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ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL / SCUOLA di LINGUA ITALIANA, Florence – Italy



# Welcome to Europass

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Owned and managed by teachers, EUROPASS believes that a pleasant and supportive atmosphere is fundamental for a successful education. *Accoglienza* is at the core of our institute.

What does *Accoglienza* mean? It is Italian for “welcome” and defines our personal and professional teaching philosophy. That standard is embodied by our staff and reflected in our method of instruction, the color scheme of each classroom and the greenery that decorates the wrap-around terrace.

EUROPASS strives to make your experience educational and above all memorable. We provide an intimate learning atmosphere in the historical Palazzo Galletti, and employ qualified staff who enjoy teaching, language, art and Florence.

A stroll away from the Duomo, students have access to all Florence has to offer. Whether it be tailoring a lesson to fit you, planning an excursion to the Cinque Terre or finding the right internship that enhances your culinary and Italian language skills, we are sure that at EUROPASS you will find a programme or specialization that fits your interests and needs.

Sincerely,  
BARBARA LIVOLSI  
Director of EUROPASS





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*“Europass is the  
most heart warming  
and professional  
school I have ever  
been to”*

*Thomas, 43, Germany*

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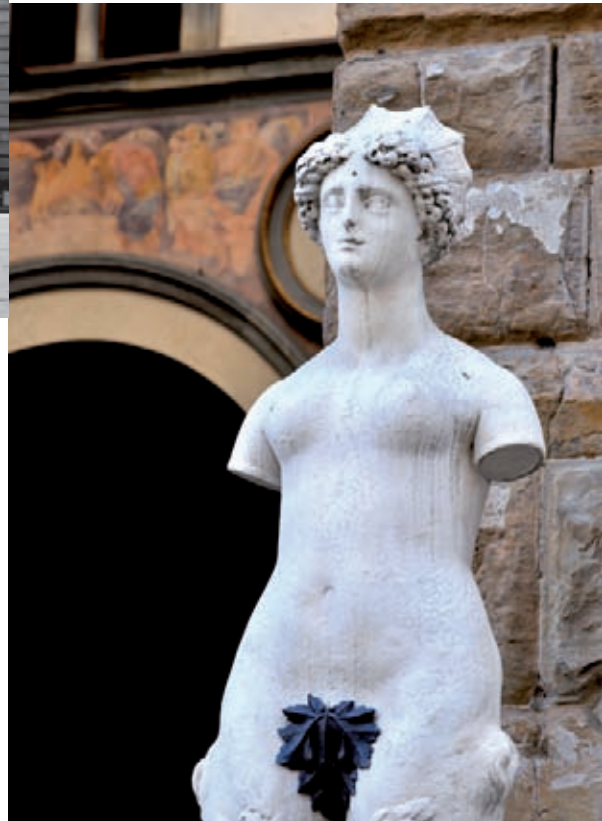
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*“The Creator made  
Italy from designs  
by Michaelangelo.”*

Mark Twain

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# The city of Florence

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“When I think of Florence I think of golden yellow and burnt orange colored row houses, lining cobblestone streets that are shared by old fashioned bikes and sleek Mercedes-Benzes. A city that is big enough to lose oneself among the miniature jewelry shops that shape the enchanting Ponte Vecchio and the collection of lustrous stores found on Via Tornabuoni. Yet it’s small enough to unexpectedly encounter a friend during an evening passeggiata. This is the place where medieval meets modern in a picturesque backdrop that over the ages has called artists, poets and great thinkers from all over the world to settle and cultivate new ideas. Nestled close to the hills of Chianti, it is the beneficiary of the favorable fruits, wines and oils that are native to this region. It has a pulse all of its own, that flows from the vibrant outdoor San Lorenzo Market, the thriving nightlife of Piazza Santa Croce and the alternative scene of Piazza Santo Spirito. When I think of Florence, I think of beauty, creativity...when I think of Florence I think of life.”

