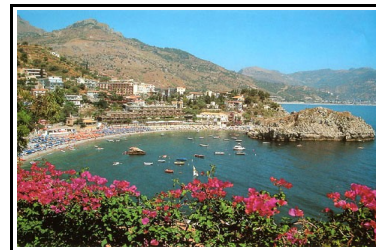




# ITALIAN for MATURE ADULTS TAORMINA, ITALY

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

The NRCSA Center is situated in the heart of Taormina, one of the most popular and most important towns in Sicily. 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 popularity 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, entertainment and sports.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian language program in Taormina, 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- 2 week minimum
- **Lodging:** in a homestay, apartment, or hotel
- **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
- **Arrival Transfer:** available upon request at an 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 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 Spanish 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 possible, and 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**

### **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. Homestays give the opportunity to learn more about the local culture from a perspective outside of the classroom. For this reason, it is a popular choice to many program participants.

### **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.

### **PENSIONS AND HOTELS**

For those students who wish 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 2 weeks of classes, housing, and cultural activities from:

**\$1,737 → \$2,468\*\***

\*\*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:

- Cooking classes on traditional Italian cuisine
- City tours
- Local tourist visits
- Social games
- Dinner Parties
- Museum, theatre, opera visits, and other cultural attractions
- Winery Tours

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the Italian for MATURE ADULTS in Taormina, either follow the link below or call:

1-888-678-6211

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/online/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.