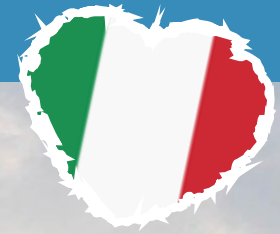




Italy

as a Language Study Destination



2026 Review

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Why Study Italian in Italy?

Italy is not just a destination — it is an experience that stays with students long after their course ends.

Culturally, Italy offers something few countries can match. It is often described as a “living museum”, where history, art, and tradition are part of everyday life — not something to visit, but something to live. From ancient Roman ruins to Renaissance masterpieces, from local festivals to daily rituals in neighbourhood cafés, students are immersed in culture at every step.

The Italian lifestyle is one of the country’s greatest attractions. Known worldwide as La Dolce Vita, it is built around connection, balance, and enjoyment of life. Days unfold in piazzas, conversations linger over coffee, and meals are moments of shared experience. For international students, this creates something powerful: language learning becomes natural, social, and deeply human.

What makes Italy truly unique is the opportunity to learn the language through everyday life. Whether ordering coffee at a neighbourhood café, chatting with locals at a market, or taking part in community events, students quickly

become immersed in Italian culture and gain the confidence to communicate naturally.

Beyond the classroom, Italy offers access to one of the world’s most influential creative and cultural economies. As a global leader in fashion, design, gastronomy, architecture, tourism and luxury goods, Italy provides an inspiring environment for students interested in these fields.

Studying in Italy also helps develop intercultural awareness, independence and practical communication skills—qualities valued by employers worldwide. For those considering an international career, Italian can open doors in sectors ranging from fashion and design to hospitality, food and wine, tourism and international business.

Ultimately, studying in Italy is not just about learning a language.

It is about living it — fully, daily, and authentically — in one of the most culturally rich and rewarding environments in the world.



Key Statistics

Global Demand for Italian

- Italian is among the top 5 most studied languages worldwide, with an estimated 2+ million learners globally
- Spoken by around 85 million people worldwide (native speakers and learners combined)

Demand is driven by culture, lifestyle, and global industry relevance, not just language necessity.

International Student Destination

- Approximately 95,000–110,000 international students enrolled in Italian universities
- Italy continues to grow as a destination for language, academic, and experience-led study

Cultural Appeal

- Italy attracts 60+ million international visitors annually
- One of the world's leading destinations for culture, heritage, and lifestyle travel

Academic & Career Value

- Italy is home to some of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world
- Strong sectors include design, architecture, engineering, humanities, and arts
- Studying in Italy enhances employability through language skills and cultural adaptability



Practical Information

Cost of Living

Costs vary depending on the location:

- Smaller towns: approx. €800–€1,200/month
- Larger cities: approx. €1,000–€2,000+

Visa Process

Short-term (up to 90 days)

- Schengen Type C visa
- Processing time: approx. 15–21 days
- Straightforward with complete documentation

Long-term (over 90 days)

- National Type D visa
- High approval rates
(up to ~98% for eligible applicants)

Requires:

- acceptance letter
- accommodation
- proof of funds

Schools provide full support with documentation and guidance.

Work Opportunities for Students

- Non-EU students (long-term visa): up to 20 hours per week during studies
- Full-time work possible during holidays
- Opportunities include internships and part-time roles

Language & Learning Experience

Italian varies across regions, with different accents and local expressions.

- Central Italy (Florence, Rome, Siena): closest to standard Italian
- Northern Italy: often perceived by learners as having a clearer and more neutral pronunciation.
- Southern Italy & islands: more melodic, expressive

In all IALC schools:

- Teaching follows standard Italian
- Students also benefit from real-life exposure to regional variation





Bologna

- A historic and welcoming city, home to approximately 391,000 people.
- With 95,000 enrolled students, it is one of Italy's most important student cities, with a young, lively and international atmosphere.
- Home to the University of Bologna, widely recognised as the oldest university in continuous operation in the world.
- Located in the heart of northern Italy, Bologna is also a major transport hub, with excellent rail connections to cities such as Florence, Venice, Milan and Rome.
- Famous for its food, porticoes, medieval towers, music, culture and easy-going lifestyle.



Bologna combines centuries of academic tradition with the energy of a modern, student-focused city. Its historic centre is known for its elegant porticoes, warm red buildings, lively piazzas and rich cultural life, creating an inspiring setting for international students.

The city is large enough to feel dynamic and full of opportunity, but compact enough to be easy to navigate. Students can enjoy a friendly urban lifestyle, excellent food, a strong arts and music scene, and a deeply rooted university culture that gives Bologna its distinctive atmosphere.

Florence

- A world-renowned cultural and artistic capital, home to approximately 362,000 people.
- Ideally located in the heart of Tuscany, with easy access to other major Italian cities.
- A compact, walkable city where history, art and everyday Italian life are closely connected.
- Visually rich and instantly inspiring, from Renaissance architecture to views over the Arno.
- An ideal destination for first-time students looking for an immersive and unforgettable introduction to Italy.