Natalie Trusso  
Ohio U.S.A., journalist,  
student of EUROPASS

*“Everyone at Europass was exceptionally professional, helpful, patient and kind. I have had a wonderful experience and hope to come back.”*

*Jenny, 18, Great Britain*

# Our Strengths

Over 20 years of experience



A team of teachers with great experience, motivation and up-to-date knowledge



Situated in the centre of Florence



Innovative and effective didactic practices developed through international partnerships

Winner of the “European Language Label 2011” released by the EU Commission for Languages



Bright, silent and air-conditioned classrooms in the historical Palazzo Galletti (1831)



A minimum of 15 hours a week of extracurricular activities



Home stay or carefully selected and regularly checked apartments.

Internet access and free Wireless

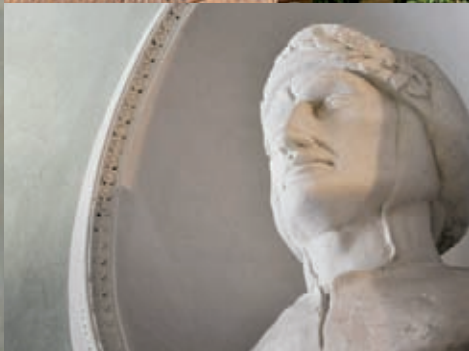


Accreditation by the Tuscany Regional Government for the design and provision of training activities and courses



Certified Quality Management System UNI EN ISO 2008:9001







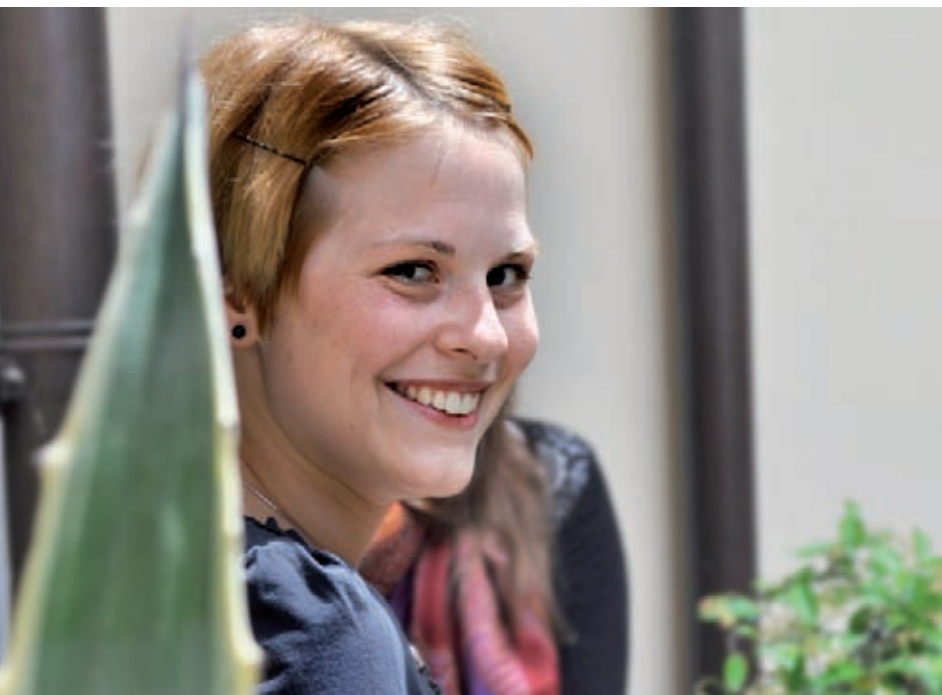


# Our Services

To make your stay in Italy comfortable, we provide services that include but are not limited to:

Orientation and information about Florence and Tuscany — ¶ —	Participating in and organizing sporting and social activities — ¶ —	24/7 Emergency number — ¶ —
Wireless and Internet access — ¶ —	Booking tickets for museums, theatres and concerts — ¶ —	Student Discount Card for shopping, meals, theatre and gyms — ¶ —
Planning weekly visits to points of interest including museums and churches — ¶ —	Making reservations at hotels and restaurants — ¶ —	Japanese tutor — ¶ —
Organizing excursions to Chianti — ¶ —	Arranging transportation to and from the airport and train station, as well as taxis — ¶ —	Loaning DVDs, current newspapers and books from our onsite library — ¶ —
Coordinating visits to surrounding cities and beaches — ¶ —	Accommodation service — ¶ —	Fax and photocopy service — ¶ —
Information on upcoming concerts, festivals and events — ¶ —	Recommending doctors — ¶ —	Access to audio and video equipment — ¶ —
Organizing aperitifs, wine tasting and dinners at local restaurants	Assistance with the Permesso di Soggiorno application process — ¶ —	Providing discounts for B&B Palazzo Galletti and SOULSPACE wellness centre conveniently located in the building
	Baby Sitting service	





