



ITALIAN & WINE ROME, ITALY PROGRAMS START WEEKLY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Italian & Wine 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

Of all Italy's historic cities, it's Rome which exerts the most compelling fascination. There's arguably more to see here than in any other city in the world, with the relics of more than two thousand years of continuous occupation packed into its sprawling urban area. As a contemporary European capital, it has a feel which is quite unique. Rome is, in many ways, the ideal capital of Italy, perfectly placed between Italy's warring north and south factions and heartily despised by both. For the traveler, it is the sheer weight of history in the city that is most evident, its various eras crowding in on each other to an almost breathtaking degree. There are the classical features – the Colosseum, the rubble Forum and Palatine Hill – and relics from the early Christian period in ancient basilicas; while the fountains and churches of the Baroque period go a long way to determining the look of the city center. But these are just part of the picture, which is an almost continuous one right up to the present day, taking in Romanesque churches, Renaissance palazzi, Rococo fountains and the ponderous buildings of post-Unification, often all found within a few paces of each other.

Rome is not an easy place to absorb in one visit, and you need to approach things slowly, taking care not to try and see too much too quickly, even if you only have a few days here. On foot it's easy to lose a sense of direction in the twisting old streets, and in any case you're likely to see something interesting that detours and stopoffs are inevitable.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Italian & Wine Program in Rome, 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:** 2 week minimum-group 20 Italian 45 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
- **Wine Lessons:** Three flexible hours a week
- **Lodging:** In a Student Residence or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **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.

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Italian classes with a 2 week minimum. Maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students. 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 LESSONS

For three hours a week, our wine course gives you an introduction to the art of grape cultivation, processing and storing of the most well-known Italian wines. The practical part consists of wine tasting which will allow you to get to know the wines from the different regions of Italy. When possible we will organize a visit to a renowned wine-cellar.

Program topics:

- How to read the etiquette of an Italian wine bottle
- Classification of the Italian wines (house wine or denomination of origin, D.O.C. and D.O.C.G.)
- The traditional techniques of cultivation, fermentation and aging used in Italy; Wine tasting and terminology
- The wine production in Italy and its consumption
- New, non traditional wines
- The products of Tuscany, the north-western region (Piedmont), the north-eastern region (Friuli, Sud-Tyrol) and the other regions, especially of the central and southern area of the peninsula.

During the course 24 quality wines will be presented and tasted. Maps will be shown and illustrated material handed out (statistics, charts, descriptions etc.). Other subjects will be discussed too, such as the combination of food and wine and the comparison with foreign products.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Single or double room, with breakfast, or half board. 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).

SHARED 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. In selecting the apartments, we do not look for luxury and comfort in material sense, but the apartments are furnished with all essential utilities (bed, table, chair, wardrobe). Kitchen and bathroom are of common use.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 2 weeks of classes, 3 hours of wine lessons a week for 2 weeks, and 2 weeks of housing ranges from:

\$1,606 → \$2,009**

**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:

- Dinners, which enable teachers and students to get to know each other better
- Guided visits in history of art
- Film evenings at school
- Day and half-day excursions
- Visit to wine cellars

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the ITALIAN & WINE program in Rome, 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.