Florence is one of the world's great cultural capitals, offering an inspiring setting in which to learn Italian. As the birthplace of the Renaissance, the city is home to iconic landmarks such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Galleries, while its lively



cafés, markets and neighbourhoods provide endless opportunities to practise the language in everyday situations.

Despite its international reputation, Florence remains a compact and walkable city. Students can easily navigate it on foot, quickly becoming familiar with local life and developing the confidence to use Italian beyond the classroom. Its welcoming atmosphere makes it particularly appealing for first-time visitors to Italy.

Florence also combines tradition with a contemporary lifestyle. Renowned for its fashion, craftsmanship, gastronomy and creative industries, it offers students an authentic insight into modern Italy while providing an unforgettable cultural experience.





Lignano

- A lively Adriatic seaside destination, home to approximately 7,000 people.
- Learn Italian in a friendly seaside town where everything is within easy reach.
- Combine language learning with beach life, excursions and outdoor activities.
- Experience both Italy's Adriatic coast and the cultural treasures of north-eastern Italy.

Lignano Sabbiadoro offers a different side of Italy—one where language learning is combined with an active outdoor lifestyle. Situated on the Adriatic coast in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, the town is famous for its long sandy beaches, pine forests and relaxed seaside atmosphere, making it an ideal destination for summer study.

Outside the classroom, students can make the most of the resort's wide range of activities, from cycling, sailing and beach volleyball to excursions, evening events and time spent with classmates by the sea. The lively international atmosphere encourages students to practise Italian naturally while enjoying

an unforgettable summer experience.

Lignano is also an excellent base for discovering north-eastern Italy. Day trips to Venice, Trieste and other nearby destinations allow students to experience the region's rich history, culture and cuisine alongside their language course. Safe, welcoming and easy to navigate, Lignano is particularly well suited to teenagers, young adults and anyone looking to combine learning with an active summer holiday.

Milan

- Italy's leading business, fashion and innovation hub, home to approximately 1.37 million people.
- A dynamic international city with strong career, networking and professional development opportunities.
- Known worldwide for fashion, design, finance, media, technology and creative industries.
- A fast-paced, modern destination for students who want to combine language learning with an ambitious urban experience.

Milan offers students a very different side of Italy: international, business-focused and future-oriented, while still deeply connected to Italian culture and lifestyle. As one of Europe's major economic centres, the city is an excellent choice for learners interested in careers, internships, networking and professional growth.



The city's energy is shaped by fashion, design, innovation, finance and entrepreneurship, making it especially attractive for students who want to improve their Italian in a contemporary, globally connected environment. From business districts and creative studios to cafés, galleries and cultural events, Milan offers countless opportunities to experience Italian life in a modern and outward-looking setting.

Milan is also extremely well connected, with excellent national and international transport links.

Students can easily travel to other Italian cities, the lakes, the Alps and neighbouring European destinations, making it a strong base for both study and exploration.

Milan is ideal for students looking for a language learning experience that feels professional, ambitious and distinctly Italian.



Naples

- An ancient southern Italian city full of life, history and character, home to approximately 910,000 people and renowned for its UNESCO World Heritage historic centre.
- A more affordable alternative to many northern Italian cities, offering strong value for students.
- Famous worldwide for its food culture, especially pizza, coffee, street food and local markets.
- A gateway to some of Italy's most iconic cultural and coastal destinations, including Pompeii, Capri and the Amalfi Coast.

Naples offers students an unforgettable introduction to the energy, warmth and character of southern Italy. It is a city full of life, where language is experienced not only in the classroom, but in markets, cafés, neighbourhood streets, family-run restaurants and everyday conversations.

Known for its extraordinary history, dramatic coastal setting and world-famous food culture, Naples gives students a strong sense of place from the moment they arrive. The city combines ancient heritage with a lively contemporary spirit, from its historic centre and archaeological treasures to its music, theatre, street art and local traditions.

Its location also makes Naples an exceptional base for cultural exploration. Students can easily visit Pompeii, Herculaneum, Mount Vesuvius, Capri, Procida, Ischia and the Amalfi Coast, adding real depth and variety to their stay.

For students looking for an experience that is as rewarding outside the classroom as it is within it, Naples offers something truly distinctive. It is a city that inspires curiosity and rewards exploration, leaving students not only with stronger language skills, but also with a genuine understanding of southern Italian culture and everyday life.

Rome

- Italy's capital city, home to approximately 2.75 million people.
- A world-class destination where ancient history, modern city life and Italian culture meet.
- Ideal for students interested in art, architecture, history, politics, food and everyday Italian life.
- Well connected nationally and internationally, with excellent transport links across Italy and Europe.
- A powerful choice for students who want a language learning experience in one of the world's most iconic cities.

Rome gives students the chance to study Italian in a city where the language is surrounded by history, culture and daily life on a grand scale. From the Colosseum and Roman Forum to neighbourhood cafés, museums and piazzas, the city offers constant opportunities to connect classroom learning with real experiences.