# Timetable

## MONDAY TO FRIDAY

09:00 – 10:40	
10:40 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:40	
End of lessons for general courses	
12:40 – 13:10	Break
13:10 – 14:50	
End of lessons for intensive course	

If you have booked private tuition in addition to the general intensive course, please consult the Director of studies for details of your time-table

*First day at school:* Placement test starts at 08:30 am

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*“The tutors created a friendly and relaxed environment in which to learn. Various methods were used to cover all learning styles and the support was second to none. On entering you are greeted by a smile – you leave smiling and speaking Italian!”*

*Danielle, 31, France*

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Our teaching method is based on modern and innovative principles, allowing individuals to communicate in daily life situations with ease and confidence.

The 6 levels of lessons are in accordance with the Common European Framework for Languages. Each lesson is designed to develop a balance among the four basic abilities – speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Students are provided with books and learning materials prepared by the teaching staff. Thanks to small groups and individual attention, we can guarantee a high standard of learning.

All members of our staff have long-term teaching experience and are native Italian speakers. Qualified, motivated and above all friendly and helpful, they guide students during their studies. Sharing a love for history, art, music and literature, they are ideal contacts for those interested in learning about the Italian culture.

# Teaching Method

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# Common European Framework

LEVELS CORRESPOND TO THE  
CEF COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK

		Beginner
A1	Breakthrough	Elementary
A2	Waystage	Pre-Intermediate
B1	Threshold	Intermediate
B2	Vantage	Upper-Intermediate
C1	Effective Operational Proficiency	Advanced
C2	Proficiency	Mastery

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“Europass offers an excellent teaching experience covering all aspects of the language and furthermore, an effective immersion in the culture of Italy. Overall an excellent experience.”

Alexander, 21, Great Britain

# Our Courses

## GENERAL ITALIAN COURSES

group courses  
private courses  
combined courses  
evening courses



## SPECIAL COURSES

Exam preparation  
Language for professionals



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS

cooking  
culture  
creativity  
music

## VACATION PROGRAMMES

senior programmes 50+  
junior programme 14+  
high school programme  
family experience  
one week all inclusive



### Note:

If there is only one participant, the number of sessions will be reduced to 10 for general, 20 for intensive & special courses.

# General Italian Courses

*"It was amazing what we learned in only four weeks. All our teachers did a really professional job. It is very impressive how fun the lessons were and how competently they were prepared. Thank you for everything. You put your heart into your job."*

Martina, 41, Austria

## GROUP COURSES

The focus is on grammar structure, pronunciation, vocabulary and communication skills

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

6 - 30 lessons per week; Mon - Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners,  
1st and 3rd Monday of the month  
for beginners

## PRIVATE COURSES\*

Tailor-made courses for individuals or groups of 2 students wishing to learn Italian quickly and intensively

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

1 – 2 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

Open; Mon - Sun

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Everyday

*\*Flexible weekend lessons  
also available upon request*



## COMBINED COURSES

A group course with additional private lessons, tailored to individual needs and goals. One-to-One lessons are based on language practice and improvement of communication skills.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 - max. 12 students in the group class; 1 student in One-to-One lessons

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 group lessons +  
5 or 10 One-to-One lessons; Mon- Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners,  
1st and 3rd Monday of the  
month for beginners

## EVENING COURSES

For everybody who's busy during the day, working or studying. Twice a week with a total of 4 lessons, the course combines grammar and conversation in a relaxed atmosphere and is often followed by a group *Aperitivo*.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 - max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

