

WHO WE ARE

The Centre of Italian Language and Culture Mediterraneo is made up of a close-knit team of professionals who integrate proficiency, reliability, personality, enthusiasm, interpersonal skills, experience in marketing and, of course, valuable experience in teaching Italian as a second language.

Founded by the director Sabina Fusaro in 1998, the school specialises in teaching all aspects of Italian language and culture to students of all ages and from dozen of countries around the globe.

Mediterraneo's positive points include

- an attractive quality-to-price ratio
- services tailor made for each student
- a dynamic and friendly environment
- a continuously improving standard for courses and services

OUR MISSION

Mediterraneo meets the growing world-wide interest in the Italian language and cultural and historical heritage.

Our mission is to create for each of our students an experience that is at once stimulating and effective.

OUR STRENGTHS

THE LOCATION

Mediterraneo is centrally located, just a short stroll from the Coliseum in Monti, one of the most fascinating and historical parts of Rome.

The neighbourhood, which boasts unique monuments, restaurants, coffee bars and artisan shops, can be easily reached from most of central Rome - including the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and the Imperial Forum - by foot or via public transport, from the Repubblica stop on the Metro A Line or the Cavour stop on the Metro B Line or on several key busses, including Nos. 40, 60, 64, 71 and 170.

Mediterraneo itself is in a charming XIX century building. With spacious, bright and quiet classrooms and a rich book and video library, the school is the ideal place to teach and learn.

THE TEACHERS

The team of teachers is made up of experienced, motivated and qualified mother tongue professionals, all of whom have earned university degrees and have specialised in teaching the Italian language and culture to foreigners.

In the teaching staff, students will find a high level of professionalism and availability combined with clear communication, enthusiasm, creativity, patience and flexibility. Members of the staff strive to make classes clear, fun, efficient and interesting.

- During the grammar lessons teachers progressively explain both verbally and illustrated on a white board the form and the function of each grammar rule in a precise and clear way.
- During the conversation classes a wide variety of subjects are covered. At the elementary level, lessons reproduce basic

communicative situations, such as asking for information, placing an order in a restaurant, introducing oneself to Italians and making a purchase in a shop. At the higher levels, classes involve advanced discussions of various subjects, such as the environment, culture, media and economy.

Particular importance is given to reading texts of various genres - including newspapers, magazines and passages of literature - and to listening exercises, watching Italian films, and writing dialogues.

TESTING

The language program accommodates students at all levels of Italian, from beginner to specialised experts.

At Mediterraneo there are six levels: Beginner, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advance I, Advance II and Specialisation.

Before course begins, each student is tested to determine his or her level of Italian proficiency. At the end of the course another test is given to evaluate the progress made and to determine what areas require review or further study.

TEACHING TOOLS

The teaching tools at Mediterraneo have been selected from among the best didactic materials available. Additionally, a textbook written by the director for each level is used to supplement the grammar lessons.

SMALL GROUPS

Groups are made up of a strictly limited number of students (generally six to eight, with a cap of 12 during the summer), a policy that allows teachers to devote themselves fully to each pupil's individual needs.

A COURSE FOR EACH NEED

LANGUAGE COURSES

STANDARD

Standard Courses consist of daily grammar and conversation lessons.

INTENSIVE

Intensive Courses integrate grammar and conversation classes with either individual or culture-related lessons.

EXTENSIVE

Extensive Courses consist of grammar and conversation lessons, two or three times a week.

INDIVIDUAL

The school offers packages of individual lessons (the greater the number of hours, the larger the percentage of discounts) that can be used that calendar year. The details of the programme such as subject matter and lesson times are tailored to meet the students' needs.

SPECIAL COURSES

CULTURE

The culture programme provides a rich combination of several fields, including literature, cultural and political history, and the history of art, cinema and theatre. Additionally, advanced courses on particular authors and periods are available, as well as individual reading courses,

which allow the student to explore special areas of interest.