As the capital, Rome is also a dynamic and international city, attracting students, professionals, artists and visitors from around the world. This makes it a strong destination for learners who want both cultural depth and the energy of a major European capital.

The city's location and transport links make it easy to explore more of Italy, whether students want to visit Florence, Naples, the coast or other regions during their stay. At the same time, Rome itself offers endless variety, with each neighbourhood bringing its own atmosphere, traditions and local life and is ideal for students who want their language course to feel ambitious, culturally rich and truly unforgettable.





Salerno

- A welcoming coastal city in southern Italy, home to approximately 127,000 people.
- Ideally located on the Tyrrhenian coast, close to the Amalfi Coast, Cilento, Pompeii and Naples.
- A more relaxed and affordable alternative to Italy's larger cities, while still offering rich culture and authentic local life.
- A strong year-round destination, combining language learning with seaside living, excursions and outdoor experiences.
- An ideal choice for students who want to experience southern Italian hospitality in a safe, friendly and manageable city.

Salerno offers students the charm of a historic Italian city with the added benefit of a beautiful coastal setting. Its seafront promenade, old town, cafés, local markets and lively evening atmosphere make it an easy place for students to settle in and enjoy everyday Italian life.

The city is large enough to feel active and interesting, but small enough to be approachable. This makes it particularly attractive for students who want an immersive experience without the intensity

of a major metropolis. Learners can practise Italian naturally in shops, restaurants, neighbourhood streets and social activities, while enjoying a warm and welcoming local environment.

Salerno's location is one of its greatest strengths. Students are within easy reach of the Amalfi Coast, Paestum, Pompeii, Cilento and Naples, giving them access to some of southern Italy's most memorable cultural and natural highlights.

Salerno is a strong choice for students who want a friendly, culturally rich Italian language experience in a coastal city that combines history, affordability and authentic local life.

Siena

- A UNESCO World Heritage city in the heart of Tuscany, home to approximately 53,000 people.
- A historic university city with a strong student presence, including around 16,000 university students.
- Safe, walkable and deeply traditional, with a strong sense of local identity.
- Famous for its medieval streets, Piazza del Campo and the Palio, one of Italy's most iconic cultural traditions.
- A strong choice for students looking for a smaller, more personal and culturally immersive Italian experience.

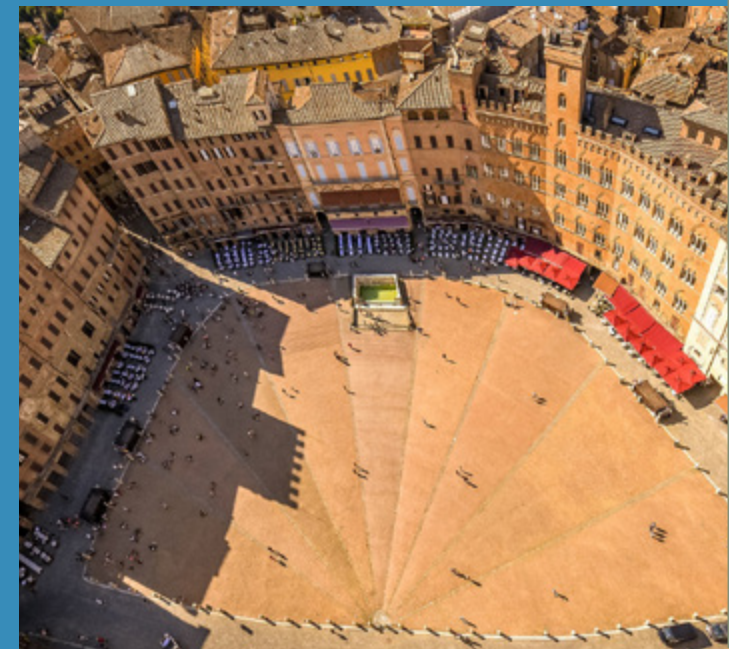
Siena offers students a beautiful and deeply traditional setting for learning Italian. Its historic centre, recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of the best-preserved medieval city

centres in Europe, with narrow streets, warm brick buildings, elegant piazzas and a strong sense of history.

Despite its smaller size, Siena has a lively student atmosphere thanks to its long university tradition. This gives the city a young and social energy while keeping the experience manageable, safe and easy to navigate. Students can quickly feel part of local life, moving between classes, cafés, markets, cultural events and neighbourhood traditions on foot.

Siena is also an excellent base for discovering Tuscany. Florence, Chianti, San Gimignano and other Tuscan towns are within reach, allowing students to combine language learning with culture, food, countryside and regional exploration.

Siena helps students settle into the Italian lifestyle quickly: it is small enough to navigate with confidence, rich enough to offer something new every day, and deeply shaped by the traditions of one of Tuscany's most beautiful historic cities.