Twice a week 2 Lessons

#### Length of Courses:

Open

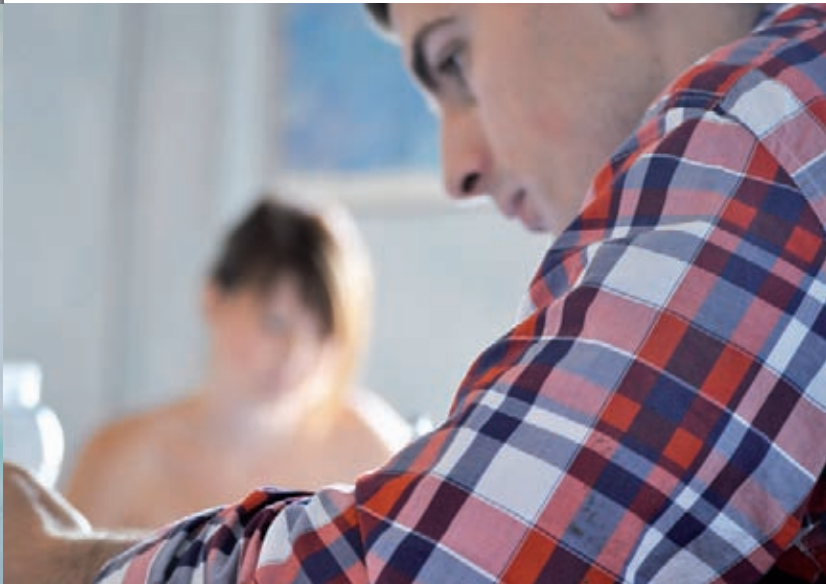
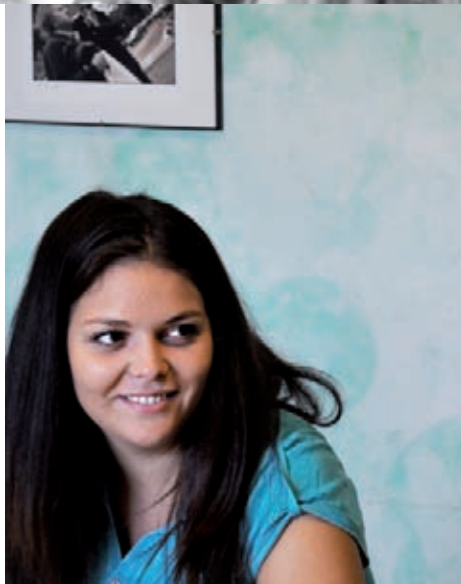
#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Thursday

# Special Courses



## EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

Preparation for the CILS, CELI and CIE Language Certificate exams. Group classes refresh and deepen knowledge of Italian grammar and conversation according to individual needs and exam requirements. Students receive practical exam experience during the One-to-One lessons. Furthermore, teaching staff can advise on the proper level of the exam to take and continuously supervise students' progress. All material required, including copies of former tests, is available onsite.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students in the group class; 1 student in One-to-One lessons

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 group lessons +  
10 One-to-One lessons; Mon - Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners,  
1st and 3rd Monday of the  
month for beginners

## LANGUAGE FOR PROFESSIONALS

For professionals whose work or studies demand full use of the Italian language.

Highly personalized and flexible, it is structured around the specific needs of the student in terms of topics, areas of interest and time. Students specify the language skills they wish to develop and a field of concentration. From that staff create an adaptive and tailored programme.

### Course Offering

Economy · Architecture

Business Correspondence · Journalism

Hotel Industry · Law · Medicine

Fashion · Opera · Translation · Tourism

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students in the group class; 1 student in One-to-One lessons

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 group lessons +  
10 One-to-One lessons; Mon - Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

Minimum B1

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday





# Italian Language Plus



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS COOKING

Share in the Italian passion for food and wine. EUROPASS's cooking programme includes Italian language lessons, while imparting the simple philosophy behind the preparation of traditional Italian meals. With an emphasis on typical Tuscan specialties, these courses are conducted in Italian and take place in a modern kitchen facility. Classes are open to the curious, food lover or aspiring and professional chefs.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of cooking Lesson:

3 – 4 hours

#### Cooking Class Size:

Min. 1 – max. 10 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 Italian lessons +  
6 – 8 Cooking lessons; Mon- Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners, 1st and  
3rd Monday of the month for beginners

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS CULTURE

We offer thematic courses, combined with Italian language lessons, that acquaint one with the customs of Italy, Tuscany and Florence. Discover a heritage characterized by its people, history, literature, art and design.