COOKING

Cooking lessons are held by a teacher trained in one of the best restaurants along the stylish Via Veneto. Students assist in the preparation of dishes and then enjoy the results at the end of the lesson. Courses include: Basic Italian Cooking; Mediterranean Cooking; First Course Dishes; Vegetarian Dishes, Traditional Desserts and Regional Cooking.

OPERA

This course offers an in-depth knowledge of the history of Italian Opera as well as lessons about significant movements and composers such as Madrigal, Melodrama, Realism; Rossini, Puccini and Verdi.

ITALIAN FOR BUSINESS

This course recreates the types of communicative situations relevant to the business world, such as telephone calls, interviews and meetings. The students will also learn the Italian formats for writing formal business letters, faxes, e-mail and curriculum vitae.

SURVIVAL ITALIAN

This one week course (20 hrs) will help enable students to grasp essential Italian phrases used to ask for fundamental information, order in a restaurant, book a ticket or a room, make a purchase and other basic activities.

C.I.L.S.

This course is specially designed individual or group lessons intended to prepare the students for the exam of CILS (Certificate of Italian as a Foreign Language), recognised by the University of Siena.

CULTURE ACTIVITIES

Programme “Roma Caput Mundi”

Guided tours to the most beautiful Roman archaeological sites, monuments, museums, neighbourhoods and art exhibitions. History, importance, anecdotes and mysteries are explained by a guide with a PhD in art history and experience working with the Italian Ministry of Art and Culture.

Programme “Arrivederci Roma”

Excursions to the most important Italian cities and sites within easy distance from Rome, including Assisi, Florence, Naples, Perugia, Pompei, Siena and Viterbo.

Programme “Alla ricerca dei sapori italiani”

Visits to local gastronomic festivals to taste the specialities of Italian foods and wines.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Programme “En Plein Air”

Excursions to the beach, lakes and mountains.

Programme “Rome by Night “

Special group outings to concerts, performances, night-clubs, wine bars, and other informal gatherings.

Programme “Made in Italy”

Shopping trips for those interested in designer names and exclusively Italian products.

Programme “Mens sana in corpore sano”

Skating at Villa Borghese, tennis matches or football games (that's soccer to you Americans), and running.

SERVICES

ACCOMMODATION: The school assists the students in finding an accommodation: a room to let in a typical Italian family home, a bed and breakfast, a hotel or a hostel).

Every accommodation is carefully chosen in order to assure that the students have clean and dignified housing in safe neighbourhoods that are convenient to the school.

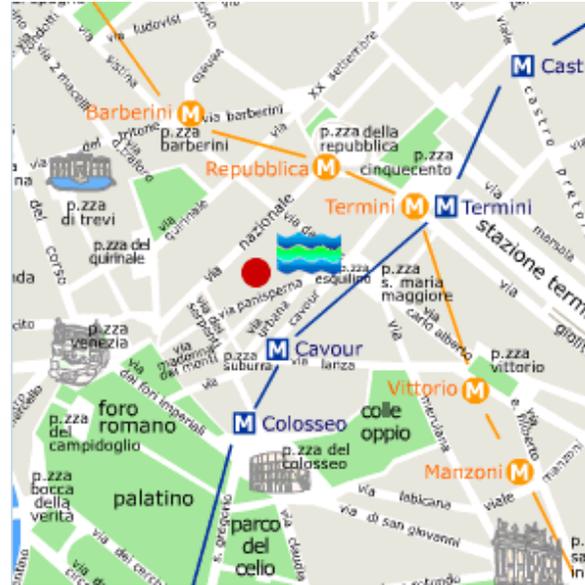
PICK-UP SERVICE: The school can assist the student with pick-up service to and from Leonardo da Vinci or Ciampino airports with drivers contracted with the school.

VISA ASSISTANCE: The school offers assistance to non-European Community students wanting to stay in Italy for any length of time over three months.

STUDENT CARD: The school provides the students of an Identity Card, good for discounts of 10% to 20% in many nearby shops.

INSURANCE: Students are covered by Mediterraneo's insurance plan only in case of injury due to the school's negligence while students are present at the school.

Students are advised to have an up-date insurance policy (health, life, property) of their own valid for the duration of their stay in Italy.



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