



# ITALIAN & WINE

## SIENA, 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**

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 Marini 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.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Italian & Wine Program in Siena, 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 wine 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:** Four hours per 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 per 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). 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 common areas that everyone uses.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 2 weeks of classes, wine lessons 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 with students and faculty
- Film evenings at school
- Day and a half excursions
- Wine cellar visits

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

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