Taormina (Sicily)

- A picturesque hilltop town on Sicily's east coast, home to approximately 11,000 people.
- Beautifully positioned above the Ionian Sea, with views of Mount Etna and easy access to beaches.
- Known for its strong community feel, historic centre, Greek Theatre and relaxed Mediterranean lifestyle.
- Ideal for students looking for an immersive, personal and slower-paced study experience.
- A memorable destination for combining Italian language learning with Sicilian culture, food, sea and nature.

Taormina offers students a very different kind of Italian language experience: intimate, scenic and deeply connected to local life. Its compact size and welcoming atmosphere make it easy for students to feel settled quickly, while the town's cafés, shops, beaches and cultural sites provide natural opportunities to practise Italian every day.

Set on the eastern coast of Sicily, Taormina is one of the island's most beautiful destinations, combining sea views, historic streets and a relaxed pace of life. Students can enjoy the charm of a small town while still having access to rich cultural experiences, from the ancient Greek Theatre to excursions around Mount Etna, nearby coastal towns and the wider Sicilian region.

Choose Taormina if you want to study Italian in a peaceful, inspiring setting where language learning feels personal, immersive and closely connected to place.

Trieste

- A distinctive Adriatic port city in north-eastern Italy, home to approximately 200,000 people.
- A historic crossroads of Italian, Central European and Balkan cultures.
- Elegant, walkable and atmospheric, with sea views, grand cafés and a strong literary tradition.
- Well located for exploring Venice, Slovenia, Croatia and the wider Friuli Venezia Giulia region.
- A strong choice for students looking for an Italian experience with an international and slightly unexpected character.

Trieste offers students a unique setting for learning Italian: unmistakably Italian, but shaped by centuries of cultural exchange. Its architecture, cafés, food, languages and history reflect its position between the Adriatic, Central Europe

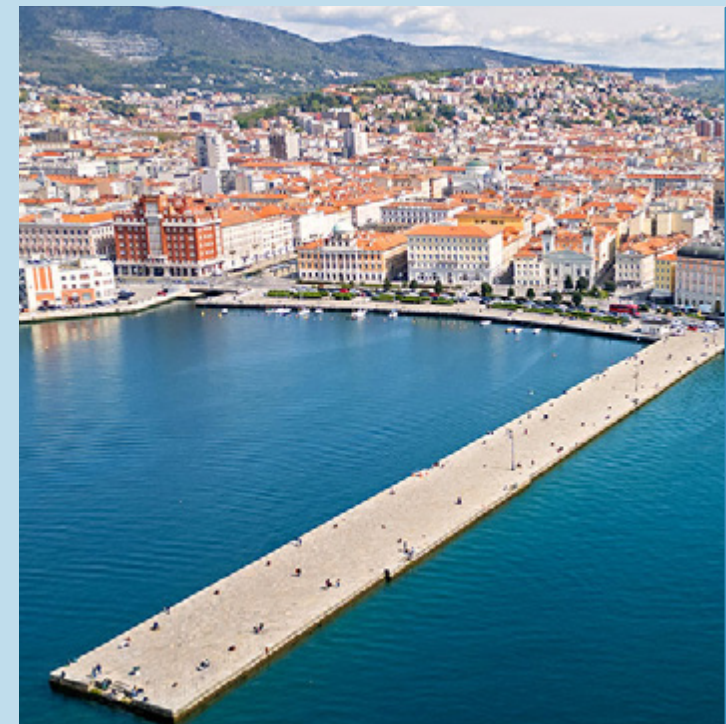
and the Balkans, giving the city a character quite different from Italy's more familiar destinations.

The city is large enough to feel lively and international, but still manageable and easy to navigate.

Students can enjoy daily life around the seafront, historic cafés, bookshops, piazzas and local markets, while practising Italian in a welcoming and culturally rich environment.

Trieste's location is one of its great advantages. Venice is within easy reach, while Slovenia and Croatia are close by, making it an excellent base for students who want to combine Italian study with regional discovery and cross-cultural experiences.

Trieste is ideal for students who want to experience Italian in a city that feels elegant, open-minded and full of stories.





Tropea

- A picturesque coastal town in Calabria, home to approximately 6,000 people.
- Known for its dramatic cliffside setting, turquoise sea and beautiful beaches.
- Small, friendly and easy to navigate, with a relaxed southern Italian atmosphere.
- A strong summer destination, ideal for students who want to combine language learning with seaside living.
- A memorable choice for students looking for authentic local culture, natural beauty and a slower pace of life.

Tropea offers students a warm and scenic setting for learning Italian on Calabria's Tyrrhenian coast. With its historic centre perched above the sea, narrow streets, lively cafés and spectacular coastal views, the town creates an immediate sense of place and a strong connection to everyday southern Italian life.

