

# ITALIAN & WINE and COOKING

## PORTICO DI ROMAGNA, ITALY

### PROGRAMS START WEEKLY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Italian & Wine and Cooking program enables you to combine an Italian course with wine lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on wine classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

#### **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 Principdom 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, to which you are, of course, invited. 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.

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 & Wine and Cooking Program in Portico di Romagna, students will receive a well rounded wine education through specific programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for food and cooking into one incredible life-changing experience.



### *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1 week minimum-group 20 Italian 45 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
  - **Wine and Cooking Lessons:** Four hours per week
  - **Lodging:** In a Student Residence or Homestay
  - **Placement Testing**
  - **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***
  - **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
  - **Certificate of Completion**
  - **Pre-Departure Information**
  - **Planning Guide**
  - **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\***
  - **Medivac Coverage**
  - **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- \*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

With this program students take language classes in the morning before their afternoon wine and cooking classes, which are combined for one week in this program. The maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students, and the classes take place in the restaurant "Al Vecchio Convento". 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.

### **WINE AND COOKING LESSONS**

For one week, you will immerse yourself in the wine and cooking of Portico di Romagna. Combined with a cooking course, this class teaches you about the history and detail of the wines you drink, culminating at the end of the week with a visit to a winery. The class evenly divides cooking lessons with wine lessons as they compliment each other so well. Students take language classes in the morning and the cooking and wine lessons in the afternoon.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **SCHOOL APARTMENT**

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.

### **HOTELS**

Reservations can be made at the 3 star hotel "Al Vecchio Convento" with breakfast daily. The hotel is well known for its food, and it is available upon request and at additional cost.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week of classes, wine lessons for a week, and housing ranges from:

**\$1,029 → \$1,550\*\***

\*\*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.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES**

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

- Excursions and tours all around Portico di Romagna
- Swimming
- Fishing
- Hiking in the park
- Bicycling

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the ITALIAN & WINE and COOKING program in Portico di Romagna, 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.