### Course Offering

Art History

Contemporary Florence

Florence from the Middle  
Ages to the Renaissance

Italian History

Social History from 1940 to 2000

Italy in the European Union

Italian Literature

Contemporary Literature

Italian Cinema

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 Italian lessons +  
10 Culture lessons; Mon-Fri

#### Length of Courses:

2 weeks

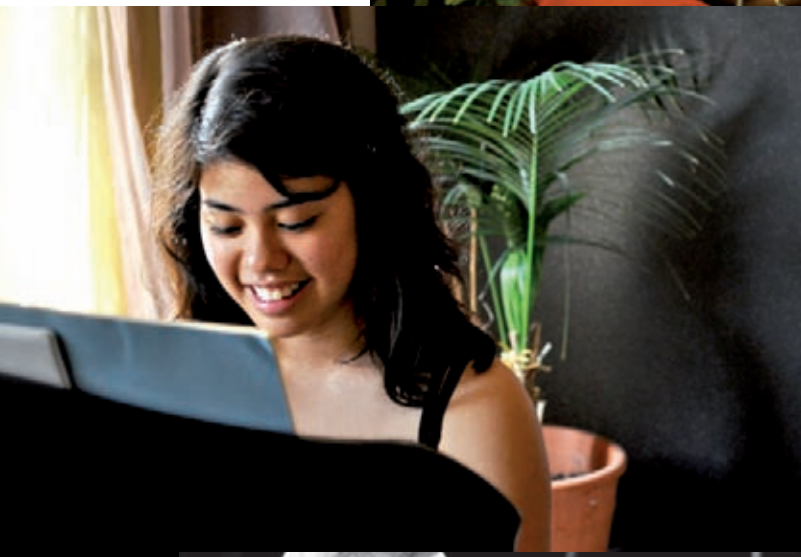
#### Levels:

Minimum Intermediate B1

#### Starting Dates:

1st and 3rd Monday of the month







## ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS CREATIVITY

In conjunction with Italian lessons, EUROPASS has partnered with distinct schools and reputable artists to form creative courses that bring the artistic Italian heritage to life. The country's reputation for fine craftsmanship, tradition and innovation in the fields of fashion, jewellery and art are taught in equipped classrooms by individuals who have a long tradition in their specialized area.

### Course Offering

Painting and Drawing  
Sculpture and Ceramics  
Mosaic  
Fresco  
Jewellery  
Fashion Design

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minute Italian lessons –  
60 minute creativity lessons;

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 Italian lessons +  
10 Creativity lessons; Mon-Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners, 1st and  
3rd Monday of the month for beginners

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS MUSIC

Together with a partner school EUROPASS offers several music courses in combination with language lessons. Instructed by music teachers who studied at the most important Italian academies of music, one can choose lessons at the departments of Classical music, Opera, Pop, Rock or Jazz. The lessons are either One-to-One or One-to-Two and are adapted to beginners as well as professionals.

### Instrument lessons

(lessons held at all levels):

piano, violin, cello, acoustic and electric  
guitar, electric bass, double bass, flute,  
trumpet, trombone, drums and percussions

### Singing lessons

(lessons held at all levels):

lyrical, jazz, pop & jazz.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minute Italian lessons –  
60 minute music lessons;

#### Class Size:

Italian lessons: Min. 2 – max. 12 students –  
Music lessons: 1 or 2

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 Italian lessons +  
5 or 10 music lessons, Mon-Fri

#### Length of Courses:

Open

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners, 1st and  
3rd Monday of the month for beginners

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# Vacation Programmes



## SENIOR PROGRAMMES 50+

Our holidays are specifically designed for energetic adults 50+ who seek a fulfilling vacation. Traveling in a group or solo, we have packages entailing wellness or sport, biking or walking, learning or relaxing. Each day includes Italian lessons and a range of events from visits to Medieval castles in the heart of Chianti to sampling Tuscan oils and wines. Live, learn and travel in Tuscany.