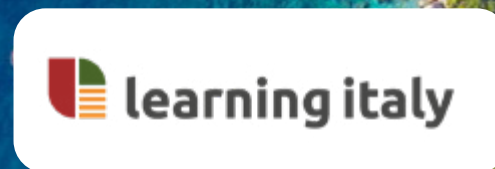
Its small size makes it easy for students to feel comfortable quickly, while the local atmosphere encourages natural language practice in shops, restaurants, markets and social activities. Tropea is particularly appealing for students who want a more

personal and relaxed study experience, away from the pace of larger cities.

The town is also one of southern Italy's best-known seaside destinations, with beautiful beaches, clear water and easy access to coastal excursions. Students can combine Italian lessons with swimming, boat trips, local food, sunset walks and exploration of the wider Calabrian region.

Tropea gives students a slower, sunnier way to experience Italy, where language learning is naturally woven into seaside days, local traditions, everyday encounters and the beauty of Calabria's coast.

Our Italian Member Schools





Accademia Italiana

- Salerno, Napoli

Founded: 1997, 2023

Specialties: 50+ programmes, Family programmes, Junior summer programmes (14-17years), Italian for Specific Purposes, Teacher Training courses, Erasmus+ courses, Italian cooking classes, Italian through food and wine, and Italian art and craft workshops.

Key Features: Two locations in Campania, small international classes, highly qualified teachers, strong cultural programme, official exam centre



Accademia Italiana offers students the opportunity to study Italian in either Salerno or Naples while experiencing the culture, warmth and daily life of the south of Italy.

In Salerno, Accademia Italiana offers students a coastal study experience close to the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Paestum, Capri and Naples. The city provides a relaxed and authentic setting for students who want to combine Italian lessons with cultural discovery and life by the sea.

In Naples, the school is located on Via Toledo, in the heart of the city centre, close to the Royal Palace, San Carlo Theatre and the historic Caffè Gambrinus. The school is housed in Palazzo Teatro Augusteo, just off Piazzetta Duca d'Aosta, with cafés, street food spots and shops all around.

Both schools in Salerno and in Napoli offer Italian language courses, cultural courses, recreational activities, excursions and guided visits. Classes are small and international, with a minimum of 4 and an average of 12 students per class. This creates a friendly and supportive environment where teachers can follow each student's progress closely. The 2 schools provide students with a wide range of accommodations.



I highly recommend Accademia Italiana, located in a beautiful and prestigious building. The staff were kind, welcoming, and always helpful. The excursions were enjoyable and well-organized. Salerno and its stunning surroundings are the perfect place to learn Italian."

Isabel (Switzerland)



Definitely the best place to learn Italian — a language school in the heart of bustling Napoli with great teachers and plenty of activities. Where else can you obtain a certificate in Italian and become an official pizzaiolo at the same time?"

Ruediger (Germany)

Accademia Italiana is officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education and accredited by IALC and ASILS. It is also recognised by the Universities for Foreigners of Siena and Perugia for CELI, CILS and DITALS exams. Our general courses qualify for Bildungsurlaub (Germany), CSN (Sweden), and Lånekassen (Norway) funding.





ALCE Bologna

- Bologna

Founded: 1999

Specialties: Cultural immersion, small classes, exam preparation, business Italian, Italian for law, Italian Plus Cooking & Wine Tasting

Key Features: Maximum 8–10 students per class, full 60-minute lessons, official exam centre, strong activity programme, carefully selected accommodation, central location in Bologna



ALCE Bologna is a family-run Italian language school housed in a beautifully restored Art Nouveau building near Bologna's Giardini Margherita. The school is located along the city's historic ring road, close to shops, restaurants and cafés. The medieval city centre is around 20 minutes away on foot, while the school is well connected by bus and only 15 minutes from the high-speed train station.

ALCE offers a professional yet friendly learning environment, with highly qualified native-speaking teachers, small classes and a strong focus on individual attention. The school guarantees a maximum of 8–10 students per class and follows an open-door approach, helping students feel supported from the beginning of their course.

Academic quality is one of ALCE's defining strengths. Its standard course also includes additional weekly time dedicated to conversation practice, phonetics and pronunciation workshops, and focused grammar classes.

ALCE offers a wide range of Italian language programmes, from general Italian to more specialised courses such as Business Italian and Italian for Law. The school is also



I have fallen in love with Italian culture, language and history. I would recommend taking the chance to improve the language with ALCE teachers."

Veera (Switzerland)



recognised as an examination centre for CILS, CELI, AIL and CERT.IT, covering the four main public Italian language certifications, and offers DITALS teacher training preparation.

The school's facilities include 10 bright, elegantly decorated classrooms with air conditioning, modern audio-visual technology and high ceilings. Students can also enjoy a private garden, a historic tavern and a spacious kitchen used for events, cooking classes and social activities.

Cultural learning is an important part of the ALCE experience. The school organises social and cultural teacher-led activities 3-4 times per week, with a changing monthly programme that may include themed walking tours, historical visits, Italian film club, board games in Italian, cooking classes, wine tastings, museum visits, and weekend trips. Most of these activities are included in the course fee and are free.

