants of what earlier Roman life looked like.

It is a small city but has a large student population (of both Italians and foreigners), meaning that there are plenty of places to go and things to do in your free time - from bars and clubs to restaurants and pizzerias; from theatres and cinemas to museums and art galleries. Siena is surrounded by the olive groves and vineyards of Chianti, since it lies in the middle of three hills in Tuscany.

## **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 or 2 weeks
- **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**

For those who wish to make the most of their time we recommend staying with an Italian family. We can book a single or double rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner) in one of our carefully selected families. This is an excellent opportunity to practice your Italian on a daily basis and sample the delights of Italian home cooking! Most families live just outside the city walls rather than within the city centre and an average bus ride is about 10-20 minutes. The type of family can vary between a couple with children to a widow or a single women.

### **SHARED APARTMENT**

This option allows for the greatest amount of freedom. Rooms in shared student flats have shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. The number of rooms per flat varies from 1 to 7. All bedding is provided by the landlord.

### **HOTEL MINI-APARTMENT**

For those who wish to have a little independence, we can book a mini-apartment with cooking facilities and private bathroom in residences just outside the centre. Facilities include telephone, garden and parking place.

## **PRICE RANGE**

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

**\$1,251 → \$1,422\*\***

\*\*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.