### No 1



#### A Slice of Tuscan Life

Five days of Tuscan language, culture, food and wine. Participants study Italian and view the region with ease and comfort. The week includes guided tours of Florence by foot and leisurely travel to the Chianti countryside by bus, as well as visits to traditional restaurants and historical sights for a bit of Tuscan flavor.

### No 2



#### Active Holiday in Tuscany

Two weeks for the adventurous who want to actively explore Chianti and Florence, by bike, foot and horseback, while appreciating the essence of Tuscan life and nature.

### No 3



#### Beauty & Wellness

Refresh and indulge the senses. This week is a balance of body and mind rejuvenation. Hot stone massages, Turkish baths and personal care await our guests at SOULSPACE wellness centre, after Italian and culture classes. We guarantee silence and relaxation, a pleasure for one's soul.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 lessons per week; Mon - Fri

#### Length of Courses:

1 – 2 weeks

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Please consult our website  
[www.europass.it](http://www.europass.it)

#### Package includes

daily activities



## JUNIOR PROGRAMME 14+

Our programme for Juniors teaches young adults a second language, while promoting an appreciation for diversity through language, sports, leisure, cultural activities and interaction with students of a similar age from around the world!

The young adults are immersed in Italian life. They live with a carefully selected Italian host family, participate in supervised activities that encourage them to speak Italian, visit historical points of interest in and around Florence and enjoy traditional Tuscan meals.

This programme is appropriate for mature young adults at least 14 years old who can travel to and from school walking or using public transport, experience the city independently and interact with other students of all ages and nationalities.

### Course Details



#### Availability:

Easter and summer

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 lessons per week; Mon – Fri

#### Length of Courses:

1 – 8 weeks

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Please consult our website  
[www.europass.it](http://www.europass.it)

#### Package includes

Living with a carefully selected Italian host family · Participating in sports: swimming, volleyball and soccer · Day and weekend supervised excursions to Tuscan cities: Pisa, Lucca, Siena and the beach · Visiting significant museums and historical points of interest · Qualified staff ensure a safe, supervised and fun learning atmosphere · Culture enriching activities





## FAMILY

### Together with Children

We offer arrangements for children who wish to study Italian whilst their parents are also attending a class. Parents can participate in the standard course; children take lessons with a private teacher specialized in children's education and activities. If the children are under 5 years old, the school recommends either taking advantage of EUROPASS's babysitter service or placing them at a local kindergarten.

### Together with Teenagers

Adults participate in a language course while teenagers study and participate in activities together with other students of their age joining one of our teen summer camps for students between 14 – 17 years. You can share accommodation or live separately to get the full benefit of each of your specific programmes geared to your age and interests.







## HIGH SCHOOL

EUROPASS organizes weekly programmes of Italian language courses and leisure activities for High School Classes. Students can spend a week improving their knowledge of the Italian language and enjoying all the different aspects of Florence. Aside from the Italian classes we arrange trips to the most interesting spots to provide an insight into the magnificent cultural heritage of the city and show them the best places to eat and enjoy themselves. Living with a host family, students will get the chance to practice the Italian language and get acquainted with the locals. Together we devise the most suitable programme for your students, taking into account their level of knowledge of the Italian language, the time available and the current curriculum of the class.



## ONE WEEK ALL INCLUSIVE

For those who don't have much time to spare to organize their holiday, we recommend a One Week Special. Enjoy an all inclusive vacation that includes Italian lessons and recreational, cultural and social activities.

### No 1



#### Wellness Special

Spend a refreshing afternoon in the Spa and let yourself be pampered with a relaxing massage

### No 2



#### Cooking Special

Spend two lovely evenings cooking with people from all over the world

### No 3



#### Culture Special

Discover the Uffizi's masterpieces with us! A great chance for those who also want to hear the inside stories of the most famous art gallery in the world

### No 4



#### Chianti Special

We take you on an unforgettable trip to the Tuscan countryside, visiting fortresses and wine cellars



### Course Details



#### Availability:

All year

#### Duration of One Lesson:

50 minutes

#### Class Size:

Min. 2 – max. 12 students

#### Weekly Schedule:

20 lessons per week; Mon - Fri

#### Length of Courses:

1 week

#### Levels:

All

#### Starting Dates:

Every Monday for non-beginners,  
1st and 3rd Monday of the  
month for beginners

#### Package includes

accommodation in a  
shared apartment, single room  
Extra activities (see each Special)



# Work Experience Programme

The programme includes a preparatory course of Italian and an unpaid internship with a carefully selected Italian company.

EUROPASS assists in choosing the internship company based on prior work experience, interests and the level of Italian. Meetings are arranged with the internship coordinator of the planned place of employment, and support is provided during the interview process. Interns will also receive assistance when requesting a permit and defining the contract agreement with the selected company.

**In order to take part in this programme, participants should:**

- Be holders of a high school diploma or a degree
- Send EUROPASS a CV along with a short cover letter (in Italian or English)
- Complete a preparatory language course of a minimum of 4 weeks
- Minimum proficiency in the Italian language, Intermediate B1 or dependent on the field

**Select an Internship in the following fields:**

Tourism

(hotels, information points, restaurants, travel agencies, language schools)

— ” —

Art and craftsmanship  
(leather, paper, etc.)

— ” —

Design, photography and graphic studios

— ” —

Restoration

(wood, paper, stone, frescos)

— ” —

Social/intercultural  
(primary school teaching, social work)

— ” —

Computing systems  
(software, web design, hardware)

— ” —

Other fields upon request

# Teacher Training Centre

EUROPASS -Teacher Training Centre is an internal division specializing in training courses for teachers seeking continuing education in innovative teaching methods and strategies. Most of our teacher training courses are sponsored by the European Union and are attended by teachers from all over Europe.

## **Our short and long term trainings include**



TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)  
and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of  
Other Languages) Certificates

Italian Language Teacher Certificates

Upgrading Courses for Art,  
Art History and History Teachers

Seminars for Language Teachers  
on Current Topics

Internship Programmes for Language Teachers  
(observation, co-teaching, teaching)

Where you live can have a great influence on the success of the study abroad experience.

EUROPASS ensures each person finds accommodation that is comfortable and suitable for their needs. Students can choose to live in the home of an Italian family or share an apartment with other students, in the location of their preference.



# Accommodation

**All options are carefully selected to guarantee:**

Accommodation in town, unless otherwise requested



A high standard of hospitality and sensitivity to students' requests and needs



Furnished apartments with sheets, towels and kitchen utensils



The opportunity to establish relationships and practice the Italian language

**All the accommodation we offer is checked and assessed regularly, based on the following criteria:**

- General conditions of the apartment
- Functionality of the systems (hot water, heating, etc.)
- Cleaning

As for host family accommodation, we also assess the friendliness and hospitality of the family unit and the variety, quantity and quality of the meals.

Upon request, the school can help reserve a hotel room and accommodation in tourist farmhouses of any type, even outside Florence. Prices available upon request.







# Tours & Activities

*“An incredibly friendly school that combines the careful teaching of grammar with many opportunities to practice conversation.”*

*Sylvia, 24, Australia*

EUROPASS organizes excursions and visits as well as leisure activities that aim to familiarize students with Florence's nightlife, world famous art works and its surrounding regions and people.

**Entertainment:**

- Dinners
- Wine and oil tasting
- Music concerts
- Aperitifs
- Discos and pubs
- Fiorentina soccer matches
- Festivals

**Excursions to:**

- Siena
- Pisa
- Venice
- Cinque Terre
- Rome
- Lucca
- Assisi
- Verona
- The beach and more

**Cultural:**

- Guided art visits
- Trips to museums
- Visits to photography exhibitions
- Tours of monuments and other points of interest
- Film viewings
- Italian cooking courses

**Sport:**

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Swimming (in summer)
- Dancing (Tango, Salsa and more)
- Bike and hiking tours
- Horse riding



See you  
in  
Florence!

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