Accommodation options include homestays with carefully selected local families and fully furnished shared apartments. ALCE's student residences are located between 2 and 20 minutes from the school and include single bedrooms, shared kitchens and bathrooms, Wi-Fi and washing machines.



BABILONIA

- Taormina

Founded: 1992

Key Features: Features: Historic villa location, garden setting, small classes and boutique atmosphere

Specialties: Italian Plus courses: cooking, food and wine, ceramics, hiking, diving, Cultural courses (art history, literature, cinema, history), Exam preparation and pathways, courses for tailored learning needs



Babilonia is located in the heart of Taormina, Sicily, in the historic Casa Silva, a 19th-century villa listed among buildings protected by the Sovrintendenza alle Belle Arti. The school is surrounded by a beautiful garden, creating a calm and welcoming setting where students can study, relax, and enjoy breakfast or lunch at the school's Ristrot.

Babilonia combines high academic standards with a strong focus on cultural immersion.

The school's boutique size and friendly atmosphere allow students to receive individual attention and ongoing support throughout their stay. Classes are small and interactive, typically limited to around 10 students in the low season and up to 14 students during the high season, helping learners feel confident, involved and closely supported.

Babilonia is an accredited member of IALC and ASILS, a member of Eduitalia, and is officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education. The school is also an official CELI examination centre for the University for Foreigners of



The Italian language school BABILONIA is truly a dream. From the staff and management who are absolute angels to the wonderful, simply amazing teachers — all in a fabulous place."

Kristin (USA)



Perugia, an accredited DILS examination centre, and recognised as an ITALS Master's internship centre in collaboration with Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

In addition to Italian language courses, Babilonia offers a wide choice of Italian Plus programmes, combining language learning with cultural or professional experiences such as cooking, food and wine, ceramics, hiking, diving, internships, volunteering, business Italian and smart working.

A weekly social activity programme gives students further opportunities to practise Italian, meet other learners and experience Sicilian life beyond the classroom.

Accommodation options include homestays, shared student apartments, private apartments, studios, hotels and guesthouses, with most accommodation located in Taormina town centre and within approximately 15–20 minutes' walking distance of the school.



Centro Linguistico Italiano Dante Alighieri - Rome

Founded: 1994

Specialties: General and tailor-made Italian language courses, group programmes, internships, opera programme

Key Features: Boutique school, flexible enrolment, family atmosphere, central Rome location, bright classrooms, rich cultural activity programme



Centro Linguistico Italiano Dante Alighieri is a boutique school of Italian language and culture in Rome, offering a warm, supportive and international learning environment. Its multicultural atmosphere helps students build confidence in communication while developing a deeper understanding of Italian culture.

The school offers flexible and easy enrolment, with general Italian courses starting every Monday.

Students can choose from intensive group courses, one-to-one lessons, combined group and individual programmes, and tailor-made options for both groups and individual learners.

CLIDA is housed in a stylish turn-of-the-century building within easy reach of central Rome and well connected by Underground Line B and several bus routes. The school has six airy and bright classrooms, all with free Wi-Fi, creating a comfortable and welcoming space for language learning.



"I felt at home, spurred on and encouraged. I learned to communicate with Italians and understand them not only when they speak, but also when they express themselves with gestures and mannerisms. The most exciting four months of my youth."

Edward (USA)



The school is known for its friendly, family-like atmosphere and encouraging teachers. Its teaching method helps students learn Italian naturally and memorably, with a strong focus on practising all language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

In addition to general Italian, CLIDA offers internship programmes that allow students to develop communication skills, gain experience in an international working environment and use Italian in real professional contexts.

The school also offers a distinctive Opera Programme, combining Italian language study with pronunciation, diction, grammar and syntax, as well as singing lessons with experienced teachers and Italian opera singers.

A housing service is available, and students can also take part in a full programme of extra activities designed to enrich their Roman experience beyond the classroom.



Dante Alighieri Siena

- Siena

Founded: 1979

Specialties: Specialist & Niche Courses, PLIDA exam preparation, university pathways, cooking, music, culture, 50+ programmes

Key Features: Historic 13th-century palazzo, boutique atmosphere, PLIDA official examination centre, professional kitchen, small classes, strong cultural immersion and a supportive learning environment.



Dante Alighieri Siena is a boutique school of Italian language and culture located in a 13th-century palazzo in Castelveccchio, the oldest part of Siena. Just 500 metres from both Piazza del Campo and the Duomo, the school offers students a beautiful and deeply atmospheric setting in the heart of the city, with panoramic views over the Tuscan countryside.

The school occupies more than 900 square metres in a former convent and school building, combining historic character with modern learning facilities. Students have access to 14 bright classrooms equipped with PC and projector setups, high-speed Wi-Fi, two student lounges, a professional kitchen, two terraces, two pianos and recreational areas.

Its Learning Italy programme is designed to make every part of the student experience an opportunity to “taste” Italy, combining language learning with culture, gastronomy, music, art and local life.



Fun place to learn Italian language, culture and cuisine! Competent and passionate teachers and very helpful and friendly admin team. Can't ask for anything more! I have studied in this school four times in the last two years and I plan to return again and again in the years to come. Siena is a charming medieval city, beautiful at any season of the year and well-connected to other tourist destinations in Tuscany. I can't wait to go back!"

Vie Cruz (the Philippines)



Courses include standard Italian, combined group and private lessons, intensive programmes, individual lessons and mini-group options. Students can also choose specialist pathways such as Language & Cooking, Language & Music, Language & Culture, Language & Mindfulness, Siena Magnifica, Alma Siena 50+ and One Month in Siena.

The school uses a neo-communicative teaching method, with a strong focus on speaking, roleplay and practical situations, while also developing grammar and writing skills. Group classes usually include between 4 and 15 students, while PLIDA preparation classes are even smaller, with a maximum of 5 participants.

Dante Alighieri Siena is an official PLIDA examination centre, recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education. PLIDA certification can exempt students from the Italian language test required for access to Italian universities, making the school a strong option for students considering further study in Italy.

Cultural immersion is central to the school's identity. Students can study history, art history, music, lyric opera, travel literature and Italian gastronomy, while the fully equipped on-site kitchen allows cooking classes with professional chefs to become part of the language learning experience.



Dilit International House Rome

- Rome

Founded: 1974

Specialties: Exam preparation, teacher training, business Italian, Italian for law, university preparation, art and culture courses

Key Features: Central Rome location, 18 modern classrooms, international atmosphere, teacher training department, CILS and CELI exam centre



The school is very centrally located, making it easy for students to reach Rome's main cultural sites, neighbourhoods and places of interest.

DILIT offers a welcoming international atmosphere and modern facilities, including 18 classrooms, a cafeteria, student lounge, two terraces and a small garden. Its beautiful premises give students space to study, relax and meet classmates between lessons.

The school is one of the first Italian language schools to be recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education and is a member of International House World Organisation, IALC, ASILS and AISLI. It is also an examination centre for both CILS and CELI.

DILIT is widely recognised in Italy and internationally for its Teacher Training Department and published teaching materials. Since 1977, the school has maintained a dedicated Department of Training and Research, helping to ensure that its teaching methods remain innovative, effective and closely connected to real classroom practice.



I've spent one month in Rome studying Italian language and culture at DILIT; it was a great choice: the teachers and DILIT team are very patient and make it easier to learn. The structure of the school is also amazing: good space to learn and to spend time with your friends. If you want to have an excellent time in Rome, learning Italian language, culture and making friends, choose DILIT!"

Matheus (Brazil)



DILIT offers a wide variety of group and individual courses. Group classes have a maximum of 14 students, with intensive courses available from 15 to 30 lessons per week and course lengths from one to 50 weeks.

In addition to general Italian, DILIT offers Business Italian, Italian for Law, CILS and CELI exam preparation, and preparatory courses for entrance tests to Italian universities. The school also has extensive experience in organising special programmes for student groups from European schools.

Art and culture courses include Italian through architecture, cooking, wine, photography, opera, cinema, fashion and Discovering Rome. DILIT also offers courses for students aged 50+ and teacher training courses for teachers of Italian.

Beyond the classroom, students can take part in social and cultural activities such as city walks, guided tours, seminars on Italian food and wine, and workshops on Italian gestures. These experiences help learners practise Italian in real contexts while discovering Roman culture firsthand.



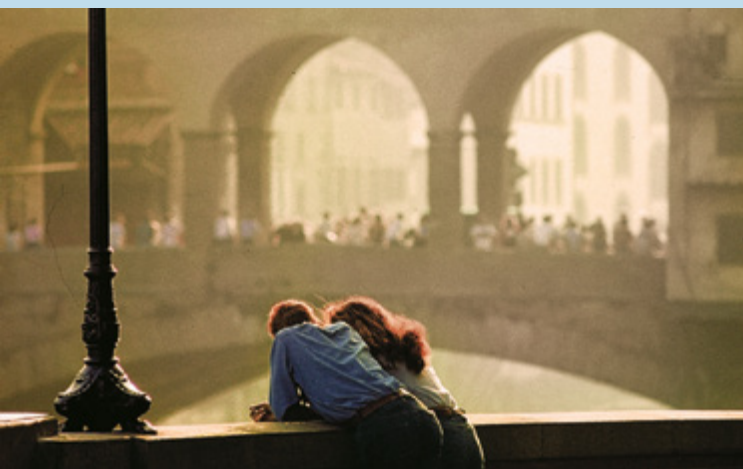
Linguaviva Group

- Florence, Milan, Lignano

Founded: 1976

Specialties: academic pathways and university preparation, Italian + culture, arts, cooking, wine, junior summer programmes and 50+ programmes

Key Features: Three distinctive locations, Ministry of Education recognition, strong university preparation expertise, award-winning Italian language school, junior residential summer centre. Linguaviva is also an authorised PLIDA and CILS examination centre, offering internationally recognised Italian language certification



Linguaviva Group offers Italian language and culture programmes across three distinctive locations: Linguaviva Florence, LINGUADUE Milan and Linguaviva Juniors Lignano.

Since 1976, Linguaviva has welcomed international students to Italy, combining high-quality Italian language teaching with cultural discovery, academic preparation and carefully designed programmes for different ages and learning goals. Its approach reflects the many different reasons students choose Italy: language, culture, lifestyle, academic opportunity and personal experience.

In Florence, Linguaviva is centrally located in an elegant 19th-century building, offering an enjoyable international learning environment in one of Italy's most beautiful cultural capitals.

Students can choose from standard, intensive, super-intensive and one-to-one Italian courses, as well as Italian + Arts, Italian + Cooking, Italian + Wine Tasting, Italian Lifestyle and Culture, senior cultural programmes, summer junior programmes and university preparation courses.



My experience in Linguaviva was one of the best experiences I've ever had. From the first moment I arrived at Linguaviva everything was completely amazing. The teachers were very nice, funny and professional, and the staff were kind and helpful. I learned a lot and met many new friends. I highly recommend coming to Firenze and studying at Linguaviva."

Shay (Israel)



LINGUADUE Milan has offered Italian courses in Milan since 1990. The school is located in the lively Navigli area and is easily accessible by public transport. The Milan campus is especially well suited to adults, academic students and professionals, with strong connections to higher education in design, architecture, fashion, engineering, economics, music and fine arts.

Programmes include standard, intensive, super-intensive and one-to-one Italian, as well as preparatory courses for university study in Milan and pre-academic programmes for juniors.

Linguaviva has offered university preparation programmes for more than 35 years, supporting international students who wish to access Italian universities, academies and higher education institutions. The group has longstanding partnerships with leading institutions in fields such as design, architecture, fashion, engineering and the arts.

Linguaviva Juniors Lignano, opened in 1995, is one of Italy's first international junior summer camps and is designed for students aged 14 to 17. The programme combines Italian language tuition with sport, creative activities, excursions and a safe residential environment, with 24/7 supervision by qualified and experienced staff. The centre offers excellent sports facilities and a private beach reserved for junior summer camp guests.



Piccola Università Italiana

- Trieste, Tropea

Founded: 1993

Specialties: university pathways, exam preparation, senior courses, teacher refresher courses, business Italian, Junior Summer Camps, family programmes, Italian Plus programmes

Key Features: Two distinctive locations, boutique atmosphere, maximum 8 students per class, exceptional student support and family-like environment



Piccola Università Italiana offers Italian language and culture programmes in two distinctive locations: Trieste, an elegant coastal city in north-eastern Italy, and Tropea, one of Calabria's most beautiful seaside towns.

The school's philosophy is to offer each student a unique Italian language and cultural experience, combining professional teaching with a warm, friendly atmosphere where students feel at home from day one. Lessons are held in small groups of up to 8 students and can be tailored to each learner's level, goals and pace.

In Trieste, the school is located in the historic centre, just a short walk from the seaside promenade. The school is housed in an elegant 18th-century building with bright classrooms and a refined, welcoming atmosphere.

In Tropea, the school is located in the historic centre, surrounded by cafés, restaurants, shops and local life. Housed in a charming 18th-century palazzo, the Tropea school offers modern classrooms and a warm, welcoming atmosphere close to the sea.

Piccola Università Italiana offers a wide range of programmes to suit different learning goals. Classical group courses focus on grammar, fluency and real-life communication, while conversation-based classes support intermediate and advanced students.

The school also offers exam preparation for internationally recognised Italian language exams, CILS and CELI. Customised courses are available in areas such as Business Italian, Italian

for tourism, medicine and law, as well as cultural modules in Italian art, literature, cinema and opera.

Senior courses for students aged 60+ provide a relaxed and culturally enriching learning environment, while refresher courses for teachers offer professional development opportunities recognised by Erasmus+.

Italian Plus courses allow students to combine language learning with creative, cultural and outdoor activities. In Trieste, options include painting, comics, paper art, mosaic-making, cooking, music, singing, sailing and biking. In Tropea, students can combine Italian with cooking, windsurfing, painting and catamaran sailing.

Junior Summer Camps (ages 12–17) and Family Programmes (ages 6–17) are available in Trieste and Tropea, offering an unforgettable Italian learning experience in a safe, secure, and carefully supervised setting.

Accommodation options include nicely furnished school-managed shared apartments and studio flats, as well as homestays with carefully selected Italian host families.

Piccola Università Italiana has obtained numerous accreditations and recognitions from national and international institutions, including the European Union, the Italian Ministry of Education, IALC, national and international universities and is a member of EDUITALIA.



I had a wonderful experience at Piccola Università Italiana in Trieste. All the teachers and employees were tremendously helpful, welcoming, efficient and kind. The programme was well organised, and our teachers were simply superb."

Kos